

# William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School

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Mrs. Kristen Reynolds, Acting Principal

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Tuesday, November 5, 2024

## Important Dates:

There is **No School on Monday**, November 11, 2024-Veterans' Day

**All of the Wednesdays in November are Early Release Days.**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024	Early Release Day Parent Conferences
Friday, November 8, 2024	School Wide Assembly
Monday, November 11, 2024	No School-Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	Early Release Day Parent Conferences
Friday, November 15, 2024, 6:00 PM	PTO Musical Bingo, Winthrop Yacht Club
Wednesday, November 20, 2024	Early Release Day Parent Conferences
Wednesday, November 27, 2024	Early Release Day Thanksgiving Break
Thursday & Friday, November 28-29, 2024	No School-Thanksgiving Break
Week of December 2, 2024	Book Fair
Wednesday-Friday, December 11-13, 2024	Curious Creatures, sponsored by GFB PTO
Wednesday, December 11, 2024	PTO Meeting <a href="#">Meeting Dates</a>
Friday December 13, 2024	Term 1 Report Cards Distributed
Monday-Wednesday, December 23, 2024-January 1, 2025	No School-Holiday Break School resumes on Thursday, January 2, 2025

## GFB School Hours:

<p>Full Day Schedule Preschool: 8:00-10:30 AM, 10:30 AM-1:00 PM Kindergarten: 7:50 AM-1:50 PM Grades 1 &amp; 2: 7:50 AM-2:10 PM</p>	<p>Half Day Schedule Preschool: 10:30 AM Dismissal Kindergarten: 10:40 AM Dismissal Grades 1 &amp; 2: 11:00 AM Dismissal</p>
<p>Breakfast is available 7:20-7:40 AM</p>	<p>Supervision in Gym (Grades 1 &amp; 2) and Multipurpose Room (Kindergarten) 7:30 AM-7:50 AM</p>
<p>All K-2 Students should be in the Multipurpose Room or Gym, ready to file to their classrooms <b>before</b> 7:50 AM</p>	

## Message from Mrs. Reynolds

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to me this past week with well wishes. Thank you also to the PTO for the impromptu welcome breakfast yesterday morning. It is so nice to be welcomed into this role by all of you. As the new GFB Principal, I'd like to share a little information about myself:

I live in Winthrop with my husband Dave. Dave works for NBC Universal and is the current Commodore at the Cottage Park Yacht Club. I serve as President of the Ladies Bowling League at CPYC. We have two adult children, Kate and David, who are both former GFB students. I enjoy reading, swimming, bowling, biking and doing word puzzles and logic games on the iPad. I currently have a 519 day streak on Duolingo!

Raised in a family of educators, I attended the Winthrop Public Schools through grade 8 and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Boston College in Mathematics and a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Lesley College. I have taught in the Winthrop Public School District since 1991, beginning in the Computer Lab at the N. E. Willis School and then transitioning to the role of third grade teacher, where I spent the bulk of

my career, teaching at the Willis School, the Cummings School and 5 years at the Gorman Fort Banks. (Yes, at two different times, third graders came to the Fort!!) After 33 years of teaching, I was hired as Interim Assistant Principal at the GFB in September of 2023 and was officially named Assistant Principal in the Spring of 2024. I have been fortunate to learn from many wonderful principals, including Mr. McAneny and look forward to continuing his work to keep the GFB students safe and provide the best possible learning outcomes. I wish Mr. McAneny good health and happiness in his retirement.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions and concerns that you may have. I will be scheduling a *Coffee with the Principal* in the near future. Keep an eye out in the weekly family update for the date and time.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please note that the next 4 Wednesdays are Early Release Days. November 6, 13 and 20 are scheduled for parent/teacher conferences. If you have not already done so, please schedule a conference with your child's teacher. If you would also like to meet with one of the other teachers that support your child, you can send an email to the teacher to set up a time. Email addresses for Specialists, OT, PT, Speech, Reading and Special Education Teachers can be found [HERE](#).

### Veterans Day

Monday, November 11, 2024 there will be No School as we observe Veterans Day. On Veterans Day we honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. At the GFB we will be honoring the Veterans in our own families by creating our own Veterans Day Wall of Honor in the school lobby. If you would like to participate, by adding a loved one to this display, please fill out the bottom portion of the [document found here](#) and return it to school by Thursday November 7th. Thank you to Miss Coats and Mr. Osburn for organizing this display.

