



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE 2021-2022

### NOVEMBER 22, 2021



#### Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes

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 last-minute dismissal changes.

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#### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 EARLY DISMISSAL - No lunches served. PreK Dismissal - 10:45 Gr K-5 Dismissal - 11:15 - Buses will run on the earlier schedule.**

#### Lost and Found to be donated on Wednesday

We still have many items of clothing in the lost and found. Stop by or have your child come down to look for lost items.

#### Halloween Candy Collection - Last Call

This is the last call to donate your leftover Halloween candy to be used at the Holiday Boutique. The blue bin is outside the office.

#### Winthrop is Thankful for...

Last week, three third graders proposed a school-wide project to collect a feather from every Winthrop student to be displayed on a giant "Winthrop is Thankful for" turkey in the cafeteria. The project served two purposes - to remind us of all the things in life we can be thankful for (one of my favorites was "Chicken Nuggets") and as the source for a 3rd Grade data project. 3rd Graders sorted the feathers, and charted the responses as Person, Place, Thing or Idea. Student Agency at work!



#### From DESE/DPH FAQ for the week of October 25th

**As holidays approach, can schools require a negative COVID-19 test prior to a student's return to school?**

No. Testing cannot be required for a student's return to school after holidays or vacations. Individuals are encouraged to follow the [recommended travel guidelines set by the CDC](#).

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday, November 24**  
**Early Dismissal**  
**K-5 @ 11:15am PreK @ 10:45**  
**Thursday, November 25 &**  
**Friday, November 26**  
**No School - Thanksgiving Break**

**Saturday, December 4**  
**Holiday Boutique 9am-3pm**  
 See [Flyer](#) for Details

**Wednesday, December 9**  
**Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #4**  
**6-9pm**

**Wednesday, December 22**  
**Early Dismissal**  
**K-5 @ 11:15am PreK @ 10:45**  
**Thursday, December 23 -**  
**Friday, December 31**  
**No School - Winter Recess**

**Monday, January 3**  
**Back to School!**

**Monday, January 17**  
**No School - Holiday**

**Monday, February 21 -**  
**Friday, February 25**  
**No School - February Break**

**Monday, March 14**  
**No School - Teacher Workshop**

**Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22**  
**No School - April Break**

**Monday, May 30**  
**No School - Holiday**

**Friday, June 17**

*Last Day of School - 1 Snow Day*

### **Bus Reminder for Kindergarten Parents**

*An adult caregiver must meet the bus at the curb **before** Kindergarten students will be allowed to get off the bus. Buses are often having to wait for an adult to come out to meet the bus, causing delays for the rest of the bus route. Thank you for your cooperation with helping us keep the buses running on time.*

### **Holiday Help**

*The holidays can be a stressful time for families who may be experiencing financial challenges during these difficult times. Through a generous donation from the **Institute for Savings**, FOW was able to purchase gift cards to help Winthrop families in need during the holiday season. Please reach out to the Winthrop Counselors, Jeanne Attaya and Debi Lanigan, if your family would benefit from a gift card to help lighten your burden this holiday season. The counselors will keep all communications about financial need in confidence.*

### **FOW Holiday Boutique Information - Sat. Dec. 4th 9am-3pm**

**HB Flyer with details. Link to [Volunteer Sign Up](#).**

*The Holiday Boutique is the biggest FOW fundraiser of the year and we need all Adult Hands on Deck to make the event successful! For one day, each year, we turn Winthrop School into a Holiday Shopping Destination! With over 50 vendors, a Children's Shopping Room, Scholastic Book Fair, Silent Auction, Food Truck, and visit from Santa. It's a "Shop for Everyone" event that supports the Friends of Winthrop Investment in Cultural Enrichment for our students. We will send out a separate flyer with additional information tomorrow!*

### **Winthrop Student Vaccine Update**

***105** Winthrop students have received their first COVID-19 vaccination so far! We are hoping to see this number continue to go up. Please take a moment to check out our [Nurse's November Health Update](#) with additional information about COVID testing and vaccines. Feel free to contact nurse Jess Baker with any questions.*

### **Food Services/Cafeteria Positions Available**

*HW Cafeterias (including Winthrop's) need help! If you or anyone you know might be interested in working (**OR VOLUNTEERING**) in the Hamilton-Wenham Cafeterias (including Winthrop's) please contact Food Services Director Wendy Ng [w.ng@hwschools.net](mailto:w.ng@hwschools.net).*

### **COVID SAFETY Checks:**

*If you haven't already done so, please consider signing your student(s) up using this [consent form](#) (one for each child). If you have any questions about COVID/Pool testing, reach out to nurse Jess Baker [j.baker@hwschools.net](mailto:j.baker@hwschools.net).*