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William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary

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Important Dates to Note -JUNE

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| Thursday, June 6th | Incoming Kindergarten Student Tour of the GFB 2:30-3:00pm |
| Friday, June 7th (DATE CHANGE) | GFB FIELD DAY!! |
| Wednesday, June 12th | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!! Half Day Schedule Student Dismissal Schedule Pre-K 10:30am K- 10:40am Grades 1 & 2 - 11:00am |

Hello GFB Families!!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to us all! I cannot thank you enough for your support and collaboration during the course of my first year here at the Fort! I'm blessed and honored to be in this position

We have good reason to believe that next year will be even better! Although we are looking forward to seeing our students through next Wednesday, the 12th, the following is some year end information that may matter to you before then as well as over the summer.

- Report cards will be placed in student backpacks, Wednesday, June 12th, the last day of school. Reminder: This is an early release day schedule. Pre-K will release at 10:30am - Kindergarten will dismiss at 10:40am - 1st and 2nd grade will dismiss at 11:00am
 - Report cards that are not sent home with students may be picked up over the course of the summer either by you or a designated person of your choosing. Please call ahead to ensure the office is open and staffed. Report cards will not be mailed.

- Student classroom placement letters for the 2024-25 school year will be mailed mid-August. As is the case with US mail, not all households receive mail on the same day. If you find that a neighbor received the letter and you didn't, please wait several days before calling the office.

- We are looking for lunch/recess monitors and substitute teachers for next year. Both are paid positions. Lunch/recess monitors work 10:45 am-1:00 pm Substitute teachers, depending on the grade level, work either 6 hours or 6 hours and 20 minutes each day. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in either of these positions, please ask them email me at mmcaneny@winthrop.k12.ma.us

- To minimize any loss of skills over the summer, please be sure to review reports cards with your child and identify those areas that warrant practice. Report cards include focus skills for each grade level that should be revisited frequently over the summer. Also, please be sure to visit our school website

<https://www.winthrop.k12.ma.us/Domain/417> . There you will find a summer learning link for K, 1st and 2nd grade that includes a variety of activities intended to support your student in maintaining skills. Ms. Sullivan has provided instruction so that all students are familiar with how to navigate this page.

- Because all students need to practice skills in all areas, this year we are not running an incentive-based summer reading program. We have worked with the Winthrop Public Library and provided them with a list of suggested books and/or authors for grades K-2. General updates and communication will be posted on our school website as needed over the summer. Please make it a point to check the website regularly.
- In the event you need assistance during the summer, it is best to contact Ms. Doucette via email. She will be checking it Monday-Thursday as the office is closed on Friday.
- Ms. Doucette's email address is kdoucette@winthrop.k12.ma.us

On behalf of the staff and from me, thank you for your continued support and flexibility throughout this year. The challenges caregivers have endured is not lost on us and we appreciate your continued partnership in our efforts to maximize our students' learning. Wishing you a safe, relaxing and wonderful summer!

Your partner in education,

Mark

Incoming Kindergarten Tour!

On **Thursday, June 6th at 2:30pm, you and your child are invited to visit our school for a quick tour.** This is the perfect time for your child to see key areas in our building and take a peek inside a classroom. In an effort to limit indoor attendance numbers, we ask that only ONE guardian accompany each student.

When families arrive at 2:30pm, we will meet in the Gymnasium where we will break into groups.

This event is optional attendance, so please do not stress if you can't make it.

For Your Forward Planning

- GFB Last week of School - THEME WEEK!

Monday, June 10th - Flag Day - Students wear red, white, and/or Blue

Tuesday, June 11th - Fancy Dress Day - Students wear their best outfit!

Wednesday, June 12th (last day - Half-Day - Tie-Dye day!

Community News

Winthrop High School Hockey Team's Booster Club Color Run fundraiser at Deer Island geared towards young children. [FLIER found HERE](#)

GFB PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION NEWS!

Successful La Siesta Fundraising Night!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our fundraiser night at La Siesta and helped make the evening a huge success! Thanks to the generosity of La Siesta, our raffle prize donors, and all of the families who participated, we raised over \$3,100!

Big congratulations to Celeste Sax, who won our grand raffle prize of a night at the Encore Resort and a Rare Steakhouse gift card!

Ice Cream Social Tomorrow Evening! 6:00pm-7:30pm

Tomorrow evening is our Ice Cream Social! Registration confirmations have been emailed out. If you did not receive a confirmation and would like to confirm that we received your registration, please reach out to fortbankspto@gmail.com. Remember, we will not be selling tickets at the door. We are looking forward to a great turnout!

Incoming Kindergarten Social!

On Sunday, August 18th from 2 to 3:15PM the PTO will be hosting our annual Kindergarten Social for the incoming class. If you have an incoming Kindergarten student, please see our [attached flier](#) for more information.

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