

Winthrop Public Schools

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William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary

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Important Dates to Note

Friday, February 16th 🎵 🎵 🎵	GFB WINTER CONCERT (Families Invited! limited - See Note*) UPDATED TIMES RELEASED 2nd grade 8:40am-9am Kindergarten 9:20am-9:40am 1st grade 10am-10:20am
February 19-23	WINTER BREAK - Schools Closed

Monday, February 26th

**Back from Winter Break - Schools
OPEN!**

Hello GFB Families!

We are one week away from our Winter concert, conducted by our very own, Ms. Wodarczyk!

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

2nd grade 8:40-9

Kindergarten 9:20-9:40

1st grade 10-10:20

*******PLEASE NOTE*******- For the purpose of safety and adhering to capacity limits, Only two (2) family members are invited to attend this event. I appreciate your attention to this detail.

A Logistical Note From Ms. Wodarczyk

Dear GFB Families,

I am excited to announce that the GFB Winter Concert will be held on Friday, February 16, and you are (**two family members***) invited! Here are the performance times for each grade:

2nd grade 8:40-9

Kindergarten 9:20-9:40

1st grade 10-10:20

In the GFB Gym

Students are excited to perform songs that they have been working on since the beginning of the year. We would like to remind you of some important logistical notes so the concert can run as smoothly as possible.

- Please plan to leave plenty of time to find parking and navigate your way inside the building, as there will be a large crowd.
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- Each grade will have a limited time on stage and there is a quick turnaround between performances. For this reason, please refrain from going up to your student to congratulate them before or after the concert. You may share your appreciation by waving, blowing a kiss, etc. However, everyone should remain in their seats to allow for a prompt entrance and exit by the students. At the end of the concert, all students will be excused to their classrooms first, and then families may leave.
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- Please turn off sound for all electronic devices and refrain from flash photography.
- Please keep small children under your supervision at all times.
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- Please refrain from talking during the concert as to not disturb students and fellow audience members.
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- The day before the concert, all grades will participate in a student-only dress rehearsal where they will practice their program and watch the other grades perform theirs. For this reason, please do not ask to dismiss students from their classes on the day of the concert to watch their siblings perform.
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- If you will be staying to watch multiple grades perform, we will ask that you please clear the gym after the first performance and re-enter for the second performance, for the purposes of resetting the stage area.
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- Please reference the stage arrangement below so that you know where your student's class will be standing.

Kindergarten Stage Arrangement

Shatford	DeBisz	St. Jean	Maniscalco	DeMayo	Clucas	Jennings

1st Grade Stage Arrangement

Sacco/Siegel	Durkin	Cummings	Poirier	Fucillo	Barron	Conway	DiSalvatore
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2nd Grade Stage Arrangement

Coleman	O'Brien	McEvoy	Holmes	Murphy	Gobiel	Turner	DeSantis
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- Finally, please reference the concert programs [here!](#)

GFB Pre-K Registration

This is all very exciting as the Fort prepares to meet incoming Preschoolers for the upcoming 2024-25 school year

Pre-K Registration information for the 2024-25 school year starts with families completing the PreK Registration Form [FOUND HERE](#) and personally returning it to the GFB Main Office by the deadline date of Thursday, February 29th (Leap Year!).

Families can access the complete WPS Pre-K Registration packet at <https://www.winthrop.k12.ma.us/Page/3440> (this is separate from the Pre-registration form FYI - Print and complete both)

- [Pre Registration](#)
- [complete registration](#)

When adults submit the Pre-Registration Form and registration packet to the main GFB Office, screening appointments will be scheduled (see below for details) The Winthrop Public Schools will be conducting child screenings as part of a Child Find process to assess any developmental delays or special circumstances to inform our staff and class placement, Screening schedules have been set, FYI - March 5-7, 2024. **Your screening appointment will be scheduled once the main office receives complete registration packets only.**

You can email me at mmcaneny@winthrop.k12.ma.us if you have any questions

NOTE - This [Pre-Registration Form](#) has been updated to reflect the correct Pre-K programs.

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!)**

GFB PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION NEWS!

February Featured Organization of the Month - Those Who Can for Those In Need

Please join us tonight at our February PTO meeting ([AGENDA HERE](#)) to learn about this wonderful organization in our community! - <https://thosewhocanforthoseinneed.org/>

Save the Date!! – GFB Parents Night Out - Trivia Night!

When – March 1st 6:30 PM – 10 PM

Where - Winthrop Lodge of Elks

We will have fun, we will have trivia, we will have raffle baskets to win! We are running a fundraiser in conjunction with Trivia Night and one lucky winner will win a Trip to Cancun! Please see the attached flier for all the details on this fun night to support the GFB!

Please check your child's backpack for the flier that should have head home this week or register via our link - <https://forms.gle/UtKse1JxD3xN8ALF9>

[GFB Parents Night Out](#)

[Trivia Event](#)

[Registration](#) [LINK](#)

Event Timing: March 1, 2024 6:30 - 10 pm

Event Address: Winthrop Lodge Of Elks 191 Washington Ave, Winthrop MA

\$25/ticket OR \$190 to reserve a table for a team of 8 To purchase tickets to the event OR to enter the raffle for the trip to Cancun, please fill out the form below and submit a check made out to GFB PTO. The check can be sent to

school in an envelope, marked PTO
Trivia OR Venmo @GFBPTO. No cash.
For Venmo Payment - Please include
your name, email, number of trivia
tickets being purchased, and number of
raffle tickets being purchased in the
message box. You will receive an email
confirmation regarding tickets and your
raffle number.

Next PTO Meeting - TONIGHT, February 8th at 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