

WMES March 2025 Newsletter



Dear WMES families:


- Our **March calendar** can be found [here](#).



February was Registration Month for the 2025-26 school year.



- If you have a child starting Pre-Primary or Primary, who has not attended school this past school year, please visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to **enrol your child today** through PowerSchool Enrollment!
Staffing for the 2025-26 school year begins in April so it is very important to register early so that we have accurate numbers.
If you know you are moving and your child will not be attending WMES in the Fall - please reach out to the office to let us know. Thanks.

Here are some important highlights for this month:

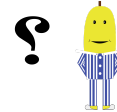
- **We are celebrating Spirit Week at WMES this week.**

Monday: Wear your favorite jersey, or something with your favorite number on it. (Homemade options are awesome!) 

Tuesday: Sparkle / rainbow day. Wear something that sparkles, or something with your favorite colour(s) today.  

Wednesday: Dress like a teacher / or your favorite character from a book day.  

Thursday: Backwards Day / or PJ Day / OR Backwards PJ's day.;



Friday: No School today! Assessment and Evaluation day for staff.

- **March Break is March 10-14th and there is no school for students or staff.** We want to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and restful March Break. Whether you are travelling or sticking close to home, we hope that you are able to find time to reset and reconnect and find small moments of joy.
- **PTC Fundraiser - Grow with Us! 2025 Garden Seed Fundraising Program:** There are 5 different seed collections available. Orders are due by March 7th. For more information, and to order online please visit [SchoolCashOnline: https://www.schoolcashionline.com/](https://www.schoolcashionline.com/). ["Grow With Us" flyer](#)

- March 3rd we are excited to welcome **Keonte Beals** for a whole school assembly. Keonte is a local storyteller, author, and musician. He has been inspiring local students through books, music, and live experiences. We are excited to welcome him to WMES.
- March 21st is **Down Syndrome Awareness day**. We encourage everyone to **"Rock their Socks"** by wearing colorful or mismatched socks to school.
- Tuesday, March 25th we are celebrating the **Big Crunch**. All students will receive an apple so we can CRUNCH together in honor of **Nutrition Month**.
- **Second Term Report Cards will be emailed home on March 31st.**

Second term report cards will give you a snapshot of your child's progress on the expected learning outcomes through Term 2. Following up with your child's teacher (s) at student progress conferences on **April 3rd** will give you even more information, so please be sure to sign up when the portal opens after March Break.

In P-3 students will continue to receive report marks using the the developmental scale:

- **WD**- Well Developed understanding and application of concepts and skills
- **DE**- Developing as Expected with understanding and application of concepts and skills
- **ND**- Needs Development with understanding and application of concepts and skills
- **INS**- Insufficient Evidence to report on achievement of the expected learning outcomes

In Grades 4 & 5 students will receive report marks in literacy and math using letter marks. The Learner Profile will continue to use the developmental codes.

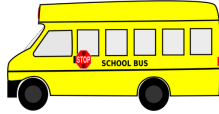
- **A** Thorough understanding and application of concepts and skills.
- **B** Good understanding and application of concepts and skills.
- **C** Basic understanding and application of concepts and skills.
- **D** Limited understanding and application of concepts and skills. The student has not met expectations.
- **INS**- Insufficient Evidence to report on achievement of the expected learning outcomes

Specialist teachers (Core French, Physical Education, and Music) will be reporting this term using the developmental scale (**WD, DE, ND**) for all students.

Student Progress conferences on April 3rd will be a great opportunity to check in with your child's teacher and discuss their strengths, challenges and interests as we move into Term three. **We hope to see you there.**

There is no school on April 3rd.

School Bus Safety Reminder



More than 33,000 HRCE students take the school bus. Making sure they have a safe and happy trip to and from school is very important to us. Please talk with your child about school bus safety on a regular basis. Students should tell their bus driver and/or school principal if they have any problems.

Here are some important safety tips:

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus. Don't run to or from the bus.
- Stand back when the bus arrives and give everyone space. Get on or off the bus one at a time.
- Always cross the road in front of the bus. Walk to a spot where you can see the driver. When they signal it's safe, walk to the middle of the road. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN, then cross when it's safe.
- Never crawl under the bus or cross the road from behind it.

School Bus Safety

- Respect and listen to the driver. Their job is to focus on the road, so avoid distracting them.
- Respect others and your space.
- Keep noise levels down.
- Stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the bus.
- Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.
- Keep the aisle clear.

Did you know: It's illegal for drivers to pass a school bus when it has stopped with its red lights flashing. Bus drivers will activate their amber lights 150m before they stop as a warning to motorists.

More information about HRCE student transportation and school bus safety can be found [here](#).

Thanks everyone. Happy March.

Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. van der Weegen

Important dates in March:

March 3-6	WMES Spirit Week
March 7	Assessment & Evaluation Day - No School for students
March 10-14	No School -March Break
March 19	Portal to sign up for Student Progress conferences on April 3rd opens
March 31	Second Term reports emailed home

Upcoming dates in April:

- April 3** No School - PD in am / Student Progress Conferences afternoon and evening
- April 18** Good Friday - No School
- April 21** Easter Monday - No School
- April 30** Professional Development day for staff - No School for students



March is Nutrition Month

Whether it's planting a garden, cooking with family, or enjoying a meal with friends, food provides opportunities for building social connections that can support improved feelings of belonging and overall well-being.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

MARCH 7	NO CLASSES Assessment & Evaluation Day Elementary and Junior High ONLY
MARCH 10-14	NO CLASSES March Break

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School Bus Safety Tips

A few bus safety reminders for all riders:

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.



Grow with us!

2025 Garden Seed Fundraising Program

Harvest fresh vegetables from your own backyard while supporting Waverley Memorial Elementary School. Simply choose the seed collections you'd like to order and get ready to grow! Seed will be delivered in late March.



Seed Collections



1. Get Growing Garden Collection \$25

All the varieties to get your garden growing this season! Fill your kitchen all season with a bountiful harvest you'll pick in your own backyard. Includes: green beans, beets, carrots, cucumbers, kale, lettuce, snap peas, tomatoes, basil, parsley, and sunflower. 11 pkts.

2. Cut Flower Garden \$10

Grow your own bouquets with these beautiful blooms! This flower collection is easy to grow and will add cheery colour wherever you plant them. Includes: cosmos, snapdragons, sweet peas, sunflowers, and zinnias. 5 pkts.

3. Salad Bar \$10

All the essentials to make delicious, fresh salads, grown in your own back yard. Includes: cucumbers, lettuce, radish, spring onions, and tomatoes. 5 pkts.

4. Herb Collection \$10

Herbs are a staple in every kitchen garden! Use fresh to add flavour to your cooking or dry to preserve your harvest all year long. Includes: basil, chives, cilantro, mint and rosemary. 5 pkts.

5. Container Garden \$10

These varieties grow great in small spaces like containers and hanging **baskets**. **Perfect for patio and balcony gardening!** Includes: **basil, lettuce, hot peppers, snow peas, and tomatoes. 5 pkts.**