



WEATHERBEE WEEKLY 26-27

September 11th, 2026

YOU BELONG HERE



Monday 9/14 D Day	Tuesday 9/15 E Day	Wednesday 9/16 F Day	Thursday 9/17 A Day	Friday 9/18 B Day
Popcorn Chicken	Vanilla Yogurt Parfait	Chicken Caesar Salad	Nachos	Pizza



Spirit Day



Tuesday, September 15
International Dot Day
Wear your polka dots



Reminders For Back to School

Please make sure you pack



-extra clothes

-a water bottle

-sneakers (on PE days)

-a snack



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PACKET

IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IT YOUR STUDENT'S FIRST DAY OF

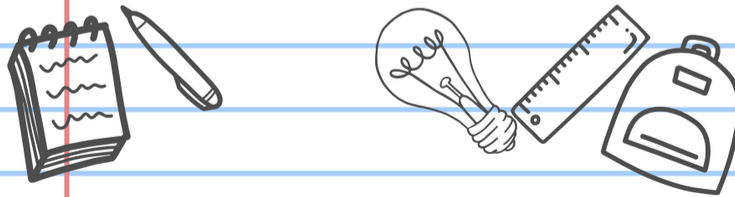
SCHOOL PACKET PLEASE DO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THIS PACKET INCLUDED VITAL INFORMATION SUCH AS:

STUDENT PROFILE SHEET FOR REVIEW AND CORRECTIONS,

BUS INFORMATION, ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT AND MEDIA

PERMISSIONS



Best Buddies

Best Buddies is an organization that teams up students with intellectual and developmental disabilities along with neurotypical students to create an atmosphere that promotes belonging and inclusion.

Last year was our first year, and we won Elementary Chapter of the Year for the entire state of Maine. We hope to continue to grow this amazing group!



You MUST sign up your child with Best Buddies international in order to have them attend. To sign up, go to bestbuddies.org/join, or use the QR code provided! Please only sign up your student. We do not need parents to sign up.

Our meeting dates are:

September 22, October 27, December 1, January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27 and June 1.
All Meetings will be from 3:00PM-4:00pm in the music room!



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

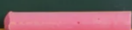
As we return to our school routines, remembering lunch numbers is an important part of keeping our lunch line moving quickly and having lots of time to eat!

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



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

Backpack Food Program

Weekend Backpack Food Program



Are you interested in receiving food from the Hampden Food Cupboard for weekends and school vacations?

The Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard is ready to begin the 2026-2027 Weekend Backpack Food Program. The program is open to all RSU22 students from Pre-K through Grade 8.

The food bags contain items for two breakfasts, two lunches, and two healthy snacks. A typical bag weighs approximately five pounds. Additional items are added for long weekends and vacations.

Food bags will be handed out to students on Thursday or Friday.

If you would like your child to participate in the Backpack Food Program, please complete this form and return it to Mrs. Bickford at Weatherbee.

Student's Name: _____

Does your child require a food bag that accommodates peanut/tree nut allergies or gluten-free dietary requirements? If yes, please specify.

Parent's Signature: _____

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:
EVTPIX2Z49



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.

Gardening Club

**2026-2027 Weatherbee Gardening Club
Information and Permission Form**

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Weatherbee Garden Club! This club is for anyone who attends Weatherbee and who would like to learn about designing, planting and caring for a garden, growing foods and giving back to their school and community.

The Gardening Club will use resources from Maine School Garden Network and Maine Organic Farmer and Gardeners Association to develop knowledge and skills. We will set short and long-term goals for our Weatherbee Garden and practice gardening skills throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Harmon at bharmon@rsu22.us.

Meeting Dates/Times

Dates: 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 12/14, 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/17, 6/7

Time: 7:45 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. & optional Recess time

Location: The Garden (nice weather) & Mrs. Harmon's Room 8 (cold/rainy weather)

Please cut along the dotted line and return to your teacher.

The Weatherbee Gardening Club is seeking donations. Please see the back for details.

2026-2027 Weatherbee Gardening Club

I allow my Weatherbee student to participate in the Weatherbee Gardening Club during the 2026-2027 school year. In order to create a positive learning environment for all students, I understand my student needs to follow the Weatherbee Way, which includes being safe with gardening tools, respectful and responsible during the gardening club. Repeated failure to do so will result in dismissal from the club.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

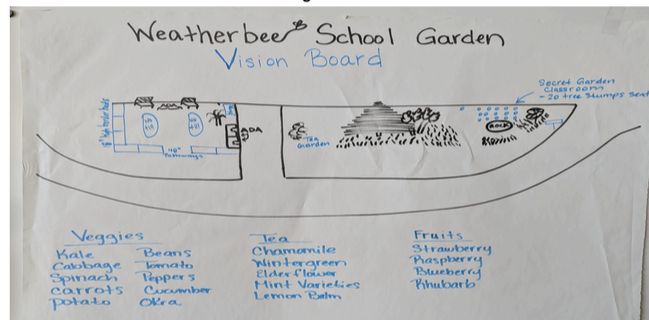
Parent/Caregiver Email and Phone Number: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thanks for supporting The Weatherbee Gardening Club! If you have any new or gently used items you would like to donate to our school project, please email Mrs. Harmon to arrange drop off time and location (bharmon@rsu22.us).

