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Monday, November 4, 2024

Hello WBS Families,

Please visit our school site [WBS website](#) for the latest news from the school and the HRCE. Our weekly memos can also be found on our school site. Have a wonderful week!

1. **Bedford Lions Club and WBS/WBH Fundraising Partnership-** We have partnered with the Bedford Lions Club to fundraise for a score clock in the WBS gym. This gym is used by students from PP-11 throughout each day, in the evenings, and on weekends.
 - a. **Online Auction-** we are accepting **auction items November 4 to 6 throughout the school day**. Items can be gas gift cards, restaurant gift cards, movie gift cards, service vouchers, oil changes, etc. There can also be items that are donated to be auctioned off. The monies raised from the WBS/WBH items sold on the online auction hosted by the Bedford Lions Club will be put towards the score clock.
 - b. **Pancake breakfast for the public** on Sunday, November 10th at the LeBrun Centre. All funds raised would be dedicated to the purchase of a scoreboard for our gymnasium. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 11:30. The cost will be \$7.50 per plate which includes 3 pancakes, 2 sausages, juice, tea, or coffee, plus a piece of fruit.

2. Family Workshop with Dr. Daniel Chorney:

On November 14th at 6 pm, Sunnyside Elementary is very excited to be able to invite parents and guardians to an evening talk with Halifax Psychologist Dr. Daniel Chorney. Dr. Chorney will be presenting a talk entitled "Child and Adolescent Anxiety: What Parents Can Do" which will be an introduction to anxiety and

parenting strategies. Anxiety is a normal part of life and this will help us understand what it is and how to support our children.

It is important to note that this is an event for adults only. It is not appropriate for children and so if you are attending, they cannot come with you.

Date: Thursday November 14

Time: 6 pm

Address: 210 Eaglewood Drive (Eaglewood School)

3. **WBS School Advisory Council-** The WBS School Advisory Council has **two Community Member** positions open for this school year. If you know someone who does not have a child at WBS and lives or works in the West Bedford community, please share this opportunity. Anyone interested can reach out to Susan Casey, Principal scasey@hrce.ca. **The next SAC meeting is November 19th, 2024 at 7 pm.**
4. **WBH School Advisory Council-** The West Bedford High has 4 community members open, 2 from the West Bedford Area and 2 from the Hammonds Plains area. If you do not have a child at WBH, and would like to be involved with the SAC, please reach out to Sean MacDonald, Principal MacDonaldS@hrce.ca
5. **WBS Home and School Association:** The next HSA meeting is November 19, 2024 at 6pm in the cafeteria.
6. **NS School Lunch Program-** The lunch program began at WBS October 28th. It took a few days to figure out a procedure that works to distribute between 500-700 meals a day. There is still room for improvement, but we continue to meet with our cafeteria provider, problem solve through raised concerns, and ensure that all students have access to food.
 - a. Order for the next cycle of lunches (Nov. 12 to Nov. 21) is open. The platform will close for ordering on Wednesday November 6th at noon.
 - b. White milk will continue to be sold to students at \$0.40. We are working with the service provider to determine how families can purchase milk. For the time being, if your child would like to purchase milk, please send them with \$0.40 or small change.
7. **Head Lice:** Head lice often spread from one person to another by direct head-to-head contact, often within a family or among children who have close contact at school or play. Some tips to avoid head lice are:
 - a. Keep long hair tied in ponytails or buns.
 - b. Avoid sharing personal items, such as hats or hairbrushes.

c. Frequent head checks for lice.

For more information please visit: [Information around Lice](#)

8. **WBS Spirit Wear-** School Clothing information will be coming out soon to families. The intention is to have the orders complete and the clothing delivered to the school prior to the winter break (Dec. 20).
9. **WBS/WBH Emergency Vehicle Loop-** The loop in front of the WBS Blue main doors is open for parking for anyone with an accessible parking pass. There are pylons stationed at the opening of the loop to be a visual reminder to cars that they should not be entering the area, but there is an opening for a vehicle to pass through to allow for parking in an available accessible parking spot. **We need the community's support** as this loop is a play area for students in Primary to Grade 6 and Grades 7-9 during outdoor times. We ask that vehicles NOT go in the emergency vehicle loop during the school day (unless parking in an accessible spot) so that our students can safely play. We ask that ONLY those vehicles with accessible parking passes use the parking spots. Parking in these spots without an accessible parking pass could result in a parking ticket.
10. **Safe Arrival Number:** If your child is going to be absent for the any part of the school day or arrive late, please call **Safe Arrival: 1-833-582-6940**. Please note if your child will be late arriving to school you must select that they will be absent for the day. When they arrive our admin team will update their attendance.

Upcoming Dates:

November 8- **WBS Remembrance Day Assembly**- 9 am Outside on the front playground area. Our first whole school event for 1100 students and 100 staff. Please have your child dressed to be outdoors for 1 hour. (Weather date will be November 12th at 9 am)

November 11- Remembrance Day- NO SCHOOL for staff or students

November 19- Home & School Meeting 6-7 pm; SAC Meeting 7-8 pm

November 22- Assessment and Evaluation Day- NO SCHOOL for students; End of Term 1

November 25- Term 2 begins

December 3- Report cards are emailed out to families via EduPost

December 5- Professional Learning morning for staff/ Family-teacher meetings 1:00-3:30 & 6-8 pm (there will be a sign up link for teacher meetings coming out soon) NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

December 9-13- Scholastic Book Fair

December 11- Holiday Concert Primary to Grade 3 students- 2 performances- morning and afternoon- times TBD

December 12- Holiday Concert Grade 4 to 6 students- 2 performances- morning and afternoon- times TBD

December 13- Weather date for either Holiday concert (if cancelled due to weather)

December 20- Last day of school before Winter Break

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Thursday, January 2, 2025- Professional Learning Day for Staff- NO SCHOOL for Students

Friday, January 3, 2025- First day back for Students and Staff