


Monday Memo for April 15 to April 19, 2024

Hello Families,

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

1. **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>
2. **West Bedford Home and School Information:** We hope this message finds you well! As a vital part of our school community, we're excited to share the latest Home and School Committee updates and invite you to join our ongoing efforts to enhance our children's educational experience.
 -  **Seed Fundraising Success!**

First, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Seed Fundraising initiative. Your generosity has propelled us past the halfway mark toward our year-end fundraising goal! We're inspired by your support and encourage those who wish to contribute to help us cross the finish line. Every donation, big or small, makes a significant impact.

-  **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.

-  **Jolly Grams: Spread Joy and Appreciation**

Our Jolly Grams initiative is your chance to send a token of appreciation to students, teachers, and staff. Stay tuned for how you can spread joy within our school.

- **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.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Together, we're creating a vibrant, enriching environment for our children to thrive.

Warm regards, WBS Home and School Committee

Should you wish to contact the Home and School Committee directly, you can reach us at: westbedford.homeandschool@gmail.com . We would love to hear from you.

3. **Lunch time Field Volunteers:** Thank you to those who have volunteered to support the opening of our field for lunch time play. The field will be open to students in Grades 4-8 on Fridays. The first day will be Friday, April 19th. We will be reviewing expectations for behaviour with the students throughout the week.
4. **WBS Musical- Peter Pan Jr TICKETS: SOLD OUT FOR BOTH NIGHTS**
5. **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%2Fsports%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.schoolcashionline.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.
6. **MSMS Information:** We invite everyone from our area schools to join us for a **Spring Yard Sale and Vendor Market on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 am - 3 pm at Madeline Symonds Middle School (MSMS), 290 White Hills Run, Hammonds Plains.** This fun event is in support of the **Grade 8 Quebec Trip.** There will be a raffle, silent auction and canteen. You will find a variety of treasures from previously loved books, household items, sports equipment, toys and other items to hand crafted finds and home baked goods. Admission is \$1, 12 & under free. Please share with anyone that might be interested!
7. **Update on our School Parking Lot Safety Procedures**
We have installed a “No left turn” sign when exiting the visitor parking lot. Please abide by this sign and turn right only. Thank you to all who are helping to keep our students safe as they arrive to school and head home at the end of the day! We appreciate your waves and smiles!

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:

April 16- SAC Meeting at WBS Library 6:30-8:30 pm

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)