
WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Monday, December 16, 2024

Hello WBS Families,

The holiday spirit is in full swing at WBS! We have been engaging in several different events and activities- both school wide and classroom based. Our last week before the December break is filled with many holiday activities for students.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday, if you are celebrating, and a wonderful December break to all. I look forward to welcoming the students back to WBS on Friday, January 3, 2025!

Warm regards,
Susan Casey

1. **Holiday Spirit at WBS:**

We know that there are many different celebrations being observed across different cultures and countries. At WBS, we are fortunate enough to be able to learn about a lot of them. When the different cultural holidays are examined, common themes of togetherness, kindness, and community can be found (hence our holiday concert theme). I would like to share with the community some of the activities and events that the students, families, and staff will be invited to participate in:

- a. **Stuff A Bus Food Drive:** Hello West Bedford Wolves! We were blown away by the amazing outpouring of kindness to our local community and donations for Feed NS. In total we received 1332 items donated to a great cause! We have looked at courage, respect and humility so far this year, and the Wolf Pack has shown they can be counted on when called upon! A special thanks to the grade 6 ambassadors for December as well for helping to gather, tally, and stuff the b



- b. **Sparkles, our WBS Kindness Reindeer**, has appeared and is making their way around the building and modulars.
- c. **WBS holiday tree**- Our holiday tree is up in our main lobby and classes have been invited to create an ornament for the tree.
- d. **December Scholastic Book Fair**- the book fair was held in our library the week of December 9-13th . There was wonderful participation by students and families. THANK YOU for supporting our library!
- e. **Our Holiday Concerts** were held on December 11th and December 12th. It was two days filled with a lot of talent, smiles, and fun. If you were able to attend a concert- THANK YOU! We know how busy folks are and that time off of work, for some, had to be taken. We appreciate you!

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- f. **Holiday Spirit Week will run Monday, December 16th to Friday, December 20th**
 - o December 16- Spirit Week- Festive Sweater or Favourite Sweater Day
 - o December 17- Spirit Week- Flannel and Funky Socks Day
 - o December 18th- Spirit Week- Festive or Favourite Hat and Slipper Day
 - o December 19th- Spirit Week- Festive Colours and/or Sequins Day
 - o December 20th- Spirit Week- Comfy Cozy clothing or PJ Day
- g. **“Sparkles” STEAM Challenge**- Classes can choose to participate in a challenge that involves our kindness reindeer. Classes are challenged to build a home for “Sparkles”. The admin staff will be visiting classes on Thursday to see what homes have been dreamed up!
- h. **Holiday Clue game**- This is a whole school game that will occur over the final week of school; a morning clue will be provided to all, in the hopes that a school mystery can be solved. Prizes will be going out to classes throughout the week. Our Amazing Home and School volunteers are assisting with our whole school treat of hot chocolate on December 20th.

We can't wait to enjoy this last week of school in 2024 with our students!

2. **Moving? Or have moved?:** Please ensure that you have completed the Student Change of Address Form. This is the expected practice to ensure that students are attending the correct catchment area school.

The 2024 – 25 HRCE Current Student Change of Address Form

This is the form required if:

- you are moving within the 24-25 school year and will need to register for a different school within HRCE: or
- you are moving within the 24-25 school year, but the address is still within the catchment of the current school.

Click [here](#) to complete the **Current Student Change of Address form**.

3. **Parking on School Property:** Our campus is fortunate to be able to offer around 50 parking spots to visitors. The spots are on the perimeter of the lower parking lot (around the edges of the parking lot). The parking spots in the middle are for the WBS and WBH staff parking. When dropping your children off, you can use the drop and go loop OR park in one of the perimeter parking spots and walk your child to the school. There is NO parking out back and NO parking in the upper parking lot. Please respect these procedures so that staff have places to park and we are able to keep students safe.
4. **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.
5. **WBS Home and School Association:** - **The next home and school meeting is January 21, 2024 at 6 pm.**
6. **WBS School Advisory Council-** **The next SAC meeting is January 21st, 2024 at 7 pm.**

Upcoming Dates:

December 16- Spirit Week- Festive Sweater or Favourite Sweater Day

December 17- Spirit Week- Flannel and Funky Socks Day

December 18th- Spirit Week- Festive or Favourite Hat and Slipper Day

December 19th- Spirit Week- Festive Colours and/or Sequins Day

December 20th- Spirit Week- Comfy Cozy clothing or PJ Day, 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

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