



WINTHROP SCHOOL

FAMILY UPDATE #29 2020-2021

MAY 10 - MAY 14

ELA MCAS:

Students in Grades 3-5 will be taking the ELA MCAS this week. We aim to make MCAS as stress free as possible, by reminding students to do the best they can, but not to worry if they encounter challenging questions. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a hearty breakfast, and brings a healthy snack to school so they can put forward their best effort on MCAS day.

Placement Parent Input Form (email sent on Friday 5/7):

We are beginning the very important process of class placement for the 2021-2022 school year. The teachers and I will soon be meeting to build classes. Our teachers have a very good understanding of your children, their learning styles, and social development. We also value your perspective and input on the growth of your child. If you would like to share your thoughts about your child, please complete the [Parent Input Google Form](#) by Friday, May 12th at 4:00pm. Please do not make specific requests with teachers' names, as this would not be in line with our process. I am confident in our placement procedures and we will be reviewing many factors to place your child in the most appropriate environment for his/her continued learning success while creating balanced classrooms that will foster optimal learning communities.

Cradles to Crayons Clothing Drive:

It is the time of year for putting away winter clothes and getting out spring gear. It's also a perfect time to donate clothes your children have outgrown! HW 8th Grader, Aiden Hollaran is collecting NEW and LIKE-NEW clothing for children up to age 12 for **Cradles to Crayons**. Cradles to Crayons is a nonprofit organization that collects donations to put together backpacks and duffle bags for kids in low income areas/families. There will be a collection box outside of Winthrop M-F, 8am - 4pm, through mid-May for you to drop off clothing. Or you can send donations in with your student.

HW Edfund Golf Tournament:

Here's a wonderful opportunity for you to support the Hamilton Wenham Edfund and our schools while enjoying a day of golf on the legendary Myopia Hunt Club golf course! Click the [link](#) for details. [Registration Link](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 26-Mid May
Cradles to Crayons Drive

Tuesday, May 11
Gr 5 ELA MCAS
Thursday, May 13
Gr 4 ELA MCAS
Friday, May 14
Gr 3 ELA MCAS

Monday, May 17
[HW Edfund Golf Tournament](#)

Tuesday, May 25
*Gr 5 MRMS Transition to 6th
Grade Family Webinar - 7pm*

**Wednesday, May 26 - Monday,
May 31**
*[25th Annual Melody Miles
Fundraiser](#)*

Monday, May 31
No School

Monday, June 7
Gr 5 Visit to MRMS

Monday, June 7
*[Early Childhood Partners
Kindergarten Readiness
Workshop 6pm on Zoom](#)*
**Click the link for more
information and to register**

Wednesday, June 16th
Last Day of School

MCAS Dates:
Gr 5 Tuesdays:
5/11 ELA, 5/18 Math, 5/25 Sci
Gr 4 Thursdays:

Winthrop Pool Testing Program:

We encourage you to sign your child up to participate in Pool Testing at Winthrop. It is both easy to sign up and easy for your child to do! Even preschoolers are doing it! The next round of pool testing at Winthrop will be on Tuesday, 5/11. If you have not yet consented for your child to participate in the pool testing program and would like to, please fill out a consent form by 4pm on Thursday for testing the following week. If at any time you wish to withdraw consent, please reach out to Jess Baker j.baker@hwschools.net. Consent forms and information can be found on our [HWRSD COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Testing Program website](#).

5/13 ELA, 5/20, Math

Gr 3 Fridays:

5/14 ELA, 5/21 Math

Kindergarten Registration Open

[2021-2022 On-Line Kindergarten Registration information and link.](#)

Important COVID links and travel information:

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

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.