



WINTHROP SCHOOL

FAMILY UPDATE #14 2020-2021

JANUARY 18-JANUARY 22

Great First Day for K and Gr 1

We had a successful first day with our full classes of Kindergarten and First Grade students together in their newly configured spaces. Teachers spent some time this morning introducing friends across cohorts, who previously have only met on Zoom. We also enjoyed reunions between old friends who haven't seen each other since last year. Teachers worked on establishing new classroom routines for handwashing and staying socially distanced. Of course, there was plenty of time for academics too.

Afternoon Pickup Growing Pains

Thank you for your patience as we work through the dismissal growing pains of an additional 35 cars picking up K and 1 students. Just as we made adjustments at the beginning of the year, we will try to do the same now. Hamilton Police will be providing support in the afternoons, until we are in a good routine.

How can you help? If you live close, walk. Park at Patton Park or on a side street and walk. Come a few minutes later. Try not to block traffic on Bay Road. If you are coming northbound past the Safety Building, you can pull over to the right to let the traffic pass. **But don't block the exit from the Safety Building, as that is what caused the gridlock today.** If you are going southbound and turning left into the Winthrop driveway from Bay Road and are blocking traffic, please consider driving past the intersection to turn around and come back on the other side. Thank you for helping to keep our pickup procedures safe and efficient.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is growing. If your child has lost a water bottle, sweatshirt or any other gear, either have them check the lost and found or email a description of what you're looking for to d.brockenbrough@hwschools.net and Mrs. B. will check for you.

Out-of-State Travel Reminder:

For weekend travel plans that include out-of-state travel, you will need to seek COVID-19 PCR testing and upload the negative results to the SNAP portal prior to your child returning to school. For instructions on how to upload to the health portal, see our [how-to](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 18

No School

Tuesday, January 19

All K and Gr 1 start 4 days

Mon. Feb 15 - Fri. Feb 19

Vacation Week

Monday, March 15

No School - Teacher Workshop

Friday, April 2

No School

Mon. Apr 19 - Fri. Apr 23

Vacation Week

Monday, May 31

No School

Monday, June 14th

170th Day of School

Important COVID links and travel information:

[Massachusetts Travel Orders](#)

[Stop the Spread Testing Sites](#)

video. If you have any difficulty, you can email a copy to Mrs. Baker. Please see <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order> for changes and details (10 and under only require a parental test). For free COVID-19 PCR testing, visit a Stop the Spread location. Another option for COVID-19 PCR testing at a cost is Veritas Genetics. Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our school community safe!

Winter Gear:

While the winter weather has us mostly eating lunch inside now, we still will go out for mask breaks and recess daily. We will eat snack/lunch outside as the weather allows. Thank you for making sure your child has appropriate boots, coats, mittens, and hats to be comfortable while we are outside multiple times each day. When there is snow on the ground, students must have boots and snow pants to be able to play in the snow. If your child has extra snow pants/boots, they can be left at school for convenience.

Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes In person days, please call the safe arrival line 978-468-5344 to report your child absent or tardy.

Please call the front office @ 978-468-5340 for dismissal changes.