



Weatherbee Weekly 26-27

August 2026

YOU BELONG HERE



Welcome Back!

Dear Weatherbee Families,

On behalf of the staff of the George B. Weatherbee School, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year! We are fortunate to be part of a wonderful community that provides our school with an outpouring of support. From the many community members, family members, organizations, and countless others who endlessly give to our students and staff, we thank you!

Education at Weatherbee is designed to meet the needs of our students as they work toward mastering state standards, developing social skills, and experimenting with new areas of learning. Beyond curriculum and teaching, in order to increase the degree of educational success, it is imperative that teachers, families, and administration communicate openly and frequently concerning the progress of students. We are all on the same team and can support each other for the growth of each child.

At Weatherbee, we invite families and community members to get involved in our school. We love to share what we are doing within our walls and always need an extra hand. Please be in contact with your child's teacher on volunteer opportunities in the classroom and school. We encourage parents and families to become and stay involved in their child's education.

Please take time to review our Family Handbook so you understand our procedures and expectations on routine things like what to do when your child is absent from school, health information, and snow day communication.

We hope to see all Weatherbee families at our Open House on August 27th @ 4:00 and we look forward to seeing your child on Monday, August 31st, ready for the new school year and all of the adventures that it will bring!

Let's make it a great year!

Sincerely,

Matthew Lindemann, Weatherbee Principal

Family Handbook 26-27

Welcome New WB Staff!



Mr. Farrar
5th Grade



Ms. Renaud
5th Grade



Mrs. Harmon
School Counselor



Mrs. Cota

3rd Grade



Ms. Chute

3rd Grade

Classroom Letters Have Been Mailed

You should have received a letter from your student's homeroom teacher. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to ensure that all of our students and families receive important information, including homeroom teacher assignments.

To help us communicate effectively with you, we kindly request your assistance with the following:

1. **Contact Information Update:** Please make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information, including:

1. Current home address
2. Phone number(s)
3. Email address(es)

If any of this information has changed recently, please inform us at wboffice@rsu22.us as soon as possible.

2. **Change of Residence:** We'd like to remind you that our school serves students who are residents of our community. If you have moved outside of our school district we wish you all the best. To aid a smooth transition:

1. Please inform us promptly at wboffice@rsu22.us
2. Enroll your child in the school district of your new residence
3. Ensure that your child's new school sends us a request for records. We cannot release student records without this official request.

3. **Other Changes:** If there have been any other changes in your family circumstances that might affect your child's education, please let us know at wboffice@rsu22.us so we can provide appropriate support.

We appreciate your partnership!

Supporting Your WB Student

We are thrilled to have your child as part of our school community and look forward to a year of growth, learning, and achievement. As we embark on this journey together, we want to take a moment to recognize and appreciate the critical role you play in your child's education.

Your involvement and support are invaluable, extending far beyond traditional volunteering opportunities. While we always appreciate those who can contribute time to our Parent-Teacher

Organization (PTO) and school events, we understand that every family's circumstances are unique. We want to highlight the many ways you can set your child up for success this year:

