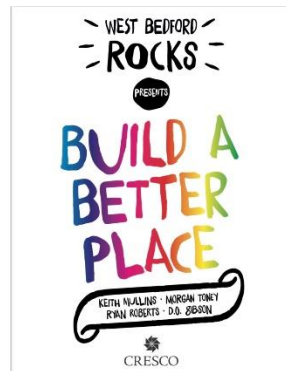


Monday Memo for April 22 to April 26, 2024

Hello Families,

I hope that this weekly memo finds everyone well. Have a wonderful week!

1. **West Bedford School's Song:** The music department is working on an exciting project! We have a ***School Song - "Build a Better Place"***, written by Keith Mullins, Morgan Toney and Ryan Roberts. The school choir will be recording vocals for the song on Wednesday April 24. There will be a video shoot on June 10!



2. **WBS Musical- Peter Pan Jr TICKETS:** We have been able to add more seats. We are using **School Cash Online** to sell tickets to the musical (School Cash is linked on our school website). There are a few seats left for each evening performance.
3. **2024 Student Success Survey Grade 4-8 Students:** The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has once again engaged Narrative Research to conduct the online Student Success Survey with all students in grades 4-12 (like previous school years). The 2024 Student Success Survey will be available for schools to view and administer between **April 22nd and May 10th, 2024**.

Key Points:

- The survey will be conducted in all public schools with all students in grades 4-12.
 - The online survey is available from April 22 to May 10, 2024.
 - The survey will be accessed in English at studentsuccessns.ca.
 - Schools should allow 40 minutes for the survey (50 minutes at the elementary level). A short break can be given as needed by leaving the survey window open.
 - The survey is only available for completion at the school, as it is connected to the school's IP address.
 - The survey will provide valuable information to the school regarding students' experiences at school.
 - School reports will be returned in June.
- The Student Success Survey results provide schools with important information regarding student experiences that help shape supports to student well-being and to inform student success plans.

Although we want and encourage all students to participate in the survey, there may be some parents/guardians who do not wish for their children to participate. As well, we want and encourage all students to answer all survey questions, however they may skip over any questions that they are not

comfortable answering. A Parent/Guardian notice was sent home on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 to families who have a child in Grades 4 to 8.

4. **Head Lice:** Head lice is always “in season” at schools. We have had a reported case this year. It is always advised to check your child on a regular basis, and the stress with them the importance of not sharing hats, brushes, combs, or headbands. For information on how to properly treat Head Lice, please visit Nova Scotia Public Health at <https://www.nshealth.ca/sites/default/files/documents/pamphlets/07135.pdf>

5. **West Bedford Home and School Information:**

-  **Bottle Drive**

Our ongoing Bottle Drive is an easy way for everyone to pitch in! Bring your recyclable bottles to the designated drop-off point at 23 Bluewater Road. Let them know it is for the West Bedford School Account. It's a great way to support our cause while helping the environment.

-  **Corporate Sponsorships - We Need You!**

Do you own or work for a local business that values education and community? We're seeking corporate sponsors to partner with us to support our school's initiatives. For sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to us at: westbedford.homeandschool@gmail.com

-  **End of Year Dance for Grades 6-8 - June 6th**

Get ready for our first West Bedford School Dance. We're planning an unforgettable End of end-of-year dance for students in Grades 6-8. We're inviting students to join the dance committee to make this event truly special. Interested? Please contact Jacinta Heckman or Courtney Smith.

- **Volunteers: The Heart of Our Efforts**

None of this would be possible without the dedication and spirit of our wonderful volunteers. If you're interested in lending a hand, we'd love to have you join us. There's a role for everyone, and every bit of help makes a world of difference.

6. **Lunch time Field Volunteers:** Thank you to those who volunteered to support the opening of our field for lunch time play. The field was open to students in Grades 4-8 on Friday, April 19th. Students enjoyed the time on the field. They know that this wouldn't be possible without the generosity of time from family volunteers and they are appreciative!!!

7. **Information from West Bedford High School-**

- a. A **Grade 9 parent information** session will be on Thursday May 2 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria
- b. **Athletics Fundraiser.** We have joined the Sport Nova Scotia on a monthly online 50/50. All monies raised in the name of West Bedford High School will go to our sports teams next year. We will need to be purchasing new uniforms, with school logo and colors, for the next year. This is a great way to fundraise for all our teams at West Bedford High school and for potential community members to win some cash.
<https://click.pstmrk.it/3s/www.rafflebox.ca%2Faffle%2Fsportns%2F3339/lydV/VxC0AQ/AQ/04c3884d-1129-446f-b301-9553039535b7/2/A9tXzdJCon>
- c. **Football Fundraising.** We are almost at the half-way mark in our fundraising for football. We are looking for community businesses to get involved in sponsoring or donating to get this program up and

running next year. If you know of businesses that are interested in helping us please reach out. See below for more information.

- d. **Donations.** We also have our donation link set up. If you donate \$25 or more you get a tax receipt. The link below is set up to make this an easy process to help West Bedford High get this sport happening next year.

<https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/4/319/false/true?school=723&initiative=12>

- e. **Sponsorship.** If you have a company and are interested in getting some advertising please reach out to Blair Frost, our lead fundraiser, at frostfamily.blair@gmail.com to find out about our sponsorship packages.

8. **2024-2025 (next year's) Pre-Primary Students:** We currently have a small number of students registered for our Pre-Primary program for next year. Our staffing is based on the number of registrations we have, so we hope to have as many PP registrations as possible prior to the end of March so that accurate staffing can be put in place. Please note that families can always choose to withdraw their registration at any time. Help us to spread the word!

<https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration-updates>

9. **2024-2025 (next year's) Grade 7 Students:** Please complete information about programming and band here: <https://forms.gle/QvFNSejMuzKG8Qg68>. Information that was shared at the orientation meeting can be found on our school's website wbs.hrce.ca- Our School- For Parents- 2024-2025 Grade 7 Orientation information.

10. **2024-2025 (next year's) Primary Students:** Current West Bedford Pre-Primary students: please complete information about programming here: <https://forms.gle/EzE4RfgVFv9Nr1Qo8>. Information that was shared at the orientation meeting can be found on our school's website wbs.hrce.ca- Our School- For Parents- 2024-2025 Grade Primary Orientation information.

Upcoming Events:

May 2- Grade 9 parent information session at WBH 6:30 pm

May 7- Home and School Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm

May 20- Victoria Day- Schools are closed

May 21- SAC Meeting at WBS Library 6:30-8:00 pm

June 6- Grade 6-8 Dance 6:30-8:30 pm in cafeteria (regular dance- not a semi-formal or grad dance!)

June 18- SAC Meeting at WBS library 6:30-8:00 pm

June 25- Grade 6 Closing Ceremony 9:15 -10: 30 am (doors open at 9 am)

June 26- Grade 8 Closing Ceremony 10:00-12:00 pm (doors open at 9:45 am)

June 27- Assessment & Evaluation Day- No school for Students

June 28- last day of school

Kind regards,

Susan Casey (Principal)