



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE #24 2020-2021

### APRIL 5 - APRIL 9

#### Wonderful First Day of Full In Person Learning:

What a great celebration of being back together! Thank you to FOW and parent volunteers for decorating Winthrop School with signs, balloons and the Winthrop Eagle, and Marty Miserandino for providing the music, in welcoming back our students for full in-person learning. The day was spent recreating classroom communities, revisiting routines and expectations, and having fun learning together. Despite it being a bit chilly and windy, grades 2-5 ate lunch outdoors. Just a reminder to check the weather in the morning and ensure that your child is dressed properly. Please also remember to send a mat or towel to school for your child to use during outdoor learning, snack and lunch. A yoga mat cut in half is a perfect waterproof seat to use under the tents even on a rainy day.

#### HW Loaner Device Return:

We have received about 60% of the loaned iPads and Chromebooks back. If your hybrid student has a school loaned Chromebook or iPad and you haven't already returned it, please send it to school with your child tomorrow. We need the devices back so they can be deployed to classrooms. **Please return the following items:**

- Chromebook or iPad
- The power cord
- The power block
- Any other borrowed accessory

#### Drop-Off 8:15-8:25/Pick-Up 3:00-3:10:

With the additional cars traveling through the carline at arrival and dismissal, here are a few reminders to keep the lines moving quickly and more importantly **SAFELY**.

- Drop-off begins at 8:15. Please **do not arrive early**, as we have staff members arriving and trying to park between 8:00-8:15.
- Dismissal is at 2:57. We will start loading cars at 3:00.
- DO NOT block the exit from the safety building.
- DO NOT turn left into the Winthrop driveway from Bay Road - instead drive past the driveway and come back on the other side.
- **Follow directions from staff** - do not let children out of the car until directed to do so.
- NO cellphone usage in the car lines.
- Put your car in park while students are loading/unloading.
- Have your child's coat and mask on and backpack in their lap.
- **Stay in your car** and have your child get out/in independently.
- Staff members will help to open/close car doors if needed.
- Arrive closer to the end of the drop-off/pick-up period - no wait.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday, April 6**  
*Winthrop Pool Testing*

**Monday, April 12**  
*No School*

**Mon. Apr 19 - Fri. Apr 23**  
*Vacation Week*

**Monday, May 31**  
*No School*

**Wednesday, June 16th**  
*Last Day of School*

**Kindergarten Registration Open**  
[2021-2022 On-Line Kindergarten Registration information and link.](#)

**Important COVID links and travel information:**  
[UPDATED Massachusetts Travel Advisory](#)

[Stop the Spread Testing Sites](#)

- At pickup, display your yellow pickup sign in the window.

**Additional suggestions to help alleviate traffic backups on Bay Road:**

- Park at Patton Park or neighboring side streets and walk to Winthrop
- Form a neighborhood walking school bus - using the trail behind Winthrop
- Gr 4/5 students may walk to/from school independently
- Ride a bike to school - helmets are required by law
  - Students in Gr 4/5 may ride independently
  - Students K-3 must ride with an adult

**Bus Transportation:**

If you are interested in having your child ride the bus to school, please fill out the [HW Transportation Registration](#) form. Please note that it can take 3-4 days after filling out the form for your child to be confirmed on the bus. Questions about buses should be directed to [hwtransport@hwschools.net](mailto:hwtransport@hwschools.net).

**Community House After School Care:**

The Community House is now open for after school care, as well as full day care options for your child's at home learning days.

See the [Community House](#) website for details.

**[Link to HW Nurse's Newsletter](#) with details about Pool Testing, Vaccine, Masks, Travel Advisory, and Mental Health**

**Winthrop Pooled Testing Program:**

Pooled Testing is an important mitigation strategy that will be most effective with **full participation** of our students and staff. The next round of pool testing at Winthrop will be on Tuesday, 4/6. We would love to welcome more students to join the pool testing groups. It is quick and painless, just a quick q-tip swab of the nostrils. If you have not yet consented for your child to participate in the pool testing program and would like to, please fill out a consent form by 4pm on Thursday for testing the following week. If at any time you wish to withdraw consent, please reach out to Jess Baker [j.baker@hwschools.net](mailto:j.baker@hwschools.net). Consent forms and information can be found on our [HWRSD COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Testing Program website](#).

**Daily Symptoms Checker:**

Reminder to complete the [Daily Symptoms Checker](#) before sending your child to school.

**Out of State Travel Advisory:**

Gov. Baker has revised the Out of State Travel Orders to a [Travel Advisory](#). If you have any questions about out of state travel with your children, please contact Nurse Jess Baker.

**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.