

A message from GORMAN/FORT BANKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hello GFB Families,

From past experiences, the countdown of school days remaining begins in earnest after Memorial Day. These days are sure to pass quickly given the many programs and events we have planned. As you read this week's newsletter, be sure you have your calendar handy...you'll need it!

Today our second grade students walked over to the Arthur T. Cummings School for a quick visit. Students had an opportunity to meet the principal, hear information about programs offered at the ATC, and walk through the third grade classrooms. Their smiles conveyed excitement, enthusiasm, and eagerness for their next stop in learning. A special thank you to the Winthrop Police Department and Officer Carter for ensuring the safe travels of our staff and students.

This Thursday, June 1, is our final session of Fun at the Fort.

Our spring music concert will be held on Friday, June 2nd. Second grade students will perform at 8:45, kindergarten students will perform at 9:30 and first grade students will perform at 10:10. Ms. Macy has been working hard with students and they are very excited to show their learning. Traffic and parking will undoubtedly be challenging so please allow yourself plenty of time for timely arrival.

There are several grade-specific events students can look forward to and more information about those will come from classroom teachers. Events that we will enjoy as a whole school include one more SMART assembly and a spirit week to celebrate the last week of school. For more detail on that, please see the spirit week flyer [here](#).

The GFB PTO will be holding a La Siesta Fundraiser night tomorrow, Wednesday, May 31st from 4:30 – 10:00 PM. 10% of all take-out and in-restaurant food and drink orders will go to the GFB PTO. Tickets will be on sale for raffle prizes as well! Cash only for tickets. For details, please check out this [flyer](#). Please email [fortbankspto@gmail.com](mailto:fortbankspto@gmail.com) with any questions!! Come for a fun night!

The PTO will also be holding an Ice Cream Social – Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 PM in the GFB Cafeteria! Reminder REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY: Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Pre-Registration required – Tickets **WILL NOT** be sold at the door. Check your student's backpack for the registration form as they were sent home last week! If you need a flyer, please print the form [attached](#). Please reach out to [asacco@winthrop.k12.ma.us](mailto:asacco@winthrop.k12.ma.us) if you have any difficulty covering the admission costs for this event. We want to ensure every family can attend!

Please join the PTO for the last PTO meeting of the 2022-2023 School Year next Thursday, June 8th at 6:30 PM in the GFB Cafeteria! We hope to see you there!

The world as well as the needs of our students often leave us confused and uncertain about the best approach for managing feelings and addressing challenges. The school health nurse leader, Ms. Beuoy, shared this very helpful resource about available state mental health [MA Behavioral Health Helpline](#) support. People can call or text 833-773-2445 for guidance and help is available in over 200 languages. Also, North Suffolk Community Services at 14 Porter Street, East Boston is available daily for walk-ins, routine appointments, and crisis care. All crisis services offered are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including holidays). Routine outpatient services are available from 8AM-8PM on weekdays and 9AM-5PM on weekends.

Wishing you a great week...

Your Partner in Education,

*Ms. Pearson, Principal*