



# Fort Report

Mrs. Pearson, Principal

March, 2019



March is a month unlike any other and for many reasons. Besides being the only month that does not have a "no school" day due to a holiday, it is the month where the district and administration actively begin planning for the next school year. We start with a deep dive into examining the progress our students have made thus far with a focus on increasing rigor and expectations for this final third of the school year. Grade level meetings have analyzed DIBELS data and identified the current status of students most in need of Title I reading services. First and second grade students recently completed the second i-Ready math diagnostic exam which yields a wide variety of very detailed data related to student performance. Data from these sources, in conjunction with less standardized assessments and teacher observation, is what guides our focus, instruction and expectations as we push students' perseverance and grit for the remainder of the year.

Planning for staff needs, establishing priorities, setting goals and budget allocations all warrant careful consideration and input as we plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Dialogue around each of these areas will be robust. Families

are encouraged to remain informed and involved in discussions on a school and district level.

Next year's integrated preschool program will have different program options for students. Families of age-eligible students should check our school website (click on "For Parents" link and student registration) for details including costs, an overview of the registration requirements and March registration dates. May Kindergarten registration dates can also be found on our school website. Please note appointments must be scheduled to register your child.

The School Site Council will be putting together the annual survey at its March meeting. The goal of the survey is to assess the needs and desires of all stakeholders to establish needs and prioritize funding requests. Families/caregivers are encouraged to do their part in shaping our school by completing and returning the survey to be sure we consider your and your child's unique needs.

Preliminary school department budget considerations are underway. There will be various opportunities for public input so be sure to remain informed. Administrative priorities include restoring previously cut positions, enhancing curriculum programs and advancing instructional approaches in several content areas. Knowing that we are planning for next year drives home the importance of this year. Let's finish strong...together!

Your Partner in Education...

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# Shout OUTS!



**Congratulations** to our random SMART student winners for February.....

K students-Daniel E., Malak B., Isaac P., Anthony C., Yasmine A., Michael F., Makayla K., Ella D., Jaslyn C., Dante P., Madison S., Khawlah A., Chloe P., Makayla K., Ella D., Era B., Aaron B., Serene E., Susi N., Jackson D., Danielly P., Vivian R.

1st grade- William R., Emiliano G., Maddie C., Reis R., Brandon H., Evelyn M., Razan H., James S., Haley J., Stella C., Rayann B., Alena C., Charlie E., Emelly A., Bailey B., Victoria M., Cullen M., Audra C., Ellie G., Lilah L., Lili R.

2nd grade-Sofia F., Edmond B., Estefania O., Michael B., Ellie A., Tommy Z., Ava R., Liam C., Mikela T., Benjamin R., Audrey T., Philip R., Aoife T., Reese T., Gabriella I., Amelia B., Evelyn T., Grace W., Isabelle O., Audrina P.

**Congratulations** to the following students who will have artwork displayed in the annual statewide Youth Art Month Exhibit: Daniel Edwards (K), Dazlynn Johnson (K), William Reth (1st), Lilianna Roberts (1st), Michael Bar ron (2nd), & Ruby Viens (2nd). The GFB has so many talented students, so it was a difficult decision. Hope you can check out the show!

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February 11, 2019-March 27, 2019 (Closed Presidents Day)  
Family Celebration: Sunday, March 3, 2019, 12:00-4:00



- 3/6 Early Release Day/professional development
- 3/8 Literacy Night/6:00-7:30
- 3/14 Site Council Meeting/2:30 p.m./conference rm.  
PTO Meeting/6:30/cafeteria
- 3/22 Early Release Day/parent teacher conferences
- 3/29 Early Release Day/parent teacher conferences

## Winthrop Youth Art Show, K-12

Sat. 4/6 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!

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