

# Winthrop School

September 22, 2017

## Newsletter



If your child is going to be absent or tardy, please call the Safe Arrival Line at **978-468-5344**. You may leave a message 24/7.

### Upcoming Events:

#### **September 26**

Ice Cream Social & new Playground Celebration 5:30-7pm

#### **October 2**

Parent Forum of K-2 safety curriculum (Kids & Co.)

#### **October 5**

Kids Care Club 3-4 pm

#### **October 6**

No school for students

#### **October 9**

No school

#### **October 16**

Friends of Winthrop meeting 7:00 pm

#### **October 20**

Halloween Happenings 5:30pm

#### **October 24**

11:15 dismissal for conferences

#### **October 31**

11:15 dismissal for conferences

Hello Winthrop Families,

Thank you to all the families who came out to attend our Curriculum Night last Monday. This annual night sets the stage for the learning that will take place throughout the year, and it was great to see so many people in attendance. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you were unable to attend and he/she can share the information with you. There will be days set aside for parent/teacher conferences in October which will be early release days for the students, so please see the dates in the side margin for upcoming days off and early release days in October.

What happens at the school on Wednesday afternoons? This week our teachers' professional development time was connected to Mathematical practices and Next Generation Science Standards. The work is directly incorporated into the students' instruction and hands-on experiences in the classes. I continue to be impressed by the teachers' commitment to working collaboratively across the district and bringing this into their practice. The lessons I am seeing as I visit the classrooms, and conversations I have with the students, speak to their interest and engagement in the content.

I invite all our Winthrop families to the Ice Cream Social & Playground Celebration on Tuesday, Sept. 26! Come join us from 5:30-7:00 outside on the playground for free ice cream served by the Winthrop Staff and to celebrate the Grand Opening of our new playground! This playground would not have been possible without the efforts of the Operation Playground Committee and the many families that supported this great improvement to our school community. We invite you to see all of the new equipment and play structures that your child has been enjoying over the past week. The fifth graders will also be selling slices of pizza to raise money for their spring activities.

***Families are reminded that Free and Reduced Meal benefits are available to those that qualify. We encourage you to apply if support may be helpful. Applications are available by clicking the link below or by contacting the Food Service office at 978-468-0398.***

[Free and Reduced Meal Application \(Click Here\)](#)

*Christopher Heath*

# Kids & Company Together for Safety – Parent Forum Night

On **Monday, October 2nd from 6:30 –7:30** pm, we will hold a parent forum at the Cutler School in the dining hall to discuss the district's safety curriculum, Kids and Company: Together For Safety. This is a comprehensive program taught in grades K-2 that provides children with the skills, information, self-confidence and support necessary to prevent abduction and sexual abuse. The program takes a positive and constructive approach in helping children respond to various situations and make safe decisions.

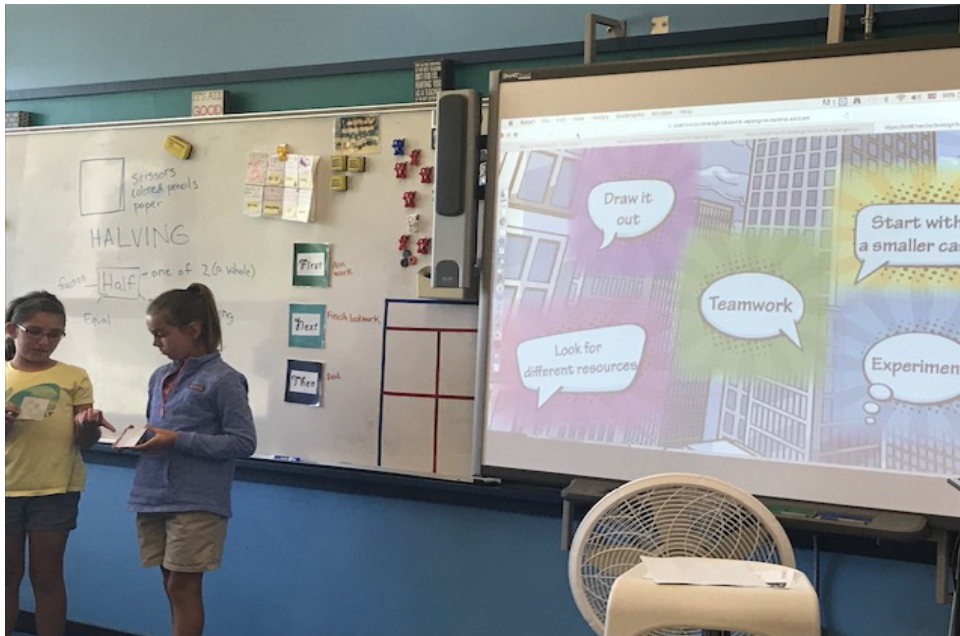
The forum will provide parents, who are unfamiliar with the program, an overview of the skills that are taught and a chance to view the materials used. If you have any questions about the program or the forum, please contact Dolly McIlvaine (Culter), Kathy Hughes (Buker) or Katie Lindsey (Winthrop).

## Kids Care Club

The Winthrop Kids Care Club is open to all students in grades K-5. **This year we will be meeting on Thursdays after school. Our first meeting date will be Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet a total of about 6 times throughout the year. Future meeting dates TBA. We will use the meeting times to work on community projects or to go out into the community to do community service projects. Please reach out if you would like your child to participate!

***REGISTRATION FORM AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER***

Grade 5 students demonstrating their knowledge



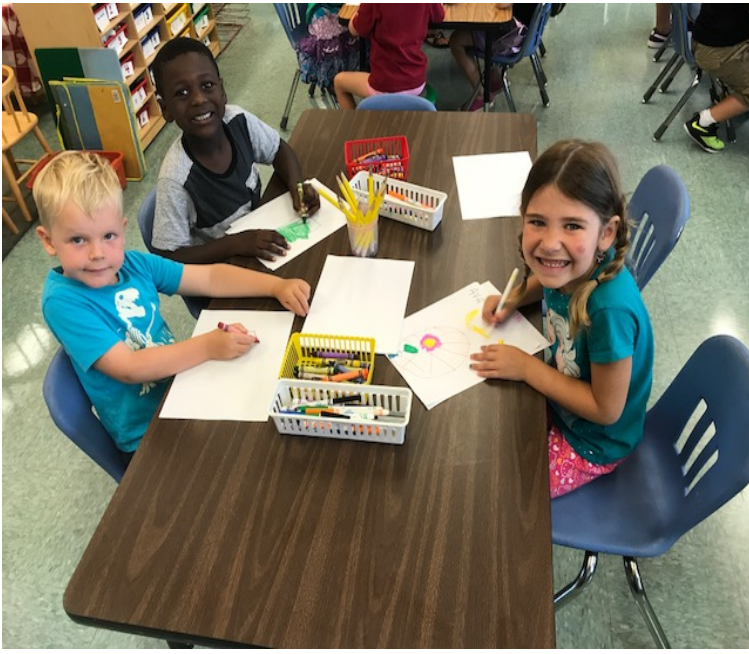
Reminder for Gr. 4 and 5 Families:

Registration forms for **band and chorus** are due. For forms, instrumental demos, and information, visit the Message Board on our website or click [here](#) for more details.

Instrument lessons begin the week of October 2 !



Welcome to some of the newest members of our Winthrop Community!





**Winthrop School Kids Care Club  
Registration Form  
2017-2018**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information**

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Ideas to help others \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_