

Winthrop School

Newsletter



March 29, 2019

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:

March 29

Report cards for Gr. 1-5

April 4

High Touch/Tech in Gr. 4

April 5

Parent Social "Casino Night" 7-11p

April 11

6:30p Gr. 4/5 Parent Info
Puberty Curriculum

April 15-19

No School Spring Break

April 23 & 25

MCAS Gr. 5

April 26

MCAS Gr. 3 & 4

April 29

MCAS Gr. 3 & 4
5:30-7:00p Open House

May 1

8:45 Family Music
Morning Gr. K & 1

Hello Winthrop Families,

There was a Mother Goose sighting in the building this week as she visited preschool for storytelling. Thank you Friends of Winthrop (FOW) for this fun event! Our Kindergarten students attended a performance of *Curious George* at the North Shore Music Theatre this week. The feedback received from students and staff was that it was a great show! Thank you to the FOW for generously covering the costs for this trip, including the transportation.

Wednesday was a busy day with our second gathering of our community groups for all K-5 students. This session's theme was in honor of Read Across America. The group adult conducted a read aloud of their favorite Dr. Seuss book, then the students had an opportunity to share what their favorite book was. At the end, they all decorated bookmarks. If you missed the newsletter where I introduced this new program, the purpose of these meetings is for students to have an opportunity to form relationships with students in different grade levels, form a relationship with another adult in the school as well as give the older students an opportunity to support and nurture younger students. These groups will stay the same throughout their years at Winthrop School, with fifth graders graduating out and new Kindergarten students being added.

The district's entire fourth grade attended a Boston Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert today at historic Symphony Hall in Boston. This wonderful experience was funded in part by generous grants from the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency and the Yellow School Bus Grant, also funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Thank you to Kendall Clark for applying for these grants to help keep the costs down for our families.

The public safety officers of the Hamilton PD are holding an information session for parents around the subject of vaping and e-cigarette use in young people. The discussion is from 7:00-9:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2, at the high school library. Prior to the discussion different types of vapes and e-cigarettes will be on display so parents are aware of the variety of styles and packaging used. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Next Friday is the last day of the Peru collection we have been holding in conjunction with the high school students traveling there in April. Needed items are in this newsletter. The annual Casino Night fundraiser for parents is also taking place next Friday, April 5, from 7-11 pm at the Community House.

Monday, April 29, 5:30-7pm: Open House at Winthrop, PreK-Gr. 5

Wednesday, May 1, 8:45-9:30am: Family Music Morning for grades K-1

Have a great weekend,

Christopher Heath

Please turn in CROSBY and HENRY'S MARKET RECEIPTS

*All receipts have to be from purchases prior to April 1 and turned into the office
by April 8.*

Thank you for supporting this program!

CASINO NIGHT

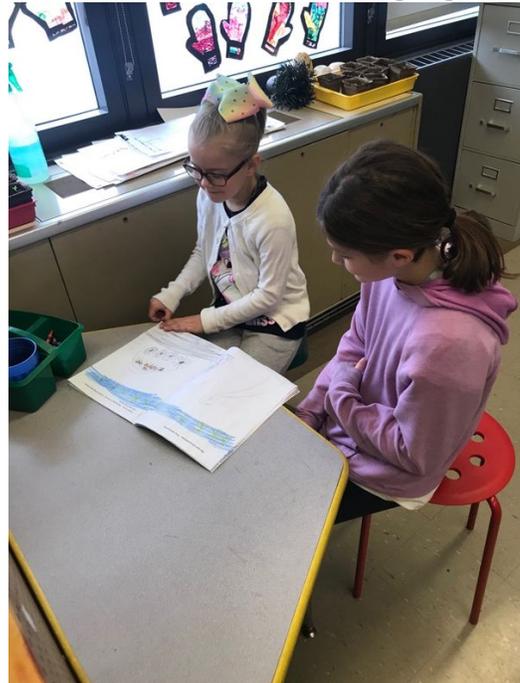
Don't forget to book your sitters for a fun night at Casino Night next Friday, April 5th from 7pm-11pm. We will have poker, craps, roulette, black jack, music, raffles and light food! There will be a cash bar. All the proceeds of this event go to the Buker and Winthrop Schools. Please come support our schools and have a fun night out with your Winthrop and Buker friends! Buy your tickets in advance at:

<https://friendsofwinthrop.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/27986>

Mother Goose in Mrs. Dagley's preschool class:



Students in 4A and 1H reading together:



Wear BLUE on Tuesday, April 2 for Autism Awareness Day

The New Look of **NICOTINE ADDICTION**



Vaping and E Cigarettes A Discussion for Parents

Featuring "Hidden in Plain Sight" with Hamilton Police Department. Doors open at 5:30 pm Adults only.

AN INITIATIVE TO HELP PARENTS/CAREGIVERS SPOT SIGNS OF RISKY BEHAVIOR

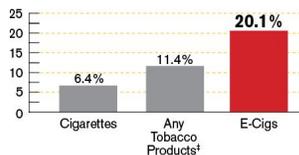
Date: April 2, 2019

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Hamilton Wenham High School Library

- Vape pens and e-cigarettes are not harmless, yet 20% of high school students report currently using them, and 40% have tried them at least once.
- Learn more about what these products are, why they are harmful, and how to protect our kids from this latest trend.

Current[†] Use of Tobacco Products by
Massachusetts High School Students, 2017



[†] Use in the past 30 days.

[‡] Any tobacco is defined as cigarettes, cigars (including little cigars and cigarillos), and smokeless tobacco (such as chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip).

Contact

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GET OUTRAGED!

Get the facts at GetOutraged.org

Attention 4th and 5th Grade Parents

Each year as part of our Health Program, we present information about puberty for our 4th and 5th grade students. We address the growth and development process, nutrition, personal hygiene, physical and emotional changes during puberty and the increased responsibilities that accompany these changes.

On **Thursday, April 11 at 6:30pm**, there will be an **information meeting for parents** at the Buker School multi-purpose room, where you will have the opportunity to view the videos we use and ask questions. I encourage you to join us to learn more about how we present this information to your children.

Permission slips will be sent home soon, which you will need to sign in order for your child to participate in this program. Parents who do not want their children to participate must indicate that on the form.

If you would like further information, please call Katie Aissis at 978-468-8484

Last week for Peru collections:

Glue sticks, colored pencils, small watercolor paint sets

Highlighters, post-its, stickers

Pens, pencils, child-safe scissors

Compact travel games, Uno, small calculators

Hard candies, socks, underwear

Fourth grade at Symphony Hall in Boston



Thank you to the Mass Cultural Council for helping support the funding for this cultural program!