

WINTHROP SCHOOL

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Dear Incoming Preschool Families,

Welcome to Winthrop School! We are excited to welcome you and your family to the Ipswich Public Schools Integrated Preschool Program at Winthrop School.

Please take time to review the enclosed documents containing important information for a successful start at the Winthrop School. An electronic version of this letter, containing clickable links to many necessary documents, can also be found on the **Winthrop School website** (https://winthrop.ipsk12.net/departments/academics/prek).

The hours of the preschool program are:

- **9:00 AM - 2:45 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**
- **9:00 AM - 1:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

Preschool Opening Schedule

Beginning preschool is a milestone for children and parents alike as students begin their school careers. The Ipswich Integrated Preschool Program is a thriving community where children flourish because of our strong partnership between home and school. We have worked thoughtfully to develop events and activities to support families during this transition, which are listed below in the opening schedule for preschool.

Preschool Orientation Parent & Student Visitation Day	Thursday, September 3rd *individually scheduled times*
1st Day of School for Preschool 2-Day Program	Tuesday, September 8th Dismissal at 1:30 PM
1st Day of School for Preschool 3-Day Program	Wednesday, September 9th Dismissal at 2:45 PM
PK-2 Parent Curriculum Night	Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:00 PM
School Picture Day	Friday, September 25th

Parent and Student Orientation Visitation Day

Preschoolers and their parents are invited to a Parent and Student Orientation/Visitation Day on Thursday, September 3rd to visit the classroom and meet with the preschool teachers. Please see the enclosed flyer with your child's scheduled time and detailed information.

Required Health Forms

As we prepare for the arrival of your child, we would like to remind you that we require the following documentation for your child to start school: (1) Birth Certificate, (2) Immunization Record, and (3) Recent Physical Exam. Please contact our Elementary School Nurse, Alison Moon, at 978-356-2976, ext. 4104 or amoon@ipsk12.net with any questions.

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- **Two-Day Programming Fee:**
  The cost of the two-day/week program is $3,830/year. As a courtesy to families, you have the option of paying in ten equal monthly installments of $383 from September - June. If you choose to pay in installments, they are due on or before the first of each month. If you choose to pay the full-year tuition at the beginning of the year, the $150.00 (non refundable) deposit fee is waived.

- **Three-Day Programming Fee:**
  The cost of the three-day/week program is $4,850/year. As a courtesy to families, you have the option of paying in ten equal monthly installments of $485 from September - June. If you choose to pay in installments, they are due on or before the first of each month. If you choose to pay the full-year tuition at the beginning of the year, the $150.00 (non refundable) deposit fee is waived.

If your family receives financial assistance or qualifies for the Federal Free or Reduced Meals Program, please refer to your family's tuition rate previously sent home.

School Lunch Program

Students may bring lunch, or purchase lunch in the cafeteria. Per the latest guidelines from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, lunch is served at *no charge*. However, if students wish to purchase other items, there may be a cost. Please see the flyer, by clicking on the following link, regarding "Nutrikids" and "My School Bucks", the debit card method used to send money to school for your child.

A snack is provided by the preschool program daily, but parents are welcome to send a snack from home.

Winthrop FRIES

Winthrop FRIES (Friends of the Ipswich Elementary Schools) is our parent-teacher group. Every parent is a member of FRIES. To stay connected, please join the Winthrop FRIES Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/152985654790358/ or the Winthrop FRIES Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/winthropfries/.

Winthrop Weekly Newsletter

The Winthrop Weekly newsletter is published every Wednesday and is emailed home and posted on our website. Please be sure your email address is correct so that you receive these updates.

Lastly, please also find a copy of the 2026-2027 Ipswich School Calendar.

Preschool teachers and staff have worked throughout the summer to ensure a smooth opening. The