

Monday Memo for April 8 to April 12, 2024

Hello Families,

I hope that this weekly memo finds everyone well. There are a few community items within this memo and information around Grade 9 information session in May. Have a wonderful week!

1. **Digital Safety for Kids:** In the spring I like to send out a general message to families to keep having conversations with your child(ren) about how to be safe online. Regardless of age, children need to know that talking virtually to strangers, sending intimate images, or making posts that are threatening can all pose a risk and have big consequences. We will be having focused lessons in all grades this week around digital safety for students. Families are encouraged to do phone checks, browser history checks, set digital limits and access on devices. All these steps can help keep children safe when they are online.

Resources:

<https://www.edutopia.org/digital-literacy-technology-parent-resources>

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/family-resources>

2. **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 12th. We will be reviewing expectations for behaviour with the students throughout the week.

3. **WBS Musical- Peter Pan Jr TICKETS:**

We will be using **School Cash Online** to sell tickets to the musical (School Cash is linked on our school website). The link to Peter Pan Jr tickets will open on Thursday, April 4th at 1:00 pm.

- there will be a link for the Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 7 pm showing, and
- a link for the Thursday, May 30th, 2024 7 pm showing

Please select the performance night you would like tickets for. Seat tickets will be based on first purchased- first assigned. For example, if you are the first person to purchase a ticket, you will receive row 1 seat A. Doors open at 6:30 pm each night!

4. **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/IydV/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.

5. **Walking to School-** Safety Tips walking or bussing to school (see attached flyer)

- 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. Student Workshop Opportunity-

FREE WORKSHOP
Create your own hair/skin care product
Black youth (ages 10-18)

Friday
April
12TH

6pm - 7:30pm
35 Wilfred Jackson Way
Henry G Bauld Centre
Facilliated by Tiffani
from Natural Butter Bar

SPOTS ARE LIMITED
REGISTER BY APRIL 10TH

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8. Update on our School Parking Lot Safety Procedures

We have installed a “No left turn” sign when exiting the visitor parking lot. Having vehicles turning right keeps the traffic within the parking lot flowing and limits the congestion.

9. **WBS Yearbook**- Our WBS Yearbook will be arriving late May/early June. Thank you to all who have purchased a yearbook.
10. **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>
11. **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](https://www.hrce.ca)- Our School- For Parents- 2024-2025 Grade 7 Orientation information.
12. **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](https://www.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)

