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WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Monday, April 7, 2025

Hello WBS Families,

Welcome to April! Please make note that the school is closed on April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> for the Easter Holiday. There is also no school for students on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2025- this is a professional learning day for staff.

Warm regards,  
Susan Casey

1. **Changes to morning arrival supervision-** As of April 1, 2025, staff who normally supervise the sidewalk entrance to the lower parking lot will supervise in other areas of the school grounds. Please review sidewalk safety procedures with your child so that they are aware that they need to stop and look for cars before crossing over driveway entrances.

Also, only authorized vehicles should be entering the emergency vehicle loop between 8:05-4:00 pm. This is not a drop off zone after the morning bell. We continue to have many cars drive through the pylons to drop their child off.

2. **Home & School Association:** The next Home and School meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 15th, 2025**, at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.
3. **SAC:** The next SAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 15th, 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](http://wbs.hrce.ca) – heading “For Students and Families”- SAC (the current minutes posted are September to November 2024).

#### 4. Information from our HRCE:

##### **Measles prevention in Nova Scotia**

*We are sharing the following on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health:*

Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications. **The best way to prevent measles is vaccination.**

Nova Scotia offers free vaccines to eligible people. These can be given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health.

Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records and get the measles vaccine if missing doses. Check your vaccine records at

[vaxrecordns.nshealth.ca](http://vaxrecordns.nshealth.ca).

##### **Who should get vaccinated?**

- Anyone born in or after 1970 should get **two doses** of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months. If missed, children and adults can catch up for free.
- Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.
- Infants 6-12 months old can get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

**Find out more about measles vaccination:** [www.nshealth.ca/measles](http://www.nshealth.ca/measles).

##### **Provincial lunch program in action**

Last month was Nutrition Month, and what better way to celebrate healthy eating than to shine a spotlight on the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program!

[Click here](#) to see how students at one HRCE school are using the program to dish out some serious leadership skills. It's a feast of learning and fun!

##### **Supporting literacy at home**

Did you know? Teachers use the [Six Pillars of Effective Reading Instruction \(Français\)](#) to support students' learning.

Reading is best learned when children get clear and structured support in key skills: listening, recognizing sounds in words, learning letter sounds, building vocabulary, reading smoothly and understanding what they read. These skills work together and when you strengthen one, it helps improve the others.

Good reading instruction includes learning how letters and words work and practicing reading in books. The goal is for children to understand what they read, enjoy reading and learn new things from books.

The links below may help you support your children with reading at home:

- [Ideas for parents to help children to practice their reading and writing skills](#)
- [10 Ideas to Raise A Reader](#)

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 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.

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.

#### **Upcoming Dates for April 2025**

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

April 18<sup>th</sup>- Good Friday- School is closed

April 21<sup>st</sup>- Easter Monday- School is closed

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>- Community Clean Up- partnership with RBC for Earth Day- Join us from 6:00-7:00 pm to do a school yard garbage clean up. All families are welcome!**

April 30<sup>th</sup>- Professional Learning Day – No students

#### **Upcoming Dates for May 2025**

May 5-9<sup>th</sup>- Home & School Staff Appreciation Week

May 19<sup>th</sup>- Victoria Day- School is Closed

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

May 30<sup>th</sup>- Set up for the Spring Fling 6:00-9:00 pm

May 31<sup>st</sup>- WBS Spring Fling 11:00-2:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Dates for June 2025**

June 25<sup>th</sup>- Grade 6 Closing Ceremony (morning)

June 27<sup>th</sup>- Assessment & Evaluation Day- No school for students

June 30<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of School