

**Annual Winthrop PTO
Events & Fundraisers**

Early Fall

Kindergarten & New Student
Welcome
Parent Open House

Fall

Scholastic Book Fair
4th - 5th Grade Fall Celebration
Square One Art
Turkey Trot Run-a-Thon *

Winter

Holiday Giving Tree
Holiday Bazaar
K-1st Grade Dance
Valentines for Veterans

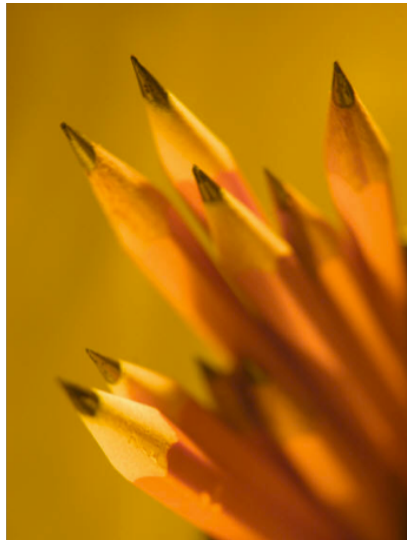
Early Spring

2nd - 3rd Grade Game Night
Read-a-Thon *

Late Spring/Early Summer

Winthrop Talent Show
Spring Music Concerts
Winthrop Golf Open & Social
Spirit Day

* Indicates our annual fundraisers



**2022 - 2023
MEETING DATES**

PTO Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm via Zoom. A link will be available via our web site and Facebook page prior to each meeting.

Meeting Dates:

September 8th, 2022
October 13th, 2022
November 10th, 2022
December 8th, 2022
January 12th, 2023
February 9th, 2023
March 9th, 2023
April 13th, 2023
May 11th, 2023
June 8th, 2023

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**2022-2023
Information Guide**

The PTO has mailboxes in the Winthrop main office



Here are just a few reasons to be a part of the PTO for the 2022-2023 school year:

- PTO meetings offer parents the opportunity to know what is happening in the school and the wider community.
- Participating in PTO shows an interest in your child's education and activities, shows support for teachers and school administration, and helps foster the relationships between personnel and parents.
- Our PTO does some amazing things for our kids and their school. It feels great to be a part of that and see the benefits.
- It's fun! You can be involved in ways that can fit your abilities and your schedule.

Please consider getting involved in the PTO. Our school thrives because of our volunteers!

If you have a particular area of interest or have any questions, feel free to contact Co-Presidents **Abby Law** or **Jeralyn O'Leary**:

WinthropPTO@gmail.com

Connect with us! By providing your contact information, you can:

- Receive emails about school happenings
- Add your child to the optional school directory (which makes planning play dates much easier!)
- Subscribe for events throughout the year, including being a Room Representative for your student's classroom
- Subscribe to our newsletter, the Winthrop Express

You can access the Winthrop PTO Communications Form here:
tinyurl.com/WinthropPTO22-23

Winthrop Tips and Tricks

Friendly advice for navigating the Winthrop School!

Volunteering at school

Every volunteer must be registered and cleared through *The Bridge: A School/Community Partnership EVERY YEAR*. You will not be allowed into the school building without clearance and a name badge. Badges are kept in the main office, where you sign in and out of the building. Register at tinyurl.com/2022-23BridgeRegistration.

Room Representatives

Room Representatives coordinate volunteer needs for the classroom including library, parties, field trips other needs as determined by the teacher. Room Representatives also request a small donation from each family to cover expenses throughout the year (party/craft supplies, teacher gifts, etc.). Sign up through the Communications Form link!

Lunch in the Classroom

Lunch will be held in the classroom on rare occasions when the All Purpose Room is unavailable. Students may still order lunch, but lunches brought from home must be **NUT FREE**.

Parking, Drop Off, Etc.

- Traffic flow on Ashcroft St. is one way from Upham St. to First St. during the school day. Similarly, traffic flow on First St. is one way towards Lebanon St.
- When using the "Drop-off Zone," pull as far down as possible, and maintain the flow of traffic. Students should exit through the passenger side and move quickly out of the vehicle. Parents should not exit the vehicle.
- Parking is allowed on Ashcroft St. (on the side opposite the school) and First St. (on the same side as the school). Do not park in any No Parking Zones. Melrose Police **DO** ticket!

Half Days

There are early release days on the 1st or 2nd Wednesday of every month. There are programs available through Educations Stations that provide care until the end of the normal school day.

