

Winthrop Public Schools

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William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary

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Important Dates to Note

Wednesday, January 31st

District-Wide Professional Development

Day - Half Day Schedule

Dismissal Times:

PreK - 10:30am

Kinder - 10:40am

1 and 2 - 11:00am

Friday, February 16th 🎵 🎵 🎵	GFB WINTER CONCERT (Families Invited!) UPDATED TIMES RELEASED 2nd grade 8:40am-9am Kindergarten 9:20am-9:40am 1st grade 10am-10:20am Logistical Details will be posted as we near the concert date
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Hello GFB Families!

This has been quite the week weather-wise; thank you so much for doing your part with keeping our daily arrival and dismissal of students safe, respectful, and efficient. When we all come together like we have this week, systems and structures are solid, with little to no issues, and for this, I'm grateful! Thank you, thank you, thank you. Let's keep this momentum going!

GFB Pre K Registration

Be on the lookout for Pre K Registration information for the 2024-25 school year in the coming weeks. Registration will begin February 1st Pre K registration forms will be available within this Weekly Update and the GFB Website next thursday, FYI.

Cold Weather Clothing Considerations for Your Children - UPDATED 1.18.24

The winter months at the Fort are coming. With the GFB harboring its own micro-climate, **it is important for all families to appropriately prepare their children with cold weather gear (hats, gloves, jackets, boots).** Students will be going outside as much as possible during the winter season and we want to be sure everyone is prepared! NOTE: Students will not be allowed to access the playground when there is snow on the ground if they do not have the appropriate gear. I'm trying to avoid your child from having wet clothing as they navigate the day after going out to recess. Thank you so much.

PLEASE LABEL your child's clothing clearly with a permanent marker. All items should find the owner when lost.

GFB Winter Concert for Families! - Friday, February 16h -

2nd grade 8:40-9

Kindergarten 9:20-9:40

1st grade 10-10:20

I'm excited to announce that Ms. Wodarczyk and her musical students have been preparing for a GFB WINTER performance on the 16th of February. All families will be invited to attend, with a max capacity cap to ensure that parents can attend this entertaining event.

I will be sending more information related to the invitation and logistics in the very near future. I look forward to seeing you there!

Winthrop Parents Network Presents - Family Nights 2023 - 2024

WHEN: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Thursdays

WHERE: Gorman Fort Banks Cafeteria (*date change)

2/15/24 – Yoga Body Movement and Stress Relief

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!)**

1/18/24 - International Night(location TBD) - will be looking for volunteers to represent various countries from around the world (more information to follow)**

GFB PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION NEWS!

Next PTO Meeting, Thursday February 8th 6:30 PM in the GFB Cafeteria.

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