Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Members of the Community,

November has been a busy month for Winthrop Public Schools as we had several school activities building up to the Thanksgiving Day break. The WHS Drama Society put on an amazing production this month with the musical “Rock of Ages”. We have so many talented students and staff participating in all aspects of our Drama Society.

We had 29 students receive the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship this year for their performance on the MCAS. Beginning with the class of 2016, in order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must score at the Advanced performance level on one of the three high school state assessment tests in ELA, Mathematics, or STE (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, or Technology/Engineering); and score at the Proficient level or higher on the remaining two high school state assessment tests; and have combined scores from the three tests that place them in the top 25 percent of students in the graduating class in their district. This is a great accomplishment for our students and they were recognized by the Winthrop School Committee on November 13th.

The Middle School Drama students have been working with the Pre-K-2 students at the Gorman For Banks School and recently performed “Chrysanthemum” to help reinforce the elements of the SMART Plan. Bravo to Ms. Karen Calinda for creating the connection between Middle and Elementary students!

Winthrop Middle School received a $4,000 grant from Music Drives Us. Ms. Chelsea DaPaz assisted in writing the grant and the funds will be used to purchase instruments.

Winthrop Middle School (STEM club) was once again selected by the Boston Celtics to partner up with Jet Blue on a STEM program focused on aviation which will begin in early December. It was a wonderful experience last year and we are excited again for the opportunity.

Congratulations to Ms. Stephanie Vasilos for being selected by the Chamber of Commerce for the “Excellence in Education” award. Stephanie has been a Speech Pathologist in our district for 29 years and is a very valuable member of the special education department. Our teachers have been very busy with professional development activities related to social emotional learning, data coaching to improve instruction and collaboration, childhood trauma, Lexia, Go Math, SMART and PBIS, unpacking Science standards and vertical teaming.

Our Fall athletic season wrapped up with several Viking NEC All Stars including Steve Tracy-Boys’ Soccer; Gabby Hinchion-Girls’ Soccer; Lacey Scott, Fatima and Amanda Kokoneshi- Volleyball; and Cody Dassau and Evan Smotrich-Golf. Congratulations for a great season. We closed out the month of November playing our Thanksgiving Day football game on the new Miller Field. The atmosphere on and off the field was filled with Viking pride and our players, cheerleaders, band and coaches made for a very memorable day.

Lisa A. Howard
Lisa A. Howard, M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools
Winthrop Middle School is participating in the Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program! You can visit their website and with your Stop & Shop card, create an online account and register your card to our school ID (03460305). Each time you shop at Stop & Shop between October 6, 2017 and March 15, 2018, our school will earn points, which turns into cash to be used to purchase books, musical instruments, technology, or any other educational materials. Please spread the word and encourage people to sign up!

Shout out to HS Drama Teacher Karen Calinda and her students who went to the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School and performed “Chrysanthemum” for the Pre-K to Grade 2 students. The WHS Drama Department has been bringing their talents to the Fort Banks School a few times a year, helping to reinforce elements of the SMART Plan. Bravo!

Attention Parents/Guardians!
You can pay for your child’s lunch online. Visit our website and click on Food Services, then click on myschoolbucks.com. You will need your child’s student ID number. Any questions please contact Ian Kay at kay-ian@aramark.com or 617-846-5505 x7210
Got Box Tops?
Every clip counts. You can drop off Box Tops to any school, or the Superintendent’s Office at Town Hall

2017-2018 School Committee Meetings

July 10
July 24
August 14
September 11
September 25
October 16
October 30
November 13
November 27
December 18
January 8
January 22
February 26
March 12
March 26
April 9
April 23
May 7
May 21
June 4
June 18

With the help and guidance from WMS music teacher Chelsea Da Paz, Winthrop Middle School is the recipient of a $4,092.98 grant from Music Drives Us! This grant will be used to purchase instruments for the music program. Hundreds of entries were received. In addition, Ernie Boch, Jr. and other Music Drives Us ambassadors will plan a visit to our school to witness our musical mission. Great job – music matters!
Winthrop High School is participating in the MBTA Student Pass Program. Registered high school students can obtain a student Charlie Card with a discounted rate. Students can go to the High School Guidance Office for more information.

We are excited to announce that Winthrop Public Schools has partnered with Boston Blades, a professional women’s ice hockey team in the Canadian Women’s Hockey League (CWHL). Their new home is at the Lawrence Larsen Skating Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center. Winthrop native Jessica Martino is the General Manager of the team. Having the team here immersed in the community is very valuable. Superintendent Lisa Howard is hoping that the pro athletes will be able to help guide aspiring college athletes and is hopeful that team managers and players will talk to parents and students during specific events during the school year. For more information on the Boston Blades you can visit their website at www.bosto.thecwhl.com

Congratulations to Grade 4 Teacher Erin Calichman on the birth of her son, Finn Calichman, born on November 8th, weighing in at 7lbs, 12 oz.

Photo courtesy of Kate Anslinger
Hands-On Science

A new and exciting curriculum has been implemented at the Arthur T. Cummings School! Aligned with state standards, the StemScopes program provides students with ample inquiry-based, hands-on activities to give a deep understanding of the science curriculum.

Students from Mrs. Grayson’s class are shown conducting a simple experiment to understand the cause/effect of tectonic movement!

John & Abigail Adams Scholarship

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WMS Food Wars

Winthrop Middle School Student Council collected 1,251 food items in just five days! All items were delivered to the Winthrop Food Pantry to help those in need for Thanksgiving.
Rock of Ages totally rocked! Hats off to the WHS Drama Society on their recent production!

WHS Drama Society Seniors
Throw Back!

1988 Powderpuff Team!

1982 Powderpuff Cheerleaders!

It’s A Girl!

