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May has this way of reminding us that the school year is quickly winding down. Seasonal changes, program registrations and budget talks send the not so subtle message that planning for the summer and next school year must start now. With that in mind, we are actively gathering all sorts of information and data that will guide our approach to meeting needs and planning for next year.

Assessments will become numerous and take on a variety of forms this month as we look to measure the growth in student learning and performance. Our teachers will meet collectively to review this data and adjust their practices as warranted. This year's information will be especially interesting and important as we look to evaluate the effectiveness of new approaches in teaching both math and science. The information gleaned about your student is included in a portfolio that moves with your child to the subsequent grade. In addition to the assessment data, student work product and the history of student performance and achievement over the school year is also documented. This information is an important consideration as we place students in next year's classrooms.

Parents will have an opportunity to less formally appreciate their child's growth over this school year at our May 8<sup>th</sup> Open House. Student work will be plentiful, well displayed and set out to highlight your child's accomplishments as well as the rigorous expectations our teachers have for our students. Please show your child the importance you place on learning by making it a point to visit each of his/her learning environments including the classrooms of all specials. You won't be disappointed!

Undoubtedly this event will get you thinking about the summer and next year. Placement of students in next year's classrooms happens by teachers using a very comprehensive student placement grid. The information included in the grid helps ensure that our classroom configurations reflect equity of skill and student profiles. Similarly, and to assist in the placement of incoming kindergarten students, an Incoming Kindergarten Student Overview form is mailed to all private preschool programs in Winthrop. With these tools in place, parent requests for classroom placement are not necessary or appropriate.

Camp Fort is back this summer and open to incoming K-2 students. Camp Fort, located in our school, runs from July 9<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. It provides a stimulating, fun experience that builds academic, social and emotional skills. The cost for the program is \$375.00. A registration/information night is scheduled for Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please know this program fills on a first registered first enrolled basis.

Field day, our music concert, PTO activities and a host of other important events will fill the remaining days of our school year. Please be sure to check our school website and your child's backpack for updates so you don't miss a thing! Your Partner in Education...

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**Congratulations** to our random SMART student winners for April... <u>K students</u>- Yassmine G., Nesrine K., Devyn D., Alex B., Kaylin G., Julia C., Victoria C., Laynie L., Iman B., Dylan R., Ella A., Mackenzie E., Joseph M., Ethan V.Myles O., Rosalie L., Logan D., Yara K., Naila H., Andrew M., Kayseli A.

<u>1st grade</u>- Jackson C., Tommaso F., Giuliann D., Evelyn A., Damian S., Miabella P., Niah R., Cecilia D., Valentina P., Aili C., Chase T., Mikayla D., Jacob D., Matthew A., Alexander B.,Gabriella S., Lawson C., Simon C., Lily B., Zavier B., Abigail H., Emelly A.

<u>2nd grade</u>- Antonio S., Camilla A., Nicholas B., Audrey T., Nicholas F., Allison F., Jake L., Alexander B., Timmy B., Isabella L., Emily H., Daniel P., Max D., Micholas K., Liam C., Ador H., Sofia R., Skyla B., Olivia G., Wassim K., Audrina P.

## Congratulations



May 1-3:	Kindergarten registration/by appt. only
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- May 3-7: Scholastic Book Fair/buy one get one
- **May 3:** PTO sponsored Spring Fling/6:00 p.m.
- May 8: Early release/professional development Open House/6:30-7:30pm Walk to school day
- May 9: Site Council meeting/2:30 in conf. room PTO meeting/6:30 in school cafeteria
- May 14: Incoming Kindergarten Info Night
- May 16: Camp Fort Registration/6:00-7:00
- May 27: No School/Memorial Day observed
- May 30: Music Concert
- May 31: Incoming Kindergarten Students Tour

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