

Monday Memo for October 9-13, 2023

Hello WBS Families,

It feels like the fall season has arrived and we are starting to settle into a routine. We appreciate all the positive support we have received from our families. Opening a new building, establishing routines, and developing procedures always comes with exciting opportunities and challenges. We have amazing students at WBS and feel privileged to welcome them to our learning spaces each day.

This week I would like to recognize that our school has undergone many configurations since we opened on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We understand that there are many reasons why a student may find it challenging to move classes and teachers, but we know that our role as the adults is to listen, support, and model how to work through the feelings and emotions that come with change. As a staff, we are committed to supporting our students in various ways. Students and families have access to our school counsellors, school social worker, learning support staff, and our classroom teachers.

The process of creating class lists has had input from all levels of staff and we will not be accommodating any class change requests. Our class lists are now set for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Our SAC Parent/Guardian Membership**

The votes are in! Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in being a member of the SAC and thank you to the school community for taking the time to vote! I would like to congratulate and extend a warm welcome to

Our SAC Co-Chairs:

Karen Lockerby- King- parent of a 4-6 student (Eng)

Jamuna Loganath- parent of a 7-8 student (Eng)

Our General Members:

Yin (Alex) Li- Parent of a P-3 student(s) (FI)

Bei Zhou- Parent of a P-3 & 4-6 student(s) (Eng)

Our Student Member: Meagan Fry- Grade 8 Student

The first SAC Meeting will be held on *Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm at WBS.*

**Grade 6 Provincial Assessments:** The Grade 6 Reading, Writing and Math provincial assessments started this week. Students completed the literacy portion of the assessment on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The math portion of the assessment will be written on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Scent Free Building-** We ask that scented products (deodorant, perfume, lotion, etc) not be worn while in the building. We have several students and staff who will have a severe allergic reaction to scents.

**Nut Free Building-** We have a number of students who have life threatening allergies to all types of nuts (Tree nuts and ground nuts). We ask that all food that is sent to school is nut free.

**Lockers for Grade 7 & 8 students-** Most students have received lockers over the past week. Lockers will continue to be handed out this coming week as well. We have found that it is important to take our time to teach students how to work their lock.

**Breakfast Program-** At West Bedford School, we are working with our cafeteria provider to deliver a “grab and go” breakfast program to all students in P-8. There will be food carts at each entry door every morning. Students are welcome to take some food items with them as they head to their classroom.

**Athletics:** Our athletic teams are up and running with soccer, cross-country already mid-season. The volleyball teams are getting started and prior to January, basketball will begin. If you have questions around any of the sports teams, please contact Emily Bell at [ebell@hrce.ca](mailto:ebell@hrce.ca).

### **Upcoming dates**

**October 17, 2023- SAC Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm**

**October 20, 2023- Picture Retakes (If you have a child in PP-6 please let the classroom teacher know you would like your child to have a picture retake; Students in Grade 7 & 8 will also have the opportunity for retakes but the classroom teachers do not need to know ahead of time)**

**October 27, 2023- Provincial Conference Day- no school for students**

Have a wonderful week!

Susan Casey (Principal)