
WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Hello WBS Families,

Thank you for another wonderful week! We are settling into school routines, and with the fall season upon us, it's a great time to remind everyone that our first period begins at **8:25 a.m.**. Students should arrive a few minutes earlier so they have time to get organized and ready for the day.

This week, we will be practicing our **Hold and Secure drill**. A Hold and Secure may be initiated for a few reasons:

- If there is a medical situation inside the building that requires hallways and stairwells to remain clear, students will stay in their classrooms.
- If there is a situation in the community, students remain inside the school but continue moving throughout the building as usual.

During a Hold and Secure, no one is permitted to enter or leave the school building. So far this year, our students have successfully practiced both a fire drill and a lockdown drill. They did an excellent job with each, and we are proud of how seriously they are taking these safety drills.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Warm regards,
Susan Casey

Medical Plans: If your child has a medical condition that requires the use of medication (asthma puffers, insulin, epi pen, etc), we require a medical plan to be completed. Families who have received health plan or anaphylaxis forms- we ask that they are completed and returned back to the school by Sept. 26th.

New Literacy Screener for students in Grades 1 and 2 (English and French program)

In September, classroom teachers spend time getting to know their students and who they are as learners. Schools will be using *Universal Screening in Reading* for Grade 1 and 2 students in the English program and Acadience Reading Français for Students in French Immersion. This is one of the many ways teachers will assess learning.

What is Universal Screening in Reading?

It's a short (5-10 minute) activity that helps us see how your child is developing key reading skills. Think of it as a quick check-in on their reading journey, like looking at a map to see where they are and what might help them move forward.

Why do we do it?

The screening helps teachers understand children's strengths and where they may need extra support. This allows us to plan instruction, so students get what they need to succeed in reading.

Important to know:

This is *not* a test. There's no "pass" or "fail." It's a way for teachers to ensure students are supported in their learning.

Grade 6 Student Ambassador- Breakfast Program Cereal Drive

Our Student Ambassadors will be overseeing a Cereal Drive, in support of the WBS Breakfast Program. September 22nd through 26th. The following is the cereal that can be used by our breakfast program (*All items must be nut free*):

Cheerios (regular)
Multi-Grain Cheerios
Chex (regular)
Shreddies (regular)

We ask that only the above cereal be donated as all other cereals cannot be used at school as they do not meet the Nutrition Policy.

School Advisory Council (SAC): We have received many expressions of interest for the two parent/guardian positions so the positions will be filled via an election. The voting period for the SAC positions will be October 6 to October 10, 2025. The October 6th Family Monday Memo will have a link to the google form that showcases the nominees and a short bio. Please choose 2 candidates for the SAC parent/Guardian positions.

Student Demographic Form: **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL- INBOX AND JUNK MAIL!** This form needs to be updated as soon as possible. It contains the consent for the use of technology in school (students using iPads and Chromebooks) and a media consent form, which impacts the class photo and yearbook photos. Please note that the form closes on October 6.

Communicating Student Learning: Every classroom teacher has shared their information around student learning and curriculum during curriculum night. Please find attached the school's overall communication of [student learning](#).

WBS Catchment Area: We ask that families follow the HRCE catchment area policy. If you are not living within our catchment area, please let us know so we can support your transfer to your catchment area school. If you have moved, please complete the HRCE address change form:

The 2025-26 HRCE Current Student Change of Address Form

This is the form required if:

- you are moving for the 2025-26 school year and will need to register for a different school within HRCE: or
- you are moving for the 2025-26 school year, but the address is still within the catchment of the current school.

Click [here](#) to complete this form.

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 September Dates

- **Grade 6 Band Camp-** For Grade 6 students who are in band there will be a band camp on Wednesday, September 24th from 3-8 pm. A pizza supper will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Trevor Dimoff TDimoff@hrce.ca
- **September 29th- Professional Learning Day for staff- no school for students**
- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- Tuesday, September 30th- No school for students and staff**

Upcoming October Dates

- **October 13th- Thanksgiving Day- No School for students and staff**
- **October 21st- Home & School Meeting 6-7 pm; SAC meeting 7-8 pm**
- **Home & School Event- BINGO for Books (More information to follow)**
- **October 22 and 23 2025- School Picture Days for WBS PP-6**
- **October 24th- Provincial Conference Day- No school for students**