



Fort Report

January 2018



A new year ushers in renewed energy and goals for learning thus we start the year off with a fresh look at student performance and growth. In January, each kindergarten through grade 2 student will participate in the second of three DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessments. This early literacy assessment screens for whether students are at risk of reading difficulty and helps us track student growth over time. Student comprehension skills are also analyzed. Grade 2 uses Scholastic Reading Inventory to monitor reading comprehension while kindergarten and grade 1 use less standardized measures. The DIBELS, StoryTown and SRI or alternative comprehensive assessment data are analyzed to reveal collective grade level student performance and identify students with the greatest need for Title I reading support. To ensure we are supporting students with the greatest needs, students that receive supplemental reading services changes with each assessment administration.

Preschool screenings for potential incoming 2018-2019 preschool students will be held 3/5, 3/6, and 3/7. For details on scheduling an appointment and necessary documentation please check our school website or the Winthrop Transcript towards mid-February.

Coming soon...the next session of Fun at the Fort will begin mid to late January. Be sure to check your child's backpack for registration information and class selections. And don't forget that space is limited!

Students are looking forward to performing for you at our winter music concert on Thursday, January 11th. Please check your child's backpack for grade level times. The performance is expected to last approximately 30 minutes. All kindergarten through grade 2 students will have an opportunity to see each concert therefore we respectfully request that parents/guardians respect teaching and learning and NOT ask to dismiss their child from class in order to see a sibling. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Winter has no intention of leaving any time soon. And to make it worse, our school location features a strong wind and a cold chill. Remember, even on inclement days our students wait outside in the morning and outdoor recess is our goal. Please take responsibility for your child's physical comfort and well being and be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold!

Thanks for a great 2017 and I look forward to sharing 2018 with your children!

Your Partner in Education,
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Shout OUTS!

Thank you to **Winthrop Police Sgt. Judy Racow** who once again organized a very generous toy donation for our families in need. The giving spirit of the WPD is much appreciated.

Thank you to the **GFB staff** for their impressive generosity and holiday donations to the Cohen and Allen families. We know giving!

Thank you to the **GFB PTO** for their generous donations to all GFB families in need of assistance this holiday season.

Congratulations to our **December SMART students:**

Kindergarten: Claire, Niah, Ralph, Lilah, Ava M., Katya

1st Grade: Luciano, Jonvienne, Emmanuelle, Ava R., Sophia S., William B., Zachary G.

2nd Grade: Francesca, Nikol, Kayla, Matthew T., Eli, BDR, Carmen.



1/11 – Winter Music Concert
– School Site Council meeting at 2:30
– PTO meeting at 2:30 p.m.

1/15 – No School/MLK Day

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