



# WINTHROP WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

Diversity

A community of learners becoming leaders, embracing change, and shaping the future

January 4, 2012



## The Action Heats Up!

One side effect of the cold weather is that we all head inside for our activities. This time of year in schools can be quite busy so mark those calendars carefully!

January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> mark our first extra support group sessions for grades 2-5. Confirmation letters for attendance will be sent home this week. These sessions are in addition to our Homework Club offerings.

Student Leadership Council meetings are quite regular this time of year for fourth and fifth grade students. Ballroom dance also begins at the end of this month. A busy time for all!

## Save the Date:

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**FRIES Fundraiser Movie Night:**

**"Race to Nowhere."**

A documentary film about the state of the American education system.

Showing at Ipswich Performing Arts Center.



## A Very Special Thank You

Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated in the annual holiday card project for Ipswich seniors. Our students created beautiful holiday cards that were mailed to Ipswich senior citizens. A special thank you to Cara Doran who organized this event and to the FRIES for supporting this special Winthrop holiday tradition.

## It Takes a Village

So much of our planning and design takes into account some of the very foundational skills we believe are required for future academic success. Through early practice and training, we hope to ingrain these powerful habits. **We need your help to be effective.**



**Coming to school on time** ~ Our school day begins at 8:40 a.m. Officially, a student is "late" after 8:45 a.m. We all know how off-base one can feel when coming into an event after it has begun, and this is not a good way to start the school day. With the changing weather, getting to school on time can be challenging, but please make prompt arrival a priority.

**Fostering independence** ~ Perhaps one of the greatest traits we can promote is a sense of empowerment and independence in our children, and with these traits comes confidence. Now that almost half of the year is behind us (can you believe it?) all students know the way to their classrooms. Please avoid walking your child to his/her classroom. There are extra staff members outside to assure safety, and the use of the connector can ease the morning transition. Stressing how confident you are that he/she can reach the room independently can make a world of difference!



One of the best indicators of success is when students complete established routines without excessive adult intervention. Let's give our children these opportunities!



## FRIES NEWS

THANK YOU to MARINI FARMS for making our 1st Annual Wreath Fundraiser a success!! Thanks to your purchases--and the generous donations from Marini's--\$180 was raised for FRIES.

FRIES mtg. next Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30pm in the Winthrop café.

All parents are encouraged to attend! We will be discussing the upcoming joint fundraiser, budget items and \$\$ allocation, and any suggested topics re: our school.

Budget meeting at 6:30pm in the faculty room. All are welcome to attend.

**Casino Night 2012 is right around the corner!!  
Friday, March 23rd**

Please let us know if you would like to help out! Committees are still being formed and we are looking for several parents to get involved! Look for the next planning meeting coming up very soon...

Also--If you have a donation item or service that you'd like to donate for the silent auction, please contact: Jen Norton [jen.norton@verizon.net](mailto:jen.norton@verizon.net) or Sharon Buletza [sbuletza@gmail.com](mailto:sbuletza@gmail.com)



## Community News:

- **Actor's Company**, 55 Market Street, Saturday Morning Theater is back! Classes begin January 7<sup>th</sup> for grades 3, 4, and 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. If you would like more information or to sign up, email Amy Sheridan at [amydsheridan@gmail.com](mailto:amydsheridan@gmail.com).
- **February 11, 2012, 9-Noon**, Ipswich Middle School, Recycle your styrofoam (packaging, cups, meat and fruit trays). For more info email: [ipswichrecycles@gmail.com](mailto:ipswichrecycles@gmail.com).

## Keep those Boxtops Coming!

Stacey Bennett, who kindly bundles up our Boxtop reimbursements, reports that our first submission brings approximately \$800 to Winthrop School. Thanks for contributing to this collection! Our next submission is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> so keep them coming!

## Fourth Grade Parents

If you are interested in helping prepare/organize/sew costumes for the upcoming fourth grade play please email Kathy Hopping ([koconnell4@verizon.net](mailto:koconnell4@verizon.net))  
No sewing experience necessary!



## FROM THE KITCHEN ~ ~

Please remember you may pay for your child's school lunch in advance - by the week or better yet, by the month, and with our computer system, we can give you up-to-date information on your account. If you have any questions, please call us at 978-356-2976. Parents are always welcome to dine with their children for lunch and breakfast. *Please call ahead.*



## THIS WEEK CONTINUES:

Thursday, 1/5 \* 1:50 Dismissal  
\* 7:00 School Committee

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, 1/10 \* 3:15 Student Leadership Council  
\* 6:15 School Council (rescheduled from 1/3)

Wednesday, 1/11 \* SLC- Newspaper Club  
\* 6:30 FRIES Meeting Budget  
\* 7:30 FRIES Meeting

Thursday, 1/12 \* 11 – 1 School Store  
\* SLC – Early Act

Monday, 1/16 \* NO SCHOOL  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, 1/17 \* SLC – Technology Committee

Thursday, 1/19 \* 1:50 Dismissal  
\* 7:00 School Committee

Monday, 1/23 \* NO SCHOOL  
Teacher Workshop Day

## School Menu This Week

### Thursday, January 5

Sloppy Joe/Bun with  
Cooked Carrot  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Bagel/Cheese

### Friday, January 6

Sal's Cheese Pizza, Veggie  
Tray, Dessert  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Bagel/Cheese



## School Menu

**Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches, Salad with egg and cheese are available as extra choices everyday.**

*Bottle Water is available in two sizes:*

8 oz. \$.50      16.9 oz. \$1.00

### Monday, January 9

Soft Pretzel & Chicken  
Noodle Soup, Veggie Tray  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Pizza

### Tuesday, January 10

Chicken Patty/Bun, Sun Chips  
Peas  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Pizza

### Wednesday, January 11

Whole Grain Pasta with  
Meat Sauce, Salad, Garlic  
Bread Stick  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Pizza

### Thursday, January 12

Breakfast for Lunch: French  
Toast Sticks with Syrup, Ham  
Slice  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Pizza

### Friday, January 13

Whole Grain BBQ Chicken  
Or Cheese Pizza, Veggie Tray,  
Dessert  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Clam Chowder/  
Crackers