Winthrop Website & Winthrop Express Newsletter

We have a Winthrop PTO website winthrop.melrosepto.com. Please check it out! In addition, our bimonthly newsletter, the **Winthrop Express**, is distributed via e-mail. These are the best places for news about PTO events, school happenings, fundraising efforts, and other ways to stay involved in the Winthrop Community. Connect via the Communications Form link!

PTO Committee Descriptions

Adopt-a-Site

Maintains grounds plantings and the appearance of our school's public entrances.

Communications/Publicity

Coordinates communication between the PTO and school administration, organizes and promotes Winthrop community events via our website, newsletter, and social media.

DEI

As part of the District-wide DEI team, helps establish and enhance relationships among the Winthrop parent community and promote multicultural literacy.

Fundraising/Ways and Means

Organizes the fundraising activities for the year. This crucial committee delivers the funds for our PTO activities throughout the school year.

Holiday Bazaar ✨

Organizes a day-long shopping event for the kids. Purchases stock, organizes shopping tables, coordinates volunteers and, of course, helps the kids buy the perfect holiday gifts for their families. An incredibly fun day that the kids always enjoy!

Hospitality

Works to ensure that all school-hosted events are properly furnished and that our teachers and personnel are appreciated throughout the year.

PTO Committee Descriptions

Library ✨

Provides an essential function in our school by maintaining our library which runs on an ALL-VOLUNTEER basis for grades K-2. Responsible for shelving, tracking, and ordering books and displays as well as working with teachers to ensure the library is stocked with relevant materials.

Spirit Day ✨

Organizes Field Day at the close of the school year. A fun day of activities for the kids!

Student Enrichment

Researches and schedules performers and programs and coordinates school scheduling of all enrichment activities. Works with teachers on field trips and curriculum tie-ins. Please see additional handout for more details.

Student Events

Hosts a variety of social opportunities throughout the year, including:

- K-1 Dance
- 2-3 Game Night
- 4-5 Fall Celebration

Targeted Funds

Solicits, tracks, and presents grant applications from teachers/administrators. The PTO then votes on projects and provides funds for these "targeted" projects.

✨ While all our committees need help with tasks that can be done at your convenience, these committees also need a significant number of volunteers during school hours.

PTO Fundraising Efforts

The Winthrop School PTO is a 501 (c)(3) organization as part of the citywide Melrose PTO Inc. Our PTO raises and spends approximately \$35,000 -\$40,000 every year on enriching our kids' school experience. We fully fund our library, bring in special programs, provide classroom stipends to teachers and specialists and so much more.

We raise these funds through a variety of efforts, a few of which are listed below:

- Annual Turkey Trot and Read-a-thon
- Social events for parents
- Textile Program: The giant white box at the top of the playground? Put your old linens, stuffed animals or other items that are not worthy of passing on into the box. We receive \$100 per ton. (More information to follow in the Winthrop Express Newsletter.)
- PTO Donations: Your support is very much appreciated but completely voluntary.

If you would like to get involved, please consider becoming a Committee Member. Our fundraising and volunteer efforts are crucial to our ability to continue providing our school with the level of support our kids deserve.

Please email any questions to Abby Law and Jeralyn O'Leary:
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2022 - 2023 PTO Officers

Co-Presidents: Abby Law & Jeralyn O'Leary

Vice President: Tara Pope

Treasurer: Barb Travers Secretary: Jenn Griffith Richter

2022 - 2023 Committee Chairs

Adopt-a-Site: Mark Morgan

Book Fair: Amy Tierney

Citywide PTO Representative: Annie Lin

Communications/Publicity: Brooke Daniels and Annie Lin

DEI: Bonnie Clapp

Fundraising Ways and Means: Keri Cote

Holiday Bazaar: Tai Lorizio

Hospitality: Stephanie Nelson

Library: Amanda Cormier and Jillian LaRosa

Read-a-Thon: Keri Cote

Run-a-Thon/Turkey Trot: Amanda Cormier

Spirit Day: Anne Powell, Cal Finocchiaro

Square One Art: Keri Cote

Student Enrichment: Mary Caddle, Bonnie Clapp

Student Events: Cal Finocchiaro

Talent Show: Mark Morgan

Targeted Funds: Janis Arnold

Winthrop Directory: Annie Lin

Winthrop Open: Tara Pope

Winthrop Wednesdays: Jeralyn O'Leary