- **Ensure Proper Rest:** A well-rested child is ready to learn. Establishing consistent bedtime routines can make a world of difference in your child's alertness and ability to focus during the school day.
- **Promote Organization:** Help your child prepare for each school day by ensuring they have all necessary materials, completed homework, and appropriate clothing ready the night before. This small step can reduce morning stress and set a positive tone for the day ahead.
- **Stay Informed:** Regularly check school communications, whether through emails, newsletters, or our online portal. Being aware of important dates, events, and announcements helps you stay connected to your child's school life.
- **Update Contact Information:** Please make sure we have your current contact details. This is crucial not only for emergency situations but it ensures you receive all important communications.
- **Create a Homework-Friendly Environment:** Designate a quiet, well-lit space for homework and studying. This shows your child that you value their education and helps them develop good study habits.
- **Engage in Conversations:** Ask your child about their school day, their friends, and what they're learning. Your interest reinforces the importance of education and helps you stay connected to their experiences.
- **Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences:** These meetings are invaluable opportunities to discuss your child's progress and any concerns you or the teacher might have.
- **Encourage Reading:** Whether it's bedtime stories for younger children or family reading time for older ones, fostering a love of reading has long-lasting benefits.
- **Promote Healthy Habits:** Ensure your child starts the day with a nutritious breakfast and has healthy snacks and lunches. Good nutrition supports learning and overall well-being.
- **Be Supportive:** Celebrate your child's efforts and achievements, big and small. Your encouragement can boost their confidence and motivation.
- **Protect Learning Time:** To maximize your child's learning, please schedule vacations during designated school breaks and try to arrange appointments outside of school hours. If appointments must be scheduled during the school day, we kindly ask that you bring your child back to school afterward.
- **Notify Us of Absences:** For safety reasons, please notify us about any absences by emailing wboffice@rsu22.us. This helps us ensure the well-being of all our students.

Your involvement in these areas makes a significant difference in your child's educational journey. You are our valued partners in education, and we deeply appreciate all that you do to support your child and our school community. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead and are grateful for your partnership.

RSU 22 Dates to Remember

Plan Ahead 2026-2027



RSU 22 greatly values instructional time, and our students benefit from consistent attendance. When looking ahead to the 26-27 school year, please consider these dates when planning holidays, appointments, and vacations.

HOLIDAYS & IN-SERVICE DAYS	VACATIONS
LABOR DAY	THANKSGIVING
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 9/7/26	EARLY DISMISSAL TUESDAY, 11/24/26
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY	NO SCHOOL 11/25 - 11/27/26
EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 10/9/26	WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 10/12/26	NO SCHOOL 12/23/26 - 1/1/27
VETERANS' DAY	FEBRUARY BREAK
NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, 11/11/26	EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 2/12/27
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	NO SCHOOL 2/15-2/19/27
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 1/18/27	APRIL BREAK
IN-SERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, 3/12/26	EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 4/16/27
MEMORIAL DAY	NO SCHOOL 4/19-4/23/27
EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 5/28/27	EARLY DISMISSAL & TENTATIVE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FRIDAY, 6/11/27
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 5/31/27	

Weatherbee Open House



Drop Off, Pick Up, and Parking Information



- Doors open at 8:25 for drop off and buses
- Pick up begins at 2:55
- Buses will begin dismissing at 3:00
- If you are parking, please park in lined spaces only
- Do not block entrances and exits to parking lots or along guardrails
- Please utilize crosswalks or the pedestrian pathway when walking in parking lots.
- Weatherbee pick up and drop off loop is one way traffic (blue arrows)
- McGraw Bus lot is now one way traffic.
- Updated video coming soon!

Bus Routes 26-27

Attendance Habits



Help Your Child Do Well in School: **Build the Habit of Good Attendance**



Did you know?

- Too many absences in preschool and elementary school can cause children to struggle socially and academically.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Missing 10% of school (2 days each month) can make it harder to learn to read and do basic math.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school — and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool and through elementary school so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day, is important.



What you can do

- Set a **regular** bedtime and morning **routine**.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks **the night before**.
- **Keep** your child **healthy** and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Develop **backup plans** for getting to school if something comes up.
- **Monitor** your child's **absences**.
- Try to schedule **nonurgent medical appointments** and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems **anxious** about going to school, **talk to teachers**, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are **concerned** that your child may have a contagious illness, **call** your school nurse or health-care provider **for advice**. Ask the teacher for ideas to support missed learning time.

Chronic absence is missing 2+ days every month over the course of a school year.

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Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

Wellness Update



Subject: Important Update Regarding Unsolicited Food at RSU #22

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health, safety, and well-being of our students is our top priority. We are writing to inform you that according to the RSU #22 Wellness Regulation, we will "Not allow unsolicited food for children in the schools during the school day".

