
WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Hello WBS Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in our last full week of May 2025. I would like to let our families know that Travis MacLean, Phys Ed teacher is off on paternity leave for the remainder of the school year. In his place is Kimberly Klasz. Ms. Klasz has been with WBS for many months as a pre-service teacher and now as a new graduate substitute teacher. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Klasz to the WBS Wolfpack!

Warm regards,
Susan Casey

1. **WBS School Clothing Order:** Ordering and payment for WBS school clothing is now done online. The site is open and receiving orders. The site will close at 5pm on May 27th. Delivery of the orders will be the week of June 16th.

[West Bedford School Online Clothing Store](#)

2. **West Bedford Band Concert, Thursday May 29th.**

No tickets, voluntary donation (suggested \$10 per family)

High school entrance: doors open at 6:15pm, Concert 6:30-7:15 pm

Band Instrument Rescue Program:

Did you know that there are poor, neglected band instruments hidden away in basements and closets in our community?

Clarinets with broken keys and trumpets without the wind to blow the blues... forgotten, slowly fading away with no one to play them.

If you know of a band instrument that wants to play again, you can help these instruments share the joy of music again!

Please contact Mr. Dimoff, West Bedford Band Teacher: tdimoff@hrce.ca

More information and how you can support this initiative:
<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/westbedfordband/donate>

3. **Home & School Association:** We have a major Home and School Event coming up- volunteers are welcome!

SPRING FLING Saturday, May 31, 2025 11:00 to 2:00 pm at WBS



4. **Nova Scotia Loyal Voucher Distribution:** Each student will receive a \$10 Nova Scotia Loyal Voucher, redeemable at participating farmers' market across the province.
5. **EXCEL is HIRING:** Excel is recruiting staff for the EXCEL Before- and After-School Program. Please complete a short **Teams form** for individuals who may be interested in working with EXCEL. These roles are a great fit for people with experience or interest in working with children, and include flexible hours, competitive pay, and the added benefit of **free program access for the children of EXCEL staff while they are working.**

link to the form: [Working with EXCEL 2025-26](#)

6. **SAC:** Next meeting date is June 10th, 2025 from 7-8 pm
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).

7. **WBS Parking Update:** This is a reminder to our families that we have parking procedures in place at WBS to ensure our students remain safe when they are on the school grounds.
- a. **The Emergency Vehicle Loop- outside the blue doors-** this loop is for Excel drop off (7:30-8:00 am) and pick up (4:00-6:00 pm) and after-school childcare vans (2:00-2:30 pm) only. For all other vehicles, please do not use this loop to drop off or pick up your student AT ANY TIME.
 - b. **Accessible Parking-** We have designated spots for those with an accessible parking pass. These spots are in the center of the emergency vehicle loop. Accessible Parking Passes must be clearly displayed.
 - c. **Parking out back-** NO VEHICLES are to go to the side of the school building (by the field) or around to the back of the building. Our special transportation buses go around back to drop off and pick up students from our learning center. We have had several cars back there pull around the buses to enter or leave while students are getting on and off the buses. This area is for staff parking only and the special transportation buses.
 - d. **Parking the Pre-Primary Zone:** Only families with a purple parking pass for Pre-Primary should be parking alongside the curb by our playground.
 - e. **Lower Parking Lot-Family/Visitor Parking:** Parking for vehicles is in the lower parking lot. There are visitor parking spots available along the perimeter of this lot. In the mornings (8:05am), there is a student drop off loop in the lower parking lot monitored by staff. This is the only parking lot open to family/visitor vehicles.
 - f. **Upper Staff Parking Lot-** The upper parking lot is for staff vehicles only. Please DO NOT enter this area.

When everyone respects these parking procedures it allows our students and staff to be safe while on the school grounds. Please support our school community by following these expectations.

(Please note: failure to follow these procedures or if the actions of the driver are disrespectful towards staff, tickets/fines may be issued).

8. **Want to communicate with WBS?** We work hard to establish positive relationships with families. We recognize that communication is the foundation for this. If you have questions about your child's school experience, please follow the following communication plan:

- First, reach out via email or phone call to your child's teacher- Your child's teacher will often have the information you are seeking.
- If your concerns were not addressed by the teacher, please reach out via email to your child's Vice Principal- Courtney Smith supports students and families in Primary to Grade 3; Joanne Treen supports students and families in Grades 4 to 6.

- If your concerns were not addressed, please reach out through email to the School Principal, Susan Casey.

Given the number of students and families we support, we are not able to have unscheduled meetings. Please reach out to WBS staff members via email to schedule a meeting date and time. Email addresses can be found on our school's website under staff directory. www.wbs.hrce.ca

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. Here are some dates you may wish to know and acknowledge in May

- May is Asian Heritage Month
- May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- May is Polish Heritage Month
- May is Speech and Hearing Month
- May 17 is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 25 to 31 is Nova Scotia Access Awareness Week

Upcoming Dates for May 2025

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