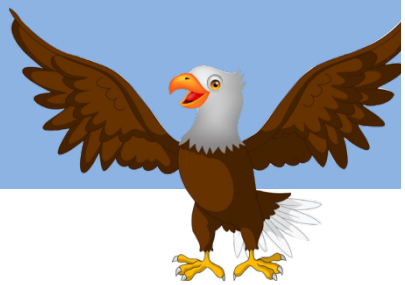
Winthrop School Newsletter

April 7, 2017



If your child is going to be absent or tardy, please call the Safe Arrival Line at **978-468-5344**. You may leave a message 24/7.

Upcoming Events:

Mon. April 10
K-Pasmore to police/fire 10a
Kids Care Club 3:00-4:00;
Friends of Winthrop monthly meeting 7:00pm

Tues., April 11
Dig It visits Gr. 4

Thurs., April 13
Whole School Mtg 9:00;
Garden Club visits Gr. 1

Fri., April 14 – April 21
No School for spring break

Mon., April 24
Change Is Simple K-5

Tues., April 25
MCAS Testing-Gr. 5

Thurs., April 27
MCAS Testing-Gr. 5

Fri., April 28
MCAS Testing-Gr. 5

Mon., May 1
Joppa Flats visits Gr. 2;
Winthrop Open House 5:30-7:00p

Hello Winthrop Families,

We started the week with the colors of the Red Sox to celebrate Opening Day at Fenway Park. This week we also began the MCAS testing for grades 3 and 4. The students did a great job of maintaining focus, staying calm and just doing their best work. Mid way through the week the third and fourth graders across the district enjoyed a field trip to Boston to hear the Boston Symphony Youth Orchestra. The performance was geared to the students and conducted by the animated Thomas Wilkins. I am always struck by the beauty and optimum acoustics of Symphony Hall, considered one of the top concert halls in the world. We appreciate the grant received by the Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. We also thank the Friends of Winthrop for helping to keep the students' costs down for our families.

MCC
masculturalcouncil.org

We were a sea of blue as so many students participated in Autism Awareness and Light It Up Blue Day at Winthrop School today! The Kids Care Club helped to distribute the Autism Awareness bracelets in the classrooms and they will also be working on puzzle posters for each classroom at their monthly meeting on Monday.

I met with the School Council last week to review the results of our school survey. I would like to thank all who took the time to provide feedback and input and I was pleased that so many people responded. Each week, I will provide a section of the survey so families can read a summary of results from the Winthrop community. Our school council and building leadership groups will take this data to fold into our ongoing and future goal work for our school.

The Friends of Winthrop will hold an evening meeting on Monday, April 10, at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Please join them as they plan the end of the year events. Don't miss their upcoming Casino Night parent social and auction on May 5. They have received many great donations for the auction and it should be a fun night to meet other Winthrop parents. Tickets are on sale now at https://friendsofwinthrop.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/3074921 .

Have a great weekend!
Christopher Heath

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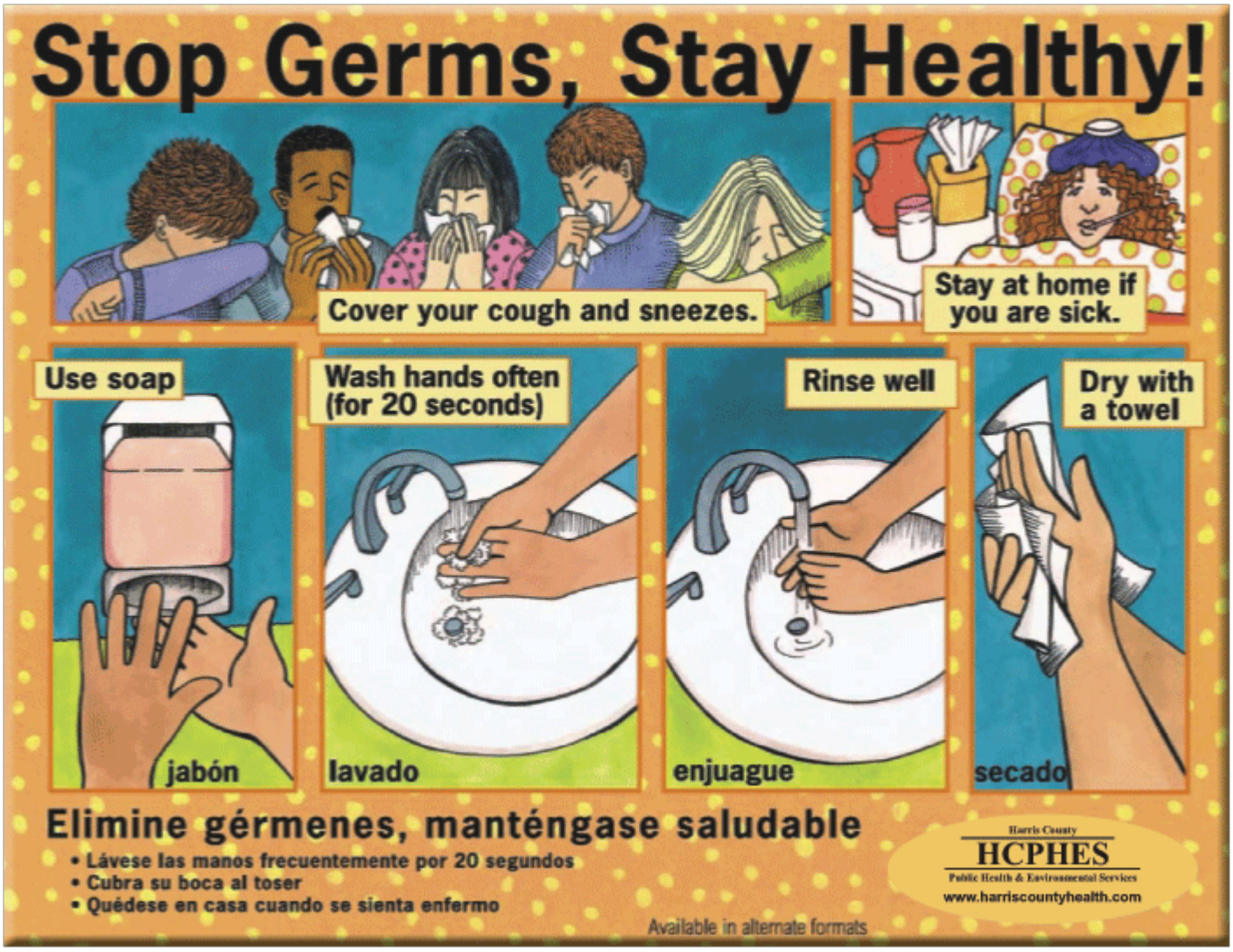
The third and fourth grade students at Symphony Hall on Wednesday.

