

Monday Memo for June 17 to June 21, 2024

Hello WBS Families,

We are approaching our final two weeks of the 2023-2024 school year! Thank you for joining our school team, as we embarked on our first year. It has been an interesting year opening a brand-new school. We have experienced growing pains, but also some wonderful, magical moments. We look forward to working with you and your children next year.

Sincerely,

Susan Casey (Principal)

1. **Message from our main office:** If your family is going to be on an extended holiday (leaving school prior to June 28th and not returning for this school year) please email Katelynn Armstrong at KArmstrong@hrce.ca. There are school requirements that we must follow to get ready for the third term report cards and the 2024-2025 school year.
2. **Home and School Information:** As we think ahead to next year, we are looking for volunteers to be a part of our Home and School Association. We have openings for executive positions and general members. There will be a google form going out to all families where you can express your interest in being a part of this committee.

There are two ongoing fundraisers that support our Home & School Association year round.

- **Bluewater Recycling-** if you would like to donate the proceeds from your cans and bottles, please ask them to add it to the West Bedford School Home & School Account
 - **Mabels Labels-** if you are ordering name labels for your children's things, consider using Mabels Labels. The school receives a percentage of sales when you order through the fundraising link and select West Bedford School (direct link can be found on our website)
3. **WBH School Tour:** Students who will be moving to Grade 7-9 next year will have a school tour of West Bedford High. The tour will take place on Friday, June 21st at 9:30 am.
 4. **Yearbooks:** We have received word that our 2023-2024 yearbooks will be arriving next week. We will communicate a plan for distribution to students and families once they have arrived.
 5. **Cafeteria Services:** The final day for cafeteria services for students in grades PP to 8 will be on Wednesday, June 26th, 2024.
 6. **2024-2025 Grade level Supply Lists:** The supply lists for next year will be posted on our school's website in early July. Please note that we have tried to create supply lists that are mindful of cost for families.
 7. **Information about the 2024-2025:** Information about the next school year will start to be sent to families in August. Please check your email or the school's website for information around our September opening, such as the first few days of school: morning drop off and afternoon pick up, parking lot procedures, the new lunch program, and class lists.
 8. **Class Lists:** Our teachers work very hard to create classes that allow students to thrive and learn. We recognize that families may have placement requests for their children. Please understand that we value your input, but we are not able to fulfill requests at this time.

9. **School Modulars:** The construction for our school modulars has begun. This has had an impact on our parking location for staff of the PP-8 school. Staff members are now parking in the lower parking lot. There is still room for families to park and walk their child(ren) to the doors of the school, but we wanted to provide information around why the parking lot is fuller these days. There have been Pre-Primary parking spots designated by orange pylons in the high school parking lot. We have appreciated our families with parking passes being supportive of the changes that have happened this week with our parking spot locations. You have all been awesome!

10. **Grade 6 Closing Ceremony:** There will be a closing ceremony for our grade 6 students on Tuesday, June 25th. The ceremony will begin at 9:15 am (doors will open to family at 9:00 am) and run until 10:30 am (or so). We would like to extend an invitation to immediate family members to join us for this event. (Please note that this is not a formal ceremony)

11. **Grade 8 Closing Ceremony:** There will be a closing ceremony for our grade 8 students on Wednesday, June 26th. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 am (doors open at 9:45 am) and run until 11:45 am or so. We would like to extend an invitation to immediate family members to join us for this event. (Please note that this is not a formal ceremony)

12. **West Bedford High Orientation Night for Families of Gr. 7 & 8 students next year :** Families of students heading into Grade 7 & 8 next year are invited to a parent session with the High School Admin team. This session will take place on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30 to 7:30pm. This is for parents only. The High School will do some tours with students on June 21st during the school day to introduce them to the school. The High School Admin team are looking forward to seeing you all on the 25th.

13. Last Day of School:

Dismissal for students will be 4 hours earlier than the regular schedule. For West Bedford School, this means that our dismissal time will be 10:15 am, with the latest bus departure at 10:35 am.

***Bused students**

- Students will arrive 4 hours earlier at their afternoon stop. Families will need to make arrangements to meet their children at the bus stop if required.
- BusPlanner will be updated the night of **June 26, 2024**, to reflect the busing times on the last day of school.
- Communication will be sent to all bused families on the adjustment.

***Non-bused students**

- Students who do not ride a bus will be dismissed at 10:15 am.
- Families will need to make arrangements to meet their child at their dismissal door at 10:15 am (PP-2 students)

Upcoming Events:

June 21- WBH school tours for students heading into Grade 7-9 at (9:30 am)

June 25- Grade 6 Closing Ceremony 9:15 -10: 30 am (doors open at 9 am); WBH Orientation Night for our current Grade 6 and Grade 7 Families 6:30-7:30 pm

June 26- Grade 8 Closing Ceremony 10:00-11:45 am (doors open at 9:45 am); Last day for the cafeteria

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

June 28- last day of school- Clap out for our Grade 6-8 students; dismissal time is 10:15 am.

