



WINTHROP SCHOOL

FAMILY UPDATE #5 2020-2021

NOVEMBER 2-NOVEMBER 6

Last week at Winthrop:

Winthrop students participated in a school wide art project modeled after Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama's dot pumpkins.



Students' pumpkins are displayed in classroom windows, allowing classes to enjoy a gallery walk around the school to view this Winthrop School art installation. Thank you to 5th Grade teacher Ms. O'Donnell for orchestrating this project.

The weather last week was less than ideal. Despite the rain, we took advantage of our tents and the front overhang for outdoor learning, snack, lunch, and mask breaks. Friday's snow storm and short power outage in the middle of the day took us by surprise. But we persevered through both. As a reminder, please send your child to school everyday with weather appropriate attire, as well as a towel or mat to sit on, as we will continue to go outside as much as possible.

Thank you [Friends of Winthrop](#) for all your support! The FOW has generously supported Winthrop School this year by funding a number of resources for our students: Scholastic Magazine subscriptions for Kindergarten and Grade 3, planners for all Grade 5 students, as well as special markers for our Pumpkin Dot project. The FOW helped to welcome staff back to school this year with HW masks and providing treats for the teachers.

Join us for the virtual FOW Meeting on Monday night @ 7:00.
[Agenda w Zoom Link](#)

HW Tri-School Family Directory:

If you would like to be included in the HW Elementary Schools Family Directory, please use this [link](#) to enter your family's contact information. Deadline is November 9th.

FOW Virtual Scholastic Book Fair: [Link to Flyer](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Nov. 2 - Nov. 15th

[FOW Virtual Scholastic Book Fair](#)
[Winthrop Book Fair Flyer](#)

Monday, November 2

[Friends of Winthrop Zoom Meeting](#)
7pm [Agenda w/ Zoom Link](#)

Tuesday, November 3

[No School - Teacher Workshop Day](#)
(Change from original calendar)

Thursday, November 5

[HW Public Library Virtual Author](#)
[Visit Flyer](#)

Tuesday, November 10

[Rob Evans Parent Workshop -](#)
10:00am-11:30am
[Zoom Link](#)

Wednesday, November 11

[No School - Holiday](#)

Thursday, November 12

[Rob Evans Parent Workshop -](#)
7:00pm-8:00pm
[Zoom Link](#)

Thursday, November 12

Due Date: [Acord Food Pantry](#)
[Winthrop Donations](#)
(125 boxes of crackers)

Monday, November 16

[Principal/Superintendent Chat 7pm](#)
[Zoom Link to come](#)

Wednesday, November 25

[Early Release - Thanksgiving Break](#)

You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online from Nov. 2, 2020- Nov. 15, 2020! All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more. You'll love the NEW option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features: • Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs Visit our [Book Fair Homepage](#) and click "Shop Now" to get started.

HW Public Library Virtual Author Visit:

Author Katie Coppens Explores Writing & Science! Link to [flyer](#)
Thursday, November 5th at 4:00 PM

Acord Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Winthrop School has been challenged with collecting 125 boxes of crackers (Ritz, Triscuit) for the Acord Food Pantry's Thanksgiving food drive. **We have a LONG way to go to reach this goal.** Students can bring their donations to school. Remote APL families can drop their donations off at Winthrop during school hours. We will be accepting donations until Thursday, November 12th.

Parenting with Less Stress and More Success:

Parent Workshops with Robert Evans, Ed.D.

Tuesday, November 10 10:00-11:30am

Thursday, November 12 7:00pm-8:00pm

[Zoom Link](#) for both events.

There is no harder job than being a parent. Nothing else touches so much of a person so deeply—or unpredictably—and there is no training for it. This was true pre-COVID, as the pace of life accelerated, media influences intensified, and the future grew less predictable. So it's no wonder parents now find it harder to be confident, how to reduce their children's stress—and their own. Dr. Evans will outline these dilemmas and offer concrete suggestions for successful coping.

Rob Evans is a psychologist, a former high school and pre-school teacher, and a former child and family therapist. He has worked with schools and parents throughout the country, including Hamilton-Wenham. His presentations are known for their lively wit and plain talk. He is the author of many articles and three books, including Family Matters: How Schools Can Cope with The Crisis in Childrearing.

Travel Reminders (from Supt. Banios' Newsletter):

As the holiday season approaches and families are making travel plans, it's important to remind all of our families and staff of the [Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Orders](#) in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, who do not meet an exemption, are required to:

● Complete the [Massachusetts Travel Form](#) prior to arrival, unless you are visiting from a [lower-risk state](#) designated by the

Thursday, Nov 26/Friday, Nov 27
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 1
*Cohort A & APL Students -
School Picture Day*

Thursday, December 3
*Cohort B & APL Students -
School Picture Day*

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[Department of Public Health.](#)

- Quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts.
- If your COVID-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, visitors and residents must quarantine until they receive a negative test result.
- Important details:
 - Students and staff will need to provide proof of a PCR (not antigen) test per the order.
 - Those traveling for 72 hours may not obtain a test prior to their departure.

For a list of state-sponsored testing sites, please refer to this [Stop the Spread](#) resource. Working together, we can maintain the low incidence rates that the towns of Hamilton and Wenham currently enjoy. Our collective diligence allows our schools to stay open for in-person learning and helps to keep all of us safe.

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.