



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE #18 2020-2021

### FEBRUARY 22-FEBRUARY 26

It was wonderful to welcome Cohort A students back after the break. Students and staff are all excited to be back at school. We are looking forward to seeing Cohort B on Thursday.

#### Return to Full In-Person Learning Survey:

As our district plans for an eventual return to full in-person learning, understanding our families' perspective is an important part of the process. To inform our thinking, please take a few minutes to complete this *brief* survey regarding your comfort level with moving below 6 feet of physical distancing in our schools. For your reference, we have also included the most recent [CDC guidelines for K-12 schools](#). There are a couple of details that will help the survey process go smoothly:

- Please complete a separate survey for each HWRS student in your household.
- Please complete the survey by this Friday, February 26th, by 5:00 p.m.

In advance, thank you for taking the time to provide us with this valuable information. We'll be sure to share out the results once we've had time to process the data.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/vxzGeHesng6P92SM9>

#### Friends of Winthrop Meeting:

Monday, March 1st @ 7:00pm on Zoom. [Link to Meeting Details](#)  
8:00pm for 5th Grade families interested in planning end-of-year activities.

#### Kindergarten Information Night/Registration:

On Thursday, March 11th, the HW Elementary Principals and Kindergarten teachers will host a webinar for incoming 2021 Kindergarten Parents @ 7:00pm. 2021-2022 On-Line Registration begins Monday, March 15th. Links and details to come.

#### Properly Fitting Masks:

Please ensure that your child has masks that fit well, snug to the face, covering both nose and mouth. Thank you for your support in keeping Winthrop healthy.

#### Out of State Travel Reminder:

For travel plans that include out-of-state travel, you will need to seek [COVID-19 PCR](#) testing and upload the negative results to the SNAP portal prior to your child returning to school. For instructions on how to upload to the health portal, see our [how-to video](#). If you have any

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, March 1**

*Friends of Winthrop Meeting 7pm*  
[Link to Meeting Details](#)

**Thursday, March 11**

*Kindergarten Parent Information Webinar - 7:00pm*

**Monday, March 15**

*No School - Teacher Workshop*

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*2021-2022 On-Line Kindergarten Registration Begins*

**Friday, April 2**

*No School*

**Mon. Apr 19 - Fri. Apr 23**

*Vacation Week*

**Monday, May 31**

*No School*

**Monday, June 14th**

*170th Day of School*

**Important COVID links and travel information:**

[Massachusetts Travel Orders](#)  
[Stop the Spread Testing Sites](#)

difficulty, you can email a copy to Mrs. Baker. Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our school community safe!

#### **Daily Symptoms Checker:**

Reminder to complete the [Daily Symptoms Checker](#) before sending your child to school.

#### **Drop-Off/Pickup Reminders:**

**Please avoid using your cellphone during pick up/drop off to ensure that our students and staff stay safe.** If there is a backup, please avoid turning left into the Winthrop driveway. Drive past the entrance and come back on the right side. **DO NOT block the exit in front of the Safety Building while waiting to get into the school lot.** We can't bring more cars in, if cars can't get out. Once you get into the driveway traffic will move faster if you can please follow these suggestions:

#### **Drop-off**

- Have your child's mask on their face and backpack in their lap when you pull up.
- Stay in your car and have your child get out independently.
- Obey the directions of the staff by only letting your child out in the designated area and at the direction of the staff.

#### **Pickup**

- Have your PICK-UP sign with your child's name in the car window when you arrive.
- Come a little later for pickup - closer to 3:00 would be fine.
- Obey the directions of the staff. Please don't call your child to your car if you are not in the loading zone.

**Please put your car in park for both loading and unloading students, rather than keeping your foot on the brake.** If grandparents or others are picking up/dropping off your child, please share these procedures with them.

#### **Bus Transportation:**

There are still some seats available on some bus routes. If you are interested in having your child ride the bus, please fill out the [HW Transportation Registration](#) form.

#### **Community House After School Care:**

The Community House is now open for after school care, as well as full day care options for your child's at home learning days. See the [Community House](#) website for details.

#### **Winter Gear:**

While the winter weather has us mostly eating lunch inside now, we still will go out for mask breaks and recess daily. We will eat snack/lunch outside as the weather allows. Thank you for making sure your child has appropriate boots, coats, mittens, and hats to be comfortable while we are outside multiple times each day. When there is snow on the ground, students must have boots and snow pants to be able to play in the snow. If your child has extra snow pants/boots, they can be left at school for convenience.

**Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes** In person days, please call the safe arrival line 978-468-5344 to report your child absent or tardy.

Please call the front office @ 978-468-5340 for dismissal changes.