In order to maintain a safe environment for students with severe food allergies and to ensure equitable practices during celebrations we will be adhering to this "no outside food" rule for all classrooms and school events.

Going forward, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- No Outside Food: Only snacks and home lunches for your student are permissible.
- No Homemade Treats: Homemade cakes, cupcakes, or baked goods are no longer permitted to be brought in and shared with the class.
- Celebrations and Birthdays: If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday or a special milestone, please consider non-food alternatives such as donating a book to the classroom library, handing out stickers, or bringing in pencils.

Please note that this policy helps us protect children with life-threatening allergies and ensures that all students are included equally in classroom activities.

If your child has specific dietary restrictions, medical conditions, or requires accommodations, please contact the school nurse or main office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and partnership in keeping our school a safe and healthy place to learn.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lindemann, Principal

Natasha Adams, School Nurse

Back to School Letter from our Nurse's Office

Weatherbee PTO Mum Fundraiser



Order Form

Reminder - Cellphone, Smart Watch, and other Personal Device Update

In alignment with Maine's new "bell-to-bell" law, RSU 22 will implement a new personal electronic device policy at the start of the 2026–2027 school year, restricting device use in all district schools. This supports student learning, minimizes distractions, and promotes positive social interaction.

The policy covers all personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, smart watches, tablets, personal laptops, and other devices with internet or cellular capability.

At Weatherbee:

We strongly encourage students to leave smart devices at home to avoid damage or loss. If brought to school:

- **Cell phones and Smart watches** must be off and stored in backpacks from arrival through dismissal.
- **Smart glasses** may not be used at all, due to state and federal privacy laws.
- **Personal laptops, tablets, and gaming devices** may not be used during the school day.

Non-compliance with this policy will be addressed as follows:



1. **1st instance:** Parents notified; device held until dismissal, then returned to student.
2. **2nd instance:** Parents notified; device held for parent/guardian pickup only.
3. **Repeated/ongoing violations:** Family meeting to problem-solve, with an individualized support plan as needed.

Our goal is to help students build healthy device habits, stay engaged in learning, and ensure consistent expectations at school and at home.

Thank you for your partnership as we implement this law and support student focus and well-being.



Fall Youth Program

Athletes Entering Grades K-5

Join the Hampden Academy Varsity coach and athletes to learn the game of field hockey!
We will provide training of all the basic skills in a fun learning environment.
Equipment can be provided if needed & beginners welcome!

Dates:

Practices (All Grades)

@Grass Field Inside Track

Mon 8/31 5pm-6:15pm

Mon 9/7* 5pm-6:15pm

Tues 9/15 5pm-6:15pm

Mon 9/21 5pm-6:15pm

Mon 9/28 5pm-6:15pm

Wed 10/7 5pm-6:15pm

*Labor Day

(Practice dates subject to change based on varsity schedule)

Grades K-2 will participate in practices once per week.

Grades 3-5 will participate in practices once per week AND coached game play on four Saturdays in the fall.

Bronco Field Hockey Youth Night

Join us as we recognize the Bronco Youth FH and Middle School players at the game Monday 10/5 vs. Oxford Hills 5:00PM at HA Turf

Games (Grades 3-5)

@ Hampden Academy Turf Field

Sat 9/12 4pm-6pm

Sat 9/26 4pm-6pm

Sat 10/3 4pm-6pm

Sat 10/10 4pm-6pm

Cost:

Grades K-2 - \$50

Grades 3-5 - \$100

Athletes Receive:

Bronco Field Hockey T-Shirt

Registration:

 Hampden Bronco Field Hockey

Contact Info:

Coach Margaux Poplaski
hampdenbroncofh@gmail.com
207-858-5617



George B. Weatherbee School

Weatherbee Mission

All Weatherbee School Staff are committed to joining students, parents and community in providing a safe, positive, and challenging learning environment, which enables all students to reach their individual potentials

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