2x10 8ft. Lumber Boards	Veggie, Fruit, Tea/Herb Seeds and/or Plants
Exterior Deck Screws	Seed Starting Mix
Commercial Landscaping Fabric	Pots and Seed Starting Trays w/ Cover
Landscaping Pins/Staples	Small Grip Garden Trowels & Pruners
10 Yards Compost Soil	Tomato Cages and/or 4'-5' Wooden Stakes
10 Yards Wood Chips	5 Gallon Buckets
20-25 Tree Stumps (Seat Height)	Red Wiggler Worms
80 Gallon Deck Storage Box	Small Indoor Greenhouse with Grow Lights

Long-Term Goal



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

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!

Nurse's Corner

Notes from the Nurse

Dear Weatherbee Families,

It has been so nice having all of your children back at school! As we move further into September (and cold/flu season), I wanted to remind you of our district health/wellness policies. Also, if you have not yet returned your child's health update form, please do so as soon as possible.

Dental Health

-Please return all dental health forms by Friday, September 11. These forms only need to be completed and returned if you wish for your child to participate

Medications

-All medications must be administered through the health office and have signed consent by a parent/guardian

-Long-term (greater than 3 weeks) medications must have a signed permit by a parent/guardian and a healthcare provider.

-Medications must be hand delivered to the office by a parent/guardian. Please do not send them in your child's backpack.

-Cough drops and cough lollipops are not allowed at McGraw.

Illnesses

-If your child is ill with a fever or has gastrointestinal symptoms (vomiting and/or diarrhea), they must be symptom free for 24 hours without the use of symptom-reducing medication for 24 hours- this also includes if your child is sent home with these symptoms. They must remain home from school the next day.

-If your child tests positive for covid, influenza, RSV, etc, they must remain fever free for 24 hours with improving symptoms for 24 hours without the use of symptom-reducing medications

-If your child is ill with a contagious bacterial illness, such as strep throat or conjunctivitis, they must be on antibiotics for 12 hours prior to returning to school. For viral illnesses, such as hand, foot, and mouth, please contact me via phone or email for guidance.

If you have any questions please email me at nadams@rsu22.us or call at (207) 862-3830.

Fall is here but the weather is still nice! Here are a few tips to help keep your children safe and comfortable at school:

Sunscreen and Insect Repellent

-We are not able to apply sunscreen or insect repellent to students during the school day. If you wish for your student to wear these items, please apply them in the morning prior to sending them to school.

Dressing for the Weather

-This time of year the mornings tend to be cool and the afternoons warmer. It is best to dress your child in clothing appropriate for warmer weather and add layers. You may also send a change of clothes in your child's backpack. We all know how unpredictable Maine weather can be.

-Please send your child to school in proper footwear for running and playing outside. Sneakers are preferred for safety reasons.

-An extra set of clothes in their backpacks is always a good idea too! Accidents and spills happen!

Ticks

-Ticks are most active during the warmer months (April- September), and it's important to take precautions to protect yourself and your family from potential tick bites and the diseases they can transmit.

tick removal

Remove ticks immediately. They usually need to attach for 24 hours to transmit Lyme disease. Consult a physician if you remove an engorged deer tick.



Using a tick spoon:

- Place the wide part of the notch on the skin near the tick (hold skin taut if necessary)
- Applying slight pressure downward on the skin, slide the remover forward so the small part of the notch is framing the tick
- Continuous sliding motion of the remover detaches the tick

Using tweezers:

- Grasp the tick close to the skin with tweezers
- Pull gently until the tick lets go

1-800-821-5821

www.mainepublichealth.gov



tick ID

KNOW THEM. PREVENT THEM.



Deer Tick (Black-Legged Tick)

nymph adult male adult female

(actual size)

nymph (1/32"-1/16") adult (1/8") engorged adult (up to 1/2")



Dog Tick

adult male adult female

(examples are not actual size, dog tick nymphs are rarely found on humans or their pets)

Weatherbee PTO Mum Fundraiser

2026

NOTE REVISED
DATES FROM
INITIAL POSTING

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.

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.

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 THU 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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