



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE #25 2020-2021

### APRIL 12 - APRIL 16

#### Great Week:

Thank you to all the Winthrop Students and Families for making this first week all back together awesome! Classrooms worked to create new learning communities, integrating both cohorts into one. Students returning from the APL program were welcomed with open arms and were excited to be back with their teachers and friends at Winthrop. Luckily, the weather cooperated and we were able to eat and learn outside for all week. One of the highlights for students was the return to live specials - PE, Art, Music, and Library/Tech. Many students stated that the best part of their week was having a daily special back in the schedule.

Arrival and dismissal went smoothly thanks to the help of everyone! The carlines are moving safely and efficiently. Many families chose to park and walk from close neighborhoods. Thank you for your efforts to help with this process.

The weather this coming week looks to be a bit cooler than last week. Please send your child to school with a sweatshirt/jacket and a towel or mat for outdoor snack, lunch and learning.

#### Kindergarten Registration:

If you have an incoming kindergarten student, and haven't already done so, please register them for kindergarten ASAP. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors. This will help with planning for our staffing needs for next year. [2021-2022 On-Line Kindergarten Registration information and link.](#)

#### Bus Transportation:

On Monday and Tuesday, we experienced some growing pains with many additional bus riders on some routes. As parents communicated the issues, we worked to get them quickly resolved. By the end of the week, things were running much more smoothly. If you are interested in having your child ride the bus to school, please fill out the [HW Transportation Registration](#) form. Please note that it can take 3-4 days after filling out the form for your child to be confirmed on the bus. Questions about buses should be directed to [hwtransport@hwschools.net](mailto:hwtransport@hwschools.net).

#### 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.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, April 12**

*No School*

**Tuesday, April 13**

*Winthrop Pool Testing*

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

*Vacation Week*

**Monday, May 31**

*No School*

**Wednesday, June 16th**

*Last Day of School*

**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](#)

**School Lunch Program:**

Reminder that school lunches are free through the end of the school year. Students may order a hot lunch or bagel daily. On Wednesday, early release days, students can order a lunch to bring home with them.

**Winthrop Pooled Testing Program:**

Pooled Testing is an important mitigation strategy that will be most effective with **full participation** of our students and staff. The next round of pool testing at Winthrop will be on Tuesday, 4/13. We would love to welcome more students to join the pool testing groups. It is quick and painless, just a quick q-tip swab of both nostrils. 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](mailto:j.baker@hwschools.net). Consent forms and information can be found on our [HWRSD COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Testing Program website](#).

**Daily Symptoms Checker:**

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

**Out of State Travel Advisory:**

Gov. Baker has revised the Out of State Travel Orders to a [Travel Advisory](#). If you have any questions about out of state travel with your children, please contact Nurse Jess Baker.

[Link to HW Nurse's Newsletter](#) with details about Pool Testing, Vaccine, Masks, Travel Advisory, and Mental Health

**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.