

WEST BEDFORD



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Dear WBS Families,

This past week was Staff Appreciation Week at WBS. Our WBS Home & School Association created themed days to celebrate the WBS Staff. On behalf of all who work at WBS, thank you for making us feel so special. One of the highlights of the week (and there were many), was Thankful Thursday. On Thursday, students were provided with thank you phrases that they could hand out to any staff member. There was a lot of joy throughout the day as students found a staff member who was special to them. Students told me that they loved doing this and had so much fun! Staff said that receiving special messages from students and having that moment with them filled them with happiness (and a few happy tears).

Thank you to our wonderful Home & School team for making sure our staff knew how appreciated they are!

Have a wonderful week!
Susan Casey, Principal

Don't Forget- Grade 6 Families:

Moving to Grade 7 Sept. 2026? WBH will be hosting a family info session/school tour for students on Wednesday, May 13th from 6-7 pm in the cafeteria.

Home and School Events:

1, **SAVE THE DATE:** WBS SPRING FLING is on Saturday June 6 from 11 to 2 pm

SPRING FLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! To make our spring fling run smoothly we need the support of many hands. Here is the **electronic sign** for Spring Fling volunteers!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B45ADAB2DA1FC1-63916724-wbsspring>

2a. **RAFFLE BASKETS:** This year we will be having raffle tickets on sale for some amazing, themed baskets.

To make this happen, we are putting out a call for donations towards these baskets. Please find your child's grade level below and if possible, send in an item for the raffle basket. Items should be new and unused. Gift cards that fit the theme are welcome too!

We will be accepting items at the school between May 4th to May 22nd

Grade Level	Theme
Pre-Primary & Primary	The Creative Studio Basket- Arts and Crafts
Grade 1	The Sweet Indulgence Basket- Snack/Candy/Treats
Grade 2	The Ultimate Movie Night Basket- can be for a movie night at home or to go to the movies
Grade 3	Game Night Fun Basket- indoor games (playing cards, checkers, board games, dominoes, etc)
Grade 4	Summer Fun & Adventure Basket- outdoor toys and games (bubbles, skipping rope, chalk, marbles, jacks, etc)
Grade 5	Baking Delight Basket- baking items
Grade 6	Relaxation Retreat Basket- Spa & Bath items

2b. **CUPCAKE WALK:** Call out for cupcake donations for our Spring Fling Cupcake Walk (Always a crowd favourite!); We will be accepting cupcake donations ahead of June 6- date and time will be announced in the weeks to come.

To learn more about the spring fling, please attend the May 19th Home and School SPRING FLING PLANNING meeting from 6-7 pm in the WBS cafeteria.

Mental Health Week: May 11–15: During Mental Health Week, we will spend time learning about how important it is to take care of our minds, just like we take care of our bodies. Mental health is about our thoughts and feelings, and this week students will practice noticing what is happening inside their minds and hearts. We will also explore how our five senses can act like superpowers to help us calm down, focus, and better enjoy the world around us.

Students will learn how connecting with others—such as friends, family, and classmates—helps us feel supported and happy. We will also take time to reflect on gratitude and the things in our lives we appreciate. This week is all about building self-awareness, strengthening relationships, and growing strong both inside and out.

May 15 is Black Excellence Day- Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

We welcome everyone to wear a black shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your

support for **Black Excellence Day!**

Transition Planning-

- **Welcoming our New Primaries:** For our newest learners joining us in September 2026, we will be hosting a Parent/Guardian Information Evening Wednesday, June 3, 2026 from 6-7pm in the cafeteria. This meeting is for adults only.

Upcoming Dates

(New items will be added as they are confirmed)

May

- **Week of May 11–15:** Mandatory Fire Drill #5.
- **May 13-** Gr. 7 Info session and tour for next year 6-7 pm hosted by WBH
- **May 13 & 14:** Grade 3 Provincial Assessments (Literacy).
- **May 15-** Wear a black shirt to show your support of Black Excellence Day

- **Monday, May 18:** Victoria Day (**School closed**).
- **Tuesday, May 19:** Home & School **SPRING FLING PLANNING 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).

Important dates to remember 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 5 is Red Dress Day
- May 10-16 is Education Week
- May 15 is Black Excellence Day
- May 17 is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 18 is Victoria Day (No classes - all schools)
- May 31 to June 6 is Access Awareness Week

June

- **June 3-** Parent/Guardian Info Session for 2026 Primary students 6-7 pm
- **Friday, June 5: Spring Fling Set up 6 to 8 pm**
- **Saturday, June 6:** Home & School **SPRING FLING 11 to 2 pm!**
- **Thursday, June 25:** Grade 6 Closing Ceremony (9:00-11:00 AM; doors open at 8:45 AM).
- **Monday, June 29:** Assessment & Evaluation Day (**No school for students**).
- **Tuesday, June 30:** Last Day of School.