Congratulations to HS Assistant Principal Mike Capasso and his wife, on the birth of their third child! Hallie was born on October 15th!

Recorder Karate

ATC Music teacher Mr. Kricher, uses a terrific method to motivate and engage students. Recorder Karate is an incentive-based method that encourages students to work hard at mastering different levels on the recorder. When students reach a certain level, they take a Belt Test, where they earn their next belt on the recorder.

Recorder Karate

Third grade students just tested for their White Belts!

ATTENTION BUS STUDENTS!

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE CURRENT MASSA PARK PLAYGROUND BUS STOP IS BEING RELOCATED TO THE CORNER OF SHIRLEY STREET AND BEACON STREET.

THIS CHANGE WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH AND HAS BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THE BUS CAN EASILY ACCESS STUDENT PICKUP / DROP-OFF POINTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THIS CHANGE.

WINTHROP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Winthrop Public Schools, along with the School Committee, would like to express our deepest gratitude to the following people for their endless support and dedication to ensure that Miller Field was ready for the Thanksgiving Day football game:

The Miller Field Committee
Vinny Crossman
Jim Letterie
Steve Calla
Karin Chavis
Tom Chiudina
David Girard
Norm Hyett
Matt Serino
Ron Vecchia
Rich Cifuni
Jim Evans
Barbara Flavin
Richard Lawton
Michael Perez

Terry Delehanty, Chief of Police & Interim Town Manager

Al Legee, Town Inspector

Russ Sanford, Town Council President

Steve Calla, DPW Director

Matt Emanuelson, Gilbane Construction

Chuck Adam, Skanska

Art Leventis, Woodward & Curran

The efforts of the people noted above, coupled with Athletic Director Matt Serino and HS Principal Matt Crombie, made for a very memorable 2017 Thanksgiving Day Game!

Writing Share Program

Grade 5 Students visit with Grade 2 students as part of the Writing Share Program

NEC ALL-STARS!

As the Fall season wraps up, the Vikings were well represented with NEC All-Stars!

Steve Tracy, Soccer
Gabby Hinchion, Soccer
Lacey Scott, Volleyball
Fatma Tufa, Volleyball
Amanda Kokoneshi, Volleyball
Colby Dassau, Golf
Evan Smotrich, Golf

Great job Vikings!
VIKING PRIDE!

Thanksgiving Day Football on Miller Field!
Spirit Week at Winthrop Middle School

Twinning!!

Assistant Principal Ms. Franzese & Math Teacher Mr. Mallios twinning with 8th graders

Principal Mr. Curley twinning with Connor

Saturday December 2nd

11 AM - 2 PM
French Square
Proceeds Support the Winthrop Band Program

MITTEN TREE DRIVE

November 27, 2017 - January 5, 2018

Please help us keep children and adults warm this season. Bring new mittens, gloves, hats or socks to the Arthur T. Cummings School. We will be decorating a holiday tree in the cafeteria with the donations. All donations will be bought to the Warm Hearts Warm Hands who will bring them to the Boston Homeless. Any student who needs mittens, gloves, hats or socks may also receive from the mitten tree.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Check out Principal Curley’s Newsletter for lots of great happenings at Winthrop Middle School!

https://www.smore.com/a1kj2

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge”
- Albert Einstein

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Winthrop Middle School Elks October Students of the Month

Grade 6: Mira Ivanis & Drew McLaughlin
Grade 7: Benjamin Prew & Colin Kinsella
Grade 8: Megan Goudge & Nora McCarey

Winthrop Middle School Term 1 Specialists Awards

Art: Jack Osburn, Haley McCormick & Sophia Kennedy;
Instrumental/Band: Jake Cataldo, Milla Pimenta & Maddie Tolliver;
Drama: Hayes Kennedy, Kayla Ferullo & Michael Soares; Music: Andrew Strangle, Connor Murphy & Nora McCarey; Physical Education: Jake Galuris, George Galuris, Anna Baurle & Chris Cappuccio; Spanish: Hannah Parker, Benjamin Prew & Maddie Tolliver; STEM: Sara Thomaj, Colin Kinsella & Tatyanna Lewis.
BYE BYE BIRDIE

BOOK BY MICHAEL STEWART
MUSIC BY CHARLES STROUSE
LYRICS BY LEE ADAMS

DECEMBER 8 & 9 AT 7:00PM
DECEMBER 10 AT 2:00PM

NEIL SHAPIRO CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
AT WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL

$8 GENERAL ADMISSION
$5 STUDENTS/SENIORS

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560 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10022
Arthur T. Cummings School PTO | 2nd Annual

Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, December 2
10:00am-1:00pm | Cummings School Cafetorium

* Unique gifts from local crafters and vendors
* Bake sale
* Raffle Table
* Door prize
* Kids crafting station
* Decorate your own cookies
* Pictures with Santa

Admission: $3/adult  |  Children: FREE

Questions? Need more information?
Please contact ATCPTO@gmail.com
ATC Chromebook Sale!

Interested in buying a Chromebook for your student to use at home? The ATC is offering a great deal on a high quality Chromebook! These make excellent gifts and will be delivered in time for the Holidays. When purchasing through the ATC, a percentage of each sale will be donated back to our school!

- Chromebook: HP Chromebook 11G4 - Education Edition - Celeron N2840 - 4 GB RAM
- Cost: $199
- Order Deadline: December 4, 2017 (delivery and pick up the following week)

If you are interested, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return to School by Monday, December 4th. You will be contacted for pick up details upon delivery. Please contact ATCP10@gmail.com with questions.

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Name: 

Contact Information (phone and/or email): 

Number of Chromebooks Requested: 

Please enclose payment ($199 per Chromebook ordered) in the form of a check made payable to ATC PTO.

Thank You for Supporting the ATC School!