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William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary

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Important Dates to Note -MAY/June

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| Monday, May 27th | Memorial Day Schools Closed |
| Thursday, May 30th | GFB OPEN HOUSE 5:30pm-6:45pm |
| Tuesday, June 4th | Spring Concert (Times Listed Below) |
| Wednesday, June 5th | Half Day Schedule Student Dismissal Schedule Pre-K 10:30am K- 10:40am Grades 1 & 2 - 11:00am |

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| Thursday, June 6th | GFB FIELD DAY!! |
| Wednesday, June 12th | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!! Half Day Schedule Student Dismissal Schedule Pre-K 10:30am K- 10:40am Grades 1 & 2 - 11:00am |

Hello GFB Families!

Memorial Day Weekend is upon us and the weather is in our favor! If you and your family are traveling, I wish you safe passage and a healthy return! For those of us who are staying local, may the sun be with us!

There are many happenings at the end of May and the beginning of June as we enter the last weeks of school! Please reach out if you have any questions related to our busy Spring schedule!

Ms. Wodarcyk and students, will be hosting another **Choral concert for all families** to attend, Tuesday, June 4th

A Logistical Note from Ms. Wodarcyk -

Dear GFB Families,

I am excited to announce that the GFB Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, June 4 and you are all invited! Here are the performance times for each grade:

1st grade 8:30-8:50

Kindergarten 9:10-9:30

**2nd grade 9:50-10:10, with a short moving-on ceremony after
In the GFB Gym**

Students are excited to perform songs that they have been working on since our last concert. 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.
- 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.
- Please turn off sound for all electronic devices and refrain from flash photography.
- Please keep small children under your supervision at all times.
- Please refrain from talking during the concert as to not disturb students and fellow audience members.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 |
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1st Grade Stage Arrangement

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

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| Coleman | O'Brien | McEvoy | Holmes | Murphy | Gobiel | Turner | DeSantis |
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- Finally, please reference the concert programs here!

[Spring Concert Programs](#)

Incoming Kindergarten Quick Tour!

On **Thursday, June 6th at 2:30pm**, **you and your child are invited to visit our school for a quick tour.** This is the perfect time for your child to see key areas in our building and take a peek inside a classroom. In an effort to limit indoor attendance numbers, we ask that only ONE guardian accompany each student.

When families arrive at 2:30pm, we will meet in the Gymnasium where we will break into groups.

This event is optional attendance, so please do not stress if you can't make it.

The Gorman Fort Bank's annual Open House has been scheduled - Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 30th @ 5:30pm-6:45pm** for this exciting family/student event when you will be able to visit classrooms and specialists to observe and review work that your child has completed this year! We look forward to seeing you here!

GFB PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION NEWS!

Thank you Winthrop Community Food Pantry.

We want to thank our May Featured Organization of the Month for presenting at our last PTO meeting of the year. Please check out this wonderful organization in our community – Winthrop Community Food Pantry -

<https://www.winthroppantry.com/>

Enrichment Programs have been a success!!

We cannot thank the GFB community enough for ongoing fundraising activities that have helped fund some wonderful opportunities for our students.

- Pre-K, K & 1st - had a wonderful opportunity with Curious Creatures!!
- 2nd Grade- had an amazing field trip to Stone Zoo
- June 10th – all grades will get to enjoy the wonderful conservation group – Eyes on Owls!

Thank you for your continued support!

Volunteers needed!!

We are in need of some volunteers for the Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 7. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to us via our volunteer form and we will be back in touch! - <https://forms.gle/ULhxrAYxF5atbpVn8>

Join us for La Siesta Fundraising Night, Next Wednesday, May 29th!

The Gorman Fort Banks PTO will be holding a La Siesta Fundraiser night on Wednesday, May 29th. Ten percent (10%) of all take-out and in-restaurant food and drink orders will go to the GFB on that night. Tickets will be on sale for raffle prizes, 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20, 35 for \$100. Please email fortbankspto@gmail.com with any questions. Please check out our [attached flier](#) for a full list of raffle prizes.

Can't make it? You can still enter to win a 1-night stay at Encore and \$500 at Rare - <https://forms.gle/TkkU3EiqYb46Fowu9>

Save the date!

Book Fair – May 29-31

La Siesta Fundraising Night – May 29

Spring Ice Cream Social – June 7

Congratulation to our newly elected board for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year

· Co-Presidents: Rita Mansfield & Kaitlin Burroughs

· Co-Vice Presidents: Shannon Kubik & Kristina Pizzicannella-Murphy

· Communication Specialist: Cassie Witthaus

· Treasurer: Leslie Darcy

Thank you to our departing board members, Janine Santilli, Jacqueline Bagnera-Brandao & Lara Van Lannen. We appreciate all your efforts over the years!

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