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WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Monday, January 13, 2025

Hello WBS Families,

As we get back into our school routine, I wanted to highlight that learning starts at 8:25 am. Students are to arrive between 8:05 am and the 8:25 am start time. I mention this because over this past week we had over 70 students each day arrive after 8:25 am start time (this does not include any late buses).

Thank you to those who completed the family survey about Holidays/Cultural Celebrations. We had 43 respondents.

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.

Warm regards,  
Susan Casey

1. **WBS Yearbooks** are now on sale! *For students to be in the yearbook (class composite and candid photos), there must be a media consent on file. This consent is done through the demographic form that was sent out to families in the fall. The media consent form deadline to be in the yearbook is February 15, 2025.*

Yearbooks are on sale right now for \$40 (a Josten's promo) and regular price \$45 once the promo ends.

The link to buy: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02188784>

2. **SchoolsPlus** is offering a monthly parent series for parents and guardians in the West Bedford family of schools (including Kingswood, Hammonds Plains, Madeline Symonds). Each session will be on a different topic and will include guest speakers. Registration for each session is required as space is limited. Click [here](#) to register the January 20<sup>th</sup> session on screen time.

Session topic: **Screen Time 101** (session delivered by NSH Community Health Teams)

Date: **Monday January 20th 2025**

Time: **6pm - 8pm** Location: **Kingswood Elementary**

For any questions, please contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at [megan.tobin@hrce.ca](mailto:megan.tobin@hrce.ca)

<https://forms.office.com/r/Xd4uDUe2Fj>

3. **Drop off/pick up & Parking on School Property:**

Please respect the no vehicle rule in our emergency vehicle loop. We provide orange pylons as a visual reminder to not enter but have space for a vehicle to go through to access the accessible parking spots.

Parking on school property:

**This is a reminder that Pre-Primary families need to have a purple parking pass to access the driveway close to the school entrance. There is short term parking designated for pre-primary families in 4 parking spaces by the modular fencing and along the sidewalk by the playground. Please ensure your parking pass is visible on your dash when you park. Vehicles without a visible parking pass will be asked to move their vehicle and/or may receive a parking ticket.**

Our campus is fortunate to be able to offer approximately 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 of that parking lot 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 can keep students safe.

4. **Lunch Monitors Needed:** WBS is looking for lunch monitors. This is a paid position, Monday to Friday from 11:00 am to 12:45 pm. If you are interested in becoming a lunch monitor, please complete an employee application found here: <https://www.hrce.ca/employment>
  
5. **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.**
  
6. **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.
  
7. **WBS Home and School Association:** - The next home and school meeting is **January 21, 2024 at 6 pm.**
  
8. **WBS School Advisory Council-** The next SAC meeting is **January 21st, 2024 at 7 pm.**

**Upcoming Dates:**

January 21<sup>st</sup>- Home and School Meeting: 6 pm/ SAC Meeting: 7 pm