Remaining MCAS Schedule:
April 25 – Gr. 5 ELA
April 27 – Gr. 5 ELA
April 28 – Gr. 5 ELA
May 8 – Gr. 5 Math
May 9 – Gr. 5 Math
May 11 – Gr. 3 Math
May 12 - Gr. 3 Math
May 15 – Gr. 4 Math
May 16 – Gr. 4 Math
May 18 – Gr. 5 Science
May 19 – Gr. 5 Science



ACORD Food Pantry

Please support the Cutler School 3rd Grade Class Food Drive

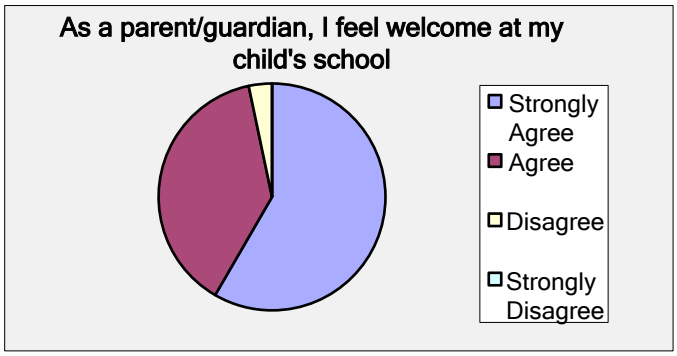
Saturday, April 8 from 9a-noon, Hamilton Post Office on Railroad Avenue or 10a-noon at the HW Library

All proceeds will support the ACORD Food Pantry and Project Bread

Winthrop School Survey 2017, Q. 1-3

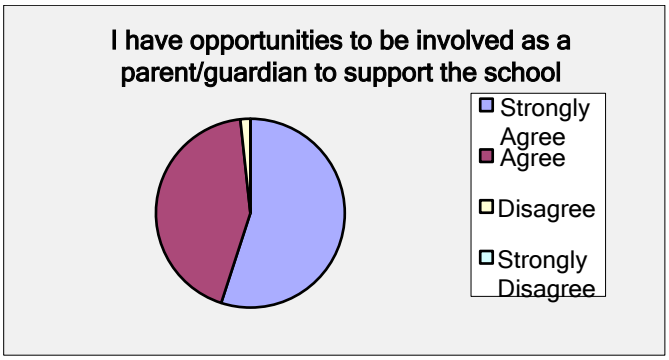
Q #1 As a parent/guardian, I feel welcome at my child's school

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	58.3%	70
Agree	38.3%	46
Disagree	3.3%	4
Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0



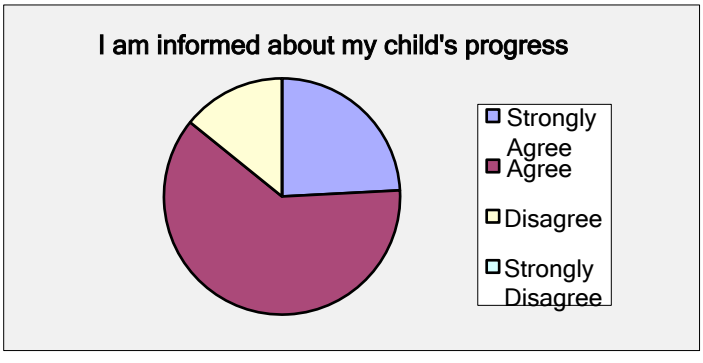
Q #2 I have opportunities to be involved as a parent/guardian to support the school

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	55.0%	66
Agree	43.3%	52
Disagree	1.7%	2
Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0



Q #3 I am informed about my child's progress

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	24.2%	29
Agree	61.7%	74
Disagree	14.2%	17
Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0



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Power and Citizenship in our Community

An Evening with Eric Liu

Author, Educator, and Civic Entrepreneur

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School Auditorium

- ❑ **Are you being heard?**
- ❑ **Are you listening? Even to those who disagree with you?**
- ❑ **Do you have the power to create change?**

Join us for this very special interactive event!

Eric Liu is the founder and CEO of Citizen University and executive director of the Aspen Institute Citizenship and American Identity Program. He is the author of several books, including *You're More Powerful Than You Think: A Citizen's Guide to Making Change Happen, A Chinaman's Chance, The Gardens of Democracy, and The Accidental Asian*. Eric served as a White House speechwriter and policy adviser for President Bill Clinton. He is a regular columnist for CNN.com and a correspondent for TheAtlantic.com. In his TED Talk, *Why Ordinary People need to Understand Power*, he says that it is our responsibility to 'Make civics sexy again!'

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