



Weatherbee Weekly 26-27

September 5th, 2026

YOU BELONG HERE



Monday 9/7	Tuesday 9/8 F Day	Wednesday 9/9 A Day	Thursday 9/10 B Day	Friday 9/11 C Day
NO SCHOOL	Chicken Tenders	Hot Dog	Hamburger	Pizza

First Week Library Adventures



This week students were able to get back into their Weatherbee library with Mrs. Mills. They had all kinds of engaging activities and lots of opportunities to get back into some of their favorite books.

Character Strong September Family Letter

Respect Overview

This month's focus is Respect. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways. We hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

Respect is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what Respect means?
- What is 1 way you have practiced Respect lately?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Respect. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1

A fun way to remind students to show Respect to others is to create a non-verbal cue. As a family, come up with a non-verbal way to cue your student to remember to show Respect to others. An example of this would be anytime you raise the "Respect Rooster" on your hand by closing the middle 2 fingers and bringing your pointer finger and pinky finger up, your student would be reminded to practice living out Respect.



#2

Review Respect as a family! In our lessons we are teaching that Respect means to see value in people and things and treat them with care. Agree as a family to set aside a certain time each day this week to unplug from devices and plug into family time. It shows Respect to practice being present in the moment without the distractions that can come from technology. Debrief and discuss this challenge afterward. Consider to embracing this practice at least 1 day each week!

Lunch Numbers ^{1 2}_{3 4}



Small detail, big impact — does your child know their lunch number? 101

As we return to our school routines, remembering lunch numbers is an important part of keeping our lunch line moving quickly and having lots of time to eat!

Practice at home to speed up cafeteria lines and avoid account mix-ups. Try a sticky-note reminder, a lunchtime role-play, or a quick daily quiz.

School Store



Our School Spirit Wear Store is available year-round, making it easy to stock up on gear whenever you need it! A portion of every single purchase goes directly back to supporting the WB PTO - helping us fund student activities, classroom resources, and special events for our kids.

Whether you need a fresh hoodie for cooler weather or a new t-shirt for game day, you can shop anytime, anywhere:

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/ME/Hampden/George+B.+Weatherbee+Elementary+School>

Thank you for supporting our school and showing your spirit!

Clothing Donations



Got gently used kids' clothes to spare? 🗑️ We're collecting donations for our nurse's office. Drop-offs accepted at the Weatherbee front office this week

School Picture Day

Lifetouch.

Picture Day is Coming!

¡Ya llega el Día de la Foto!

Friday October 16, 2026
Weatherbee Elementary School



How it Works:



Pre-order today on
mylifetouch.com. Create
an account or login with
your Picture Day ID:
EVTPX2Z49



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day.



Orders will be sent home
with your student after
Picture Day.



Chess Club

2026-2027 WB Chess Club Information and Permission Form

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Weatherbee chess club! This club is for anyone who attends Weatherbee and who would like to learn how to play chess. During the club, the club participants are expected to play against each other. For students who don't know how to play, We'll be around to help learn the basics. Any skill levels are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact us, Mr. Kiesman (jkiesman@rsu22.us) or Mr. Seip (eseip@rsu22.us).

For the students who would like to accept more challenges, there are some regional chess tournaments scheduled throughout Maine every year. These are outside school events and not sponsored by Weatherbee School. The schedule is posted on <https://chessmaine.net/chessmaine/events/>. One of the tournaments is a team event usually occurring around March. If many club members could attend from Weatherbee, it would become much more fun! I will inform this again with details as the competition date gets closer.

Starting date: 9/15

End date: TBA however possibly Tuesday of our last week of school

**Students may start attending the club anytime as long as they hand in the permission form.*

Club schedule:

Tuesdays 7:45-8:30am

**No chess club on no school, school delay, or early release days.*

Please cut along the dotted line and bring it to the chess club

2026-2027 WB Chess Club Permission Form

I allow my Weatherbee student to participate in the Weatherbee Chess Club during the 2026-2027 school year. In order to create a positive learning environment for all students, I understand my student needs to be following WB Way including being always respectful and responsible during the chess club. Repeated failure to do so will result in dismissal from the club.

