
WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Monday, November 10, 2025

Dear WBS Families,

This week, we will be holding a whole-school Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 10th. Weather permitting, the assembly will take place outside on our front playground. Should the weather not cooperate, we will move the assembly online and hold it virtually on Wednesday, November 12th. Our students have been working hard to create artwork to commemorate this important day. Please note that the school will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Remembrance Day.

Celebrating the Season

In our ongoing effort to provide fresh and exciting ways to showcase our students' talents, we've decided to explore new alternatives to the traditional whole-school concert this December. This decision came out of the feedback from both our parent/community survey and a student survey conducted in January 2025. Many respondents expressed interest in exploring new formats for celebrating student creativity. Additionally, some shared that alternatives to the traditional concert format would be more enjoyable. We also experienced some challenges last year, with many attendees leaving before the end of the performance, despite reminders. This impacted the experience for our students, and we want to ensure their hard work is fully appreciated.

In response, we're excited to partner with West Bedford High School during Special Events Week (December 8th–12th, 2025) to present a new and interactive way for students from Primary through Grade 6 to showcase their talents. During this week, we will host two evenings of events, where families can attend and enjoy performances by our Grade 6 Band, School Choir and Ukulele club. Students will also have the opportunity to display their artwork and projects throughout the school building. In addition, our Scholastic Book Fair will run during the week, both for students during the day and for families during one of the evening events. We hope this new format will provide a more relaxed and accessible way for families to enjoy and celebrate our students' creativity.

Throughout December, we will have various activities—both school-wide and classroom-based—that focus on celebrating the season. On December 1st, we will be setting up our school's Kindness Tree

and Sparkles, the Reindeer will begin making daily appearances throughout the building.

Finally, I'm happy to announce that we will hold a whole-school concert in the week leading up to March Break, and all students will have the opportunity to participate.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you all!

Warm regards,
Susan Casey, Principal

WBS November Highlights

School Liaison Officer Presentations

This month, we are excited to welcome our School Liaison Officer, Constable Andrew Paquet, who will be delivering important presentations across various grade levels:

- *Stranger Danger* for Primary and Grade 1 students
- *Being a Good Digital Citizen* for Grades 2 and 3
- *Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying* for Grades 4-6

These sessions are a valuable part of our commitment to keeping our students safe and informed.

Picture Day Re-takes and Class Photos

- **Picture Re-takes:** Tuesday, December 2, 2025
- **Class Photos:**
 - Grades Pre-Primary to 3: Tuesday, December 2, 2025
 - Grades 4-6: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Home and School Association (HSA)

The next Home & School meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, 2025** from 6:00–7:00 pm in the seminar room.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next SAC meeting will also take place on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025** from 7:00–8:00 pm in the seminar room.

2025-2026 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$40. Pre-order yours today! [Order Your Yearbook Here](#)

November News Beyond WBS



November 11 - Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is an important occasion for students to reflect on the sacrifices made by veterans and those who have served in times of conflict. Through assemblies and creative projects, we emphasize the values of peace, tolerance, and gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy in Canada.



November 13-19 - Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week provides an opportunity to strengthen understanding and inclusivity for the transgender community, promoting safe and supportive environments for all students. Click [here](#) for more information.



Planning for Inclement Weather

HRCE makes every effort to ensure clear communication regarding school closures or delays in the event of severe weather.

How Will I Find Out?

- Email notifications via PowerSchool
- Text messages (if opted-in: text Y to 978338)
- HRCE website and Instagram

Important Weather Protocols:

- School delays, closures, and early dismissals will be communicated by 6:00 am or 11:00 am, depending on the weather forecast.
- Please always have a childcare plan in place in case of weather-related closures.

For more information, visit [HRCE Cancellation Page](#).

Upcoming Dates

November

- **Monday, November 10:** Remembrance Day Assembly (outdoor, whole-school event)
- **Tuesday, November 11:** Remembrance Day (No School, PP-12)
- **Wednesday, November 12:** Remembrance Day Assembly (Weather Date)
- **Friday, November 21:** Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes for Elementary/Middle/Junior High)

December

- **Tuesday, December 2:** WBS P-6 Report Cards sent home
- **Thursday, December 4:** Professional Learning Morning / Family-Teacher Meetings (1:00-3:30 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm)
- **December 8-12:** Special Events Week (Scholastic Book Fair, Band, Choir, Ukulele Performances, and Fine Arts Events)
(Please note that this special events week is in lieu of a holiday concert)
- **December 19:** Final day of school for Students

School re-opens Monday, January 5th, 2026