

Did You Know?

Second term report cards are out and hopefully you have dedicated time to carefully reviewing it with your child. Report cards are an extremely valuable communication tool and provide excellent talking points insofar as introducing grit, goal setting and work expectations. These are important characteristics that most would agree define us as we move through life. In addition to informing you about the overall strengths and weaknesses of a student, report cards provide information on skills and concepts within specific content. For example a student who demonstrates proficiency in reading grade level text fluently, may have weaker skills in comprehension. As importantly indicators in approaches to learning, personal development and effort all paint a picture of your child's academic abilities. I encourage you to read the report card with a mission to reveal the detailed and unique profile, preferences, likes, dislikes, and work habits of your child in mind. With that you will have great information to better support your student in general and of course during homework time.

Budget discussions and planning for next year are well underway at the building and Town level. Initial budget requests have included enhancements for students as well as additional staff and restoration of positions cut in previous years. Enhancements for students include instructional programs, curriculum supports and technology upgrades. Restoration of a reading specialist as well as additional staff to address the needs of our growing ELL population are considered critical. Your perspective as a parent and member of this community offer another important view. The School Site Council Survey will be coming your way soon! Please be sure to complete this as your feedback is especially important in prioritizing needs and communicating long range planning for our school.

As spring unfolds, be sure to keep an eye on our school website for important dates: kindergarten registration, Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night and registration for Camp Fort will all be happening soon. And don't forget about all the important events that your child is currently preparing to enjoy: open house, the music concert and field day will be here before you know it. And yes, there will be one more round of Fun at the Fort, too.

Although April is a month significantly shortened by a **spring vacation (April 15th-19<sup>th</sup>)**, it certainly is not a time to take a break from learning! Remember, when we return from April vacation we will have just about eight weeks left of school. Make the most of April break...make time learning and enjoy!

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🙂 Mrs. Pearson

Your Partner in Education...

## Shout OUTS!

**Congratulations** to our random SMART student winners for March...... <u>K students</u>-Luca T., Ellen G., Giuliana V., Daniel H., Yeshua Q., David P., Ryan C., Mariann W., Alexia B., Sophie C., David D., Frankie R., Amelia F., Keziah M., Fiona M., Nathaly S., Andrew L., John W., Katy E., Rumman K., Reese H., Yadie C., Dazlynn J., Mia M., Michael M., Michael D., Sarah O., Johnathan H.

<u>1st grade</u>- Aja J., Joey F., Maddie C., Kene I., Camden L., Jacob D., Pedro E., Arianna D., Lawson C., Jadon T., Olivia B., Wesley W., Kalli B., Michaela C., Ryan N., Livia P., Jadon T., Malak C., Angel A., Jace E., Rida B., Nolan K., Brently H., Lola F., Ana Clara S., Clarie C., Jacob D., Sunday R.

<u>2nd grade</u>-Emma W., Valentina R., Faris Al, Brayden B., Audrey C., Liam G., Ella S., Gio F., Ella G., Aria Z., Israa A., Gordon K., Hatim M., Chase H., Gia C., Luciano T., Gabriela B., Sarah G., Ellie A., Isabella R., Ryan B., Nezar A., Alana A., Ella F., Danie W., Ryan M., Riya K., Ronan O.

## Congratulations



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Winthrop Youth Art Show, K-12 – NOTE REVISION Sun. 4/7 and 4/13 11:00-3:00, Thurs 4/11 3:00-7:00, Come celebrate the artwork made by our students. All students, K-2nd, will have an art project on display. *Clock Tower Gallery, E.B. Newton Cultural Center, 45 Pauline Street* Hope to see you there!

## **Cradles to Crayons Clothing Drive**

**Until 4/5** we are collecting gently used clothing in youth through adult medium sizes including gently used footwear from infant to adult size 10. New socks and pajamas are appreciated, too. Donation bin is conveniently located in the loop. Thanks!

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