Student Name:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Parent/Caregiver Email and Phone Number:

Date:

Parent/Caregiver Signature:

Our chess club is starting up again September 15th, if you are interested in joining please fill out this form and return it to Weatherbee.

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	

Attendance Habits

- 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.



- 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.

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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

NOTE REVISED
DATES FROM
INITIAL POSTING

2026

Weatherbee PTO MUMS Sale

ORDER & PAY

1 for \$12
or
3 for \$30

Returning:
Delivery
option this
year
(Hampden/Newburgh)

ORDER
FORM



PAYPAL
ptoatwb@gmail.com



VENMO
PTOatWB



Orders and Payment due **9/17**
Payment in Person at Open House- Cash/check
or Paypal/Venmo (please note your name)
8" POTS

PICK UP IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY 9/22 FROM 2:30-5:30 IN THE
PICK UP CIRCLE.

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.

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

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

Lunch Menu

SEPTEMBER		EARL MCGRAW - GEO. WEATHERBEE			2026
BREAKFAST					
Includes Juice, Milk, Fruit, Grains, & More. Each day of the week has a feature that rotates monthly.					
Banana Bread	Fresh Baked Muffins	Breakfast Sandwich	French Toast Sticks	Cinnamon Rolls	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
LUNCH					
Includes Milk, Fruit, and Salad Bar each day. Check the cafeteria menu board for Chef's Specials and Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal.					
8/31	1	2	3	4	
Chicken Nuggets with Dipping Sauces Goldfish Crackers	Pancakes Fluffy whole grain pancakes served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage	Cheesy Breadstick Dippers Savory baked whole grain sticks with Tomato Marinara Dipping Sauce	Chicken Burger Crispy chicken on a whole grain bun with toppings Smiley Fries	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni 	
7	8	9	10	11	
LABOR DAY  NO SCHOOL	Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauces Goldfish Crackers	Hot Dog Steamed frankfurter in a toasted bun Baked Beans	Hamburger USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings Roasted Red Potatoes	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni 	
14	15	16	17	18	
Popcorn Chicken with Dipping Sauces Italian Veggie Pasta Salad Goldfish Crackers	Vanilla Yogurt Parfait with Maine Blueberries, Strawberries, & Granola Cereal	Chicken Caesar Salad Romaine lettuce tossed with chicken, parmesan cheese, homemade croutons, and Caesar Dressing Cheesy Flatbread	Nachos Crispy tortilla chips topped with seasoned beef, cheese, and choice of south border toppings	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni 	
21	22	23	24	25	
Marinara Meatballs Italian meatballs in tomato marinara sauce Mozzarella Cheese Garlic Breadstick	Crispy Chicken Drumstick Seasoned and roasted Emoji Waffles Maple Syrup	Hamburger USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings Roasted Potatoes	Build A Sandwich with Turkey & Cheese on a whole grain bun Chicken BLT Pasta Salad	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni 	
28	29	30			
Cheesy Pasta Bake with Italian cheese, tomato marinara sauce, herbs, and spices Garlic Knot	French Toast Sticks Baked whole grain french toast served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage	Walking Tacos Served with seasoned beef, cheese, salsa, and toppings		SALAD & FRUIT BAR Offered at Lunch Every Day 	
Menu Subject to Change. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					

Letter Day Calendar

ABC



September 2026



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

31 	A	1 B	2 C	3 D	4 E	5
6 	7 NO SCHOOL! In Observance of Labor Day	8 F	9 A	10 B	11 C	12 
13	14 D	15 E	16 F	17 A	18 B	19
20	21 C	22 D	23 E	24 F	25 A	26
27 	28 B	29 C	30 D			



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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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