

A message from GORMAN/FORT BANKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Good Afternoon GFB Families,

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful long weekend. It was nice to finally see signs of winter in the forecast. We are looking forward to the coming weeks of learning with our students. Below you will find important community and school updates:

Winter Music Concert:

This coming Friday, January 20th, we will hold our annual winter music concert. Families are invited to attend this exciting event. We recommend that you plan some extra time for parking and we look forward to showcasing the students' hard work. The specific grade level times are as follows:

2nd Grade: 8:45-9:05

1st Grade: 9:30- 9:55

Kindergarten: 10:15- 10:35

Fun at the Fort:

Our next session of Fun at the Fort will begin this coming Thursday and will run from 2:30-3:30. Similar to our first session, kindergarten students that do not attend wrap-around will need to be picked up at their regular dismissal time and brought back for the 2:30 start time. We are looking forward to some new and exciting enrichment classes during this session.

Changes to Dismissal Plans:

Please be reminded that any change in a student's usual pick-up routine needs to be communicated in writing and, as importantly, as EARLY in the day as possible. As we approach the end of the day, teachers are wrapping up instruction and are busy preparing students for timely dismissal. Time for checking email often does not exist. In the event advanced/early in the day notice can't be provided, please be sure to copy Ms. Sacco (asacco@winthrop.k12.ma.us) on all change of dismissal emails you send to your child's teacher. Thank you!

Outdoor Recess:

Winter has finally decided to include a bit of snow! Students will continue to enjoy lunch recess outdoors despite there being a coating of snow on the ground. Please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate dress and footwear for outdoor fun. And don't forget to mark all clothing/footwear with your child's name. That matters!

Winthrop Parents' Network:

Please see the January WPN newsletter here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

International Night:

Please see the flyer for the upcoming International Night . This event will take place on January 26th from 6:30-7:30 at the Cummings School. This is a free event sponsored by the Winthrop Parents Network. There will be music provided by Philip Alexander of Sing, Play, Grow. Families have volunteered to represent a variety of countries and will provide bite-size samples of foods, pictures, clothing, and other cultural pieces for everyone to learn about the country. Recipes will be gathered from everyone to make a little "cookbook" for parents to take with them at the end. We hope you can make it.

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We hope that you have a wonderful week ahead.

Warmly,

Mrs. Tucker