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Monday, January 5, 2026

Dear WBS Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the two week break and are feeling re-energized for 2026.

I would like to share with all of you that I am going to be away from WBS for the month of January to focus on some health issues. My return date is set for early February. While I am out, Helen Healy will be filling in for me as acting principal. Joanne Treen and Jacinta Heckman will continue on in their role of Vice Principal.

My hope for all of our students, our staff, and our families is that January is a time to re-set and refresh expectations aligned with our school matrix, re-establish our high standards for student learning, and continue to uphold our expectations for respectful communication and behaviors from all.

January is one of my favorite times of the school year because it is when students seem to gain traction with their learning. I look forward to rejoining the WBS team in February.

Warm regards,  
Susan Casey, Principal

### **Planning for Inclement Weather**

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

**January Dates:**

January 5: First day of school for 2026 for all students

**January 20: Home and School Meeting 6 pm; SAC meeting 7 pm (both in seminar room)**

January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27: Family Literacy Day