Hello Winthrop Families,

We had a busy week of learning and growing at the Winthrop School this week.

On Wednesday, we held our second fire drill of the year. The students demonstrated how quickly and quietly they can exit the building, and I was proud of the responsible manner in which they handled this task. Within three minutes, the drill was over and the students re-entered the building. We have several drills scheduled throughout the school year which helps us all become comfortable and familiar with the process.

At the beginning of each school year, our teachers work individually with the students on beginning of year (BOY) benchmark assessments. This work provides us with relevant data to help determine where students are currently in terms of their Mathematics and Reading growth. We then take this information to tailor the instruction provided in order to meet the needs of our students. This is also valuable data that will be discussed in upcoming parent/teacher conferences. The parent/teacher conferences begin next week and provide an opportunity for you to share observations around your child’s school experience and learning so far, as well as provide teachers time to share how your child has adjusted to the expectations of the classroom. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have not scheduled a conference appointment.

The classroom pictures that follow in this newsletter include our Grade 5 students actively engaged in this week's Science investigations around the physical properties of various states of matter. It was great to see the students actively engaged in this hands-on discovery.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Students will be dismissed at 11:15am on Tues., Oct. 24 and Tues., Oct. 31 due to parent/teacher conferences. Lunches will not be served on those days so please send your child to school with a substantial snack. Buses will run their usual routes. To all families of Grades 2 and 3: Family Music Morning is Friday, Nov. 3 at 8:45am.

Have a great weekend,

**Christopher Heath**
Help Winthrop School Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began in 1950 to help kids who needed more than just candy. Your donations allow UNICEF to provide children in more than 190 countries with medicine, nutrition, clean water, emergency relief and education. Last year Winthrop School students worked hard to collect over $600! Let’s see if we can collect even more this year!

Your child recently received a UNICEF collection box. This box will be used to collect donations if your child goes trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Halloween night is not the only time your child can collect donations. Your child can ask family, friends and neighbors for donations any time. Please have your child bring in their UNICEF box of donations no later than Friday, November 3.

Thank you and let’s have fun TRICK-OR-TREATING for UNICEF!
Ms. Lindsey & the Kids Care Club

UNICEF is a leading humanitarian and development agency working globally for the rights of every child. For more information, visit their website at www.unicef.org

**SAVE THE DATE**

Families of Grades 2 and 3 are invited to:

Family Music Morning

Friday, November 3
8:45-9:35 in the Winthrop Cafeteria

Grade 2 and 3 students will perform the songs they have been working on in music classes for family and friends. Siblings who attend Winthrop will have an opportunity to see the performance at the monthly whole school meeting.

Hamilton-Wenham Integrated Preschool now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year

Open House Dates

Wed. November 1   OR   Wed., November 8
1:30-2:30 pm

Come meet our staff and explore the classrooms. To sign up to attend the open house, please contact preschool@hwschools.net or 978-468-5489
Nurse Baker would like to encourage all families to take part in the **Teal Pumpkin Project**. The project’s mission is to raise awareness of food allergies and promote inclusion of all trick-or-treaters throughout the Halloween season. Color a pumpkin **teal** as a sign that you offer non-food treats. There is also a flyer at the end of the newsletter that you can hang in your window. Consult this infographic for some non-candy treat ideas.
Grade 5 as they tested various objects’ magnetic properties, and their ability to conduct electricity, transfer heat, and reflect light.
Non-Food Treats Available Here

We support kids with food allergies. Our teal pumpkin means we have non-food treats available!