### Message from Nurse Beuoy regarding WPS Health Protocols

Many illnesses affect school-age children. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to follow [the health protocols which can be viewed here](#).

It is important that you [keep all information in PowerSchool updated](#), including contact information with phone numbers and email addresses, so we can reach you.

### GFB PTO-<https://www.facebook.com/fortbankspto/>

[October PTO meeting Notes](#) There is no PTO meeting in November. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

[PTO Meeting Dates 2024-25](#)

### Musical Bingo Family Fundraiser

The GFB PTO will be hosting a fundraiser Musical Bingo night Friday, 11/15 at Winthrop Yacht Club! [Registration forms](#) went home in your child's take-home folder.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children; additional bingo cards can be purchased for \$5 each at the door. All payments MUST be made using Venmo at @GFBPTO. Ticket price includes pizza and ice cream sundae bar. 50/50 raffle tickets will be on sale at the event.

Funds raised through this event will be used for field trips and enrichment activities like Curious Creatures,

Eyes on Owls, and other events for our students. Registration is accepted through November 11th or sell-out.



**GIFTS FOR FIRST 50 TO ENTER!!**

**CLASS OF 2026 PRESENTS**  
**Country fair!**  
**NOVEMBER 21ST**

**ST MICHAEL'S GYMNASIUM | DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**

**\$5 ENTRY FEE**  
**A NIGHT FULL OF RAFFLES AND LUCK!**  
**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WHS CLASS OF 2026**

**RAFFLES, 50/50, DOOR PRIZE, TURKEY GIVEAWAY!!**



**SPINELLI'S & WHS CLASS OF 2025**

**THANKSGIVING PIE FUNDRAISER**

Spinelli's most awaited seasonal pies are back! Grab them while they're hot.  
 Orders due by 11/19

**Pies are \$20 Each**

[Click Here](#) OR Scan the QR Code to order!

**Pumpkin Pie  
 Blueberry Pie  
 Apple Pie  
 Ricotta Pie  
 Lemon Meringue**

Pick Up Location:  
 Winthrop High School Tuesday 11/26 5:00pm -7:00pm  
 Deliveries 11/26 AFTER 5pm

For more information reach out to Danielle Reardon at 617-529-8498 or danielle.reardon@comcast.net

**¡Contenido relacionado en el contenido de la ficha puede variar!**

**MIÉRCOLES 6 DE NOVIEMBRE 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

- Explora los riesgos y recompensas de aplicaciones, sitios web y juegos más populares usados por la juventud hoy en día
- Aprende estrategias para mantener a los jóvenes seguros en línea
- Aprende sobre los mejores enfoques para hablar con los jóvenes sobre la seguridad en línea

**INTERPRETACIÓN DIRECTA EN ESPAÑOL ESTARÁ DISPONIBLE. ESTE TALLER ESTÁ GRATIS Y DISEÑADO SOLAMENTE PARA ADULTOS. SE REQUIERE REGISTRO.**

**REGÍSTRESE: [bit.ly/sbt11624](https://bit.ly/sbt11624)**



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**ANY ADULT 7th or SUPERIOR COUNTY IS WELCOME TO JOIN!**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 5:30PM-7:00PM**

- Explore the risks & rewards of popular social media apps, websites, & games used by youth today
- Learn strategies for keeping youth safe online
- Discuss recommendations for applying safety settings & talking with youth about online safety

**THIS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP IS FOR ADULTS ONLY. LIVE SPANISH INTERPRETATION WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

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**THE FOURTH ANNUAL**  
**THE GREAT PUMPKIN DROP**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 10-12**  
**FORT BANKS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**

**FREE** Don't throw your pumpkins out, roll them down the hill and drop them!

**STOP, DROP & ROLL YOUR OLD PUMPKINS**

You can turn your old pumpkins into valuable compost!  
 Reduce Food Waste! Crafts for Kids!

**MOTHERS OUT FRONT**  
 WINTHROP, NC

Sponsored by Mothers Out Front Winthrop

**SUPPORT WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL!**

# **PERCENT NIGHT!**

GENEROUSLY HOSTED BY:

**The Winthrop Arms!**

**4PM-  
CLOSE!**

**Tuesday,  
November 5th!**



**10% of all food & drinks  
will be donated to the  
WHS Girls Basketball  
Boosters!!**

**DINE IN  
OR TAKE  
OUT!**

Denise Ferguson

@Denise-Ferguson-16



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**ALL DONATIONS  
ARE APPRECIATED!**