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WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Monday, January 6, 2025

Hello WBS Families,

Happy New Year to all our families! We enjoyed welcoming our students back to school on Friday!

With a return to school after an extended break we always take the time to review school and classroom expectations with students. With the winter months upon us, we will be talking about snow and ice safety with students so that we can all enjoy playing outside in a safe way.

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! 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. **Holiday/Cultural Celebration Reflection Survey for Families:** As a school, we are wanting to gather input from our families, staff members, and Grade 4-6 students around how they are feeling with respect to the holiday/cultural celebrations that are happening at West Bedford School. The attached survey link is for families (The staff and student surveys are separate).

Please note that this survey is anonymous. We are not collecting emails or personal identification information.

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions, our SAC will be working with the school team to analyze the information gathered and discuss how we can keep moving forward as a school in building a positive and welcoming school community. The survey will remain open until January 10, 2025.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/sTPEsL998u3xfraj7>

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:

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 10<sup>th</sup>- Holiday/Cultural Celebration Reflection Survey link closes

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