



WINTHROP SCHOOL

FAMILY UPDATE #20 2020-2021

MARCH 8 - MARCH 12

Warmer Weather - Lunch Outside:

Now that the snow is melting and the warmer weather coming, we will eat lunch outside as much as possible. Please send a beach towel or mat to school with your child so they can picnic comfortably outside.

Return to Full In-Person Learning:

At last Wednesday's School Committee Meeting (3/3), Superintendent Mary Beth Banios presented a plan to resume full in-person learning for all students beginning on Monday, April 5th. The School Committee will vote on this plan at this Wednesday evening's meeting (3/10). If Winthrop parents/guardians have any questions/concerns specific to their child related to full-return to school, please contact Carolyn Shediak c.shediak@hwschools.net. We will be providing more school specific details about our plan for Winthrop next week.

Important Calendar Changes:

Thursday, April 1st will replace Monday, March 15th as the teacher in-service day. **Monday, March 15th** will now be a **regular in school learning day for Cohort A**, and an at home learning day for Cohort B. **Thursday, April 1st** will be a **no school day** for all students, allowing teachers the time to prepare their classrooms to welcome back all students on Monday, April 5th. There will be **no school** on **Monday, April 12th**, as many HW staff will receive their 2nd vaccine dose on Sunday, April 11th and we anticipate many will need the day to recover. April 12th will be treated as a "snow day" and will be made up at the end of the school year.

"HW Jump in the Pool" Pooled Testing Program:

HW's newest school mitigation strategy will be COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Testing. This voluntary program will help to keep our students, staff, and community safe and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by quickly finding positive cases. Pooled testing is scheduled to begin at Winthrop on Monday, March 25th. Information and consent forms can be found on our [COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Testing Program website](#). Please fill out the consent form

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, March 10

School Committee to Vote on Return to Full in Person Learning

Thursday, March 11

Kindergarten Parent Information Webinar - 7pm [Link to flyer](#)

Monday, March 15

School in Session - Calendar Change

Monday, March 15

2021-2022 On-Line Kindergarten Registration Begins

Thursday, March 18

Make Up Day - School Photos

Friday, March 19

FOW Virtual Movie Night

Thursday, April 1

No School - Preparation for Full Return to School

Friday, April 2

No School

Monday, April 5

Return to Full In-Person Learning

Monday, April 12

No School

Mon. Apr 19 - Fri. Apr 23

Vacation Week

Monday, May 31

No School

Wednesday, June 16th

Last Day of School

ASAP. Contact Nurse Jess Baker j.baker@hwschools.net if you have any questions about Pooled Surveillance Testing.

Kindergarten Information Night/Registration:

On Thursday, March 11th, the HW Elementary Principals and Kindergarten teachers will host a webinar for incoming 2021 Kindergarten Parents/Guardians @ 7:00pm. 2021-2022 On-Line Registration begins Monday, March 15th. **Zoom Webinar Link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/95025558969?pwd=RjFrQUtYOU1qQ0cyb0FzMi9BeTR6Zz09>

Webinar ID: 950 2555 8969 Passcode: 680535

Or Telephone: 301 715 8592

School Picture Makeup Day:

On Thursday, March 18th, O'Connor Studios will be at Winthrop School from 10a-noon to take photos for students who were absent or need a retake. Students in Cohort A or Remote who need a photo can contact Donna Brockenbrough d.brockenbrough@hwschools.net to schedule a time to come to Winthrop for the photo. An order form will be necessary for all photos that *are not retakes*, so please contact Donna if you need a form sent home, or if you have any questions.

FOW Virtual Movie Night:

Your child will bring home a flyer with details about the FOW Virtual Movie Night on Friday, March 19th. The FOW has arranged for a “meal deal” with 5 Sons Pizza and Hamilton House of Pizza, and you will have a choice of 5 different movies to choose from. Watch for the flyer in your child’s backpack!

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 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.

Bus Transportation:

There are seats available on all 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:

Important COVID links and travel information:

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

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.

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.