

WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Dear WBS Families,

Connection is the heartbeat of a thriving school, and we never take for granted the trust you place in us every day. My highlight from this past week wasn't found in a textbook or a lesson plan, but in the hallways: seeing the spontaneous smiles and high-fives shared between students of all different classes and our dedicated staff. Those small moments of kindness are what turn this building into a true community. As we look toward the week ahead, we want to start by simply saying thank you for being our partners in fostering an environment where every student feels seen and supported. We are excited to share another week of learning and growth alongside you.

Keeping Our Students Safe: Parking Reminders

To maintain the safe environment we all value, we need to ask for your cooperation regarding the back of the school. **The rear of the building is reserved strictly for special needs transportation and vehicles with LC passes.**

We have noticed an increase in personal vehicles using this area for drop-off and pick-up. Some of our students may move unexpectedly and are not always aware of traffic risks; therefore, it is imperative that this area remains clear of unauthorized traffic to protect our most vulnerable learners.

- **Where to Park:** Please use the lower parking lot (which features over 50 spaces), or find parking along Broad Street and Blue Mountain Road.
- **The Goal:** We appreciate your respect for these procedures as we work together to keep **all** students safe.

Yearbooks

The order window has now closed! Thank you to everyone who purchased a copy to preserve this year's memories. Yearbooks will be delivered to students in June.

Looking Ahead: Transition Planning

As we turn our eyes toward the next school year, we are committed to ensuring every student feels prepared for their next big step.

- **Moving to Grade 7:** We are working closely with the WBH team to coordinate family information nights and student tours. Our staff will also be meeting with WBH to share insights that ensure a smooth handoff for our Grade 6 students. Specific transition plans for students supported by the Learning Centre or School Counselling are also underway.
- **Welcoming New Primaries:** For our newest learners joining us in September, we will host a Parent/Guardian Information Evening in May. Stay tuned for a specific date and time!

Upcoming Dates

(New items will be added as they are confirmed)

April

- **Tuesday, April 21:** Home & School Meeting (6:00–7:00 PM); SAC Meeting (7:00–8:00 PM) in the Seminar Room.
- **Wednesday, April 29:** Professional Development Day (**No school for students**).

May

- **Week of May 11–15:** Mandatory Fire Drill #5.
- **May 13 & 14:** Grade 3 Provincial Assessments (Literacy).
- **Monday, May 18:** Victoria Day (**School closed**).
- **Tuesday, May 19:** Home & School Meeting (6:00–7:00 PM); SAC Meeting (7:00–8:00 PM) in the Seminar Room.
- **May 20 & 21:** Grade 3 Provincial Assessments (Math).

June

- **Saturday, June 6:** Home & School **SPRING FLING!**
- **Thursday, June 25:** Grade 6 Closing Ceremony (9:00 AM; doors open at 8:45 AM).
- **Monday, June 29:** Assessment & Evaluation Day (**No school for students**).
- **Tuesday, June 30:** Last Day of School.