

WEST BEDFORD



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Dear WBS Families,

We've had a wonderful start to June! The sunny weather has certainly helped, but what has been especially exciting is seeing our students step up as leaders throughout the school. Their kindness, responsibility, and enthusiasm have been fantastic to witness.

There are just a few reminders to share this week, carried over from last week.

If your family will be leaving WBS before June 30, 2026, please let us know by sending an email to your child's teacher and to our Administrative Assistant, Katelynn Armstrong, at [KArmstrong@hrce.ca](mailto:KArmstrong@hrce.ca). This helps us ensure our records are up to date and supports a smooth transition.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your family a wonderful week ahead!

Warm regards,  
Susan Casey  
Principal

**Other News:**

**2026-27 Bus Information**

Information about student transportation for the 2026-27 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.

Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.

If you can't find the email, please contact [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE

families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

**Reminder:** The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.

### **Nova Scotia Loyal Farmers' Market Voucher Program**

Once again this year, students across the province will receive a \$10 Nova Scotia Loyal voucher to use at participating farmers' markets. The program encourages young people and families to explore local markets, support Nova Scotian growers and producers, and learn more about where their food comes from. From fresh produce and baked goods to locally made products, the initiative helps connect students with their communities while supporting small businesses and strengthening the local economy. Families are encouraged to visit participating markets over the summer months and discover all that Nova Scotia has to offer through the [Nova Scotia Loyal program](#). Watch for these vouchers coming home this week!

### **Be tick aware in Nova Scotia**

After a long and snow-filled winter, we're finally headed toward summer – a season when many people spend time at Nova Scotia's beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. Nova Scotia is home to several kinds of ticks, but only blacklegged tick bites can cause illnesses like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Powassan virus. Tick-borne diseases can lead to serious illness, especially if they are not noticed and treated quickly. It's important that we all know what to do about ticks, so if you've asked yourself any of these questions lately:

- What does a tick look like?
- What do I do if I find a tick on me or my child?
- What symptoms should I be aware of?
- How can I prevent ticks?

Visit [NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety](http://NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety) to learn more.

### **June 2026**

- **Thursday, June 25:** Grade 6 Closing Ceremony (9:00-11:00 AM; doors open at 8:45 AM). **A separate message will be going out to Grade 6 families soon about the closing ceremony.**
- **Monday, June 29:** Assessment & Evaluation Day (**No school for students**).
- **Tuesday, June 30:** Last Day of School.