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William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary

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Important Dates to Note -MARCH!!

Wednesday, March 27th - April 3rd - April 10th	HALF-DAY Schedule for students Parent/Teacher Conferences Dismissal times Pre-K 10:30am K- 10:40am Grades 1 and 2 11:00am
Friday, March 29th	Good Friday Schools OPEN
Sunday, March 31st	Easter Sunday

Hello GFB Families!

I hope this Weekly GFB Update finds you and your family well!

We find ourselves in the middle of this long March stretch of teaching and learning. Our staff and students are doing an amazing job, collaborating, being respectful, are motivated, and engaged. I applaud everyone's efforts as we make our way through these uninterrupted weeks at the Fort.

GFB Driveline/Loop Mention

Please refrain from making your own driveline/parking rules. There are protocols in place to keep order and free from interpretation; please follow them, thank you so much!

Teacher Conferences - Begins March 27th, 2024

Our second early release day will be for Spring parent/teacher conferences set to be scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th, with other dates being April 3rd and 10th.

NOTE- Classroom teachers will be reaching out to you in the very near future to schedule your conference - Thank you so much!

2024-25 GFB Kindergarten Registration - Projected Dates

As the WPS administration prepares for the 2024-25 Kindergarten registration process, it has been determined that this process will open on Monday, April 22nd and will remain open until Wednesday, May 1st. FYI. I will be sure to send out comprehensive details related to this process in the coming weeks.

NOTE: Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2024 to qualify for kindergarten placement - WPS Policy

Updated Health Guidelines

Massachusetts Department of Public Health is currently reviewing the [updated recommendations for respiratory viruses](#), including COVID-19. At this time, [Massachusetts](#) COVID-19 isolation requirement remains the same, 5 days following symptom onset or a positive COVID test (day 0 is the first day of symptoms OR the day a positive test was taken, whichever is earlier). We anticipate aligning more closely with the CDC and will notify you when this change occurs.

Winthrop Parents Network Presents - Family Nights 2023 - 2024

WHEN: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Thursdays

WHERE: Gorman Fort Banks Cafeteria (*date change)

3/21/24 – Healthy eating – tips for healthy snacks

4/25/24 – Money Wise – teaching your kids about money

***5/16/24** – Summer Safety (learning how to be safe and still have fun!)

GFB PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION NEWS!

PTO Meeting Tonight!!!– Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 PM in the GFB Cafeteria. Please see [attached agenda](#).

Please join us for our March Featured Organization of the Month – Bike Winthrop! - <https://www.facebook.com/BikeWinthrop/>

[Log in or sign up to view](#)

See posts, photos and more on Facebook.

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Save the date!!

- Spring Social – April 26

- La Siesta Fundraising Night – May 29
- Spring Ice Cream Social – June 7

Gorman Fort Banks Website

The [GFB website](#) is a great place to find resources and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also find information about our staff and APS curriculum

I truly appreciate you and your efforts as the GFB's administration is committed to clear and timely communication, with the intent to embrace Diversity, Equitable approaches, outcomes, and Inclusive practices.

My Best,
Mark