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Hello WBS Families,

February is the time to register for school! For those entering Primary who are not yet registered in the HRCE or for those who have a child who is age appropriate for Pre-Primary please register online at https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration-updates

WBS Spirit Week is this week.

Tuesday, February 18- Winter Day (wear a winter sweater, winter hat, scarf- anything winter)

Wednesday, February 19- Sports Day (wear a sport jersey, sport uniform, etc) Thursday, February 20-Hat Day (wear your favorite hat; make a hat) Friday, February 21-PJ/ Comfy clothes/Stuffy Day

Please visit our school site <u>WBS website</u> 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. <u>Home & School Association</u>: <u>The next Home and School meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.</u>
- 2. SAC: The next SAC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the WBS seminar room. Did you know that you can read the SAC summary minutes posted on our website? Visit wbs.hrce.ca heading "For Students and Families"- SAC (the current minutes posted are September to November 2024).

Grade 6 Family Information Night about Late FI in Grade 7: West Bedford High will be hosting a family information night around Grade 7 Late French Immersion. The meeting will be in the cafeteria on Thursday, February 20th from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

The team from West Bedford High will be doing Grade 6 class presentations around Grade 7 late French immersion prior to the family information night.

- 4. <u>African Heritage Month</u>- We are excited to announce a <u>Traditional African Clothing Day</u> at school! On <u>Friday, February 21st</u>, we encourage everyone to come dressed in beautiful traditional African attire. We will also have a <u>fashion show</u> showcasing the stunning outfits for our elementary students. Let's celebrate culture, creativity, and diversity together!
- 5. Coins for Books Campaign: We're excited to participate again in the Tattletales Coins for Books Campaign this February and show our love of books here at West Bedford School. It's time to go hunting for those stray coins and bring in your nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies (or any amount!) and fill your classrooms coin bag. Our goal is to raise money for brand new books for our Library while also supporting the Dartmouth based bookstore Tattletales. We are running the campaign from February 24th February 28th. At the Elementary level, we have split into two divisions (P-2/3 and 3-6). The class within each division that brings in the most money will be a winner and will get a special prize (to be announced)! Students who bring in coins during the campaign will also have their name put into a draw to win a prize pack from the library. Bring in your change and help your class win! Good Luck to Everyone!
- 6. Pictures/Video Recording around WBS: We have had some folks witness photos and video recordings happening on or around school property. We ask families not to take photos or video recordings close to the school. Photos or video could capture other students and consent for their picture/recording to be taken has not been given. We ask all families to be respectful of this request.
- 7. **End of Day Buses**: This is a reminder that students can only take the bus that they are assigned to. Several students have been trying to get on different buses to go to their friend's house after school. The bus drivers will refuse entry to students who are not on their bus manifest. Please only ride the bus that has been assigned!
- 8. <u>Moving? Or have moved?:</u> 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 form needs to be completed 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.

9. <u>Safe Arrival Number:</u> 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 for February 2025:

February 18th- Home & School meeting 6:00 pm / SAC meeting 7:00 pm February 20th- High School Late French Immersion family meeting for WBS Grade 6 Families in the cafeteria 6:30-7:30 pm.

February 21st- Traditional African Clothing Day

February 24-28th- Coins for Books Campaign

Upcoming Dates for March 2025

March 6th- Home & School Event- Magician Night 6:30-7:30 pm in cafeteria; buy your tickets online at School Cash.



March 7th- Assessment & Evaluation Day- No school for students March 10-14th- March Break- School is closed Week of March 24th- Term 2 Report Cards sent home

Upcoming Dates for April 2025

April 1- Term 2 report cards emailed out to families

April 3- Professional Learning for staff in morning/ Staff-Family meetings from 1:00-3:30 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm.

April 15th- Home & School Meeting 6-7 pm/ SAC meeting 7-8 pm

April 18th - Good Friday - School is closed

April 21st- Easter Monday- School is closed

April 30th - Professional Learning Day – No students

Upcoming Dates for May 2025

May 5-9th- Home & School Staff Appreciation Week

May 19th- Victoria Day- School is Closed

May 20th- Home & School meeting 6-7 pm/ SAC meeting 7-8 pm

May 30th- Set up for the Spring Fling 6:00-9:00 pm

May 31st- WBS Spring Fling 11:00-2:00 pm

Upcoming Dates for June 2025

June 25th- Grade 6 Closing Ceremony (morning)

June 27th- Assessment & Evaluation Day- No school for students

June 30th- Last Day of School

^{**}More events/activities may be added as we continue through the year, but these are things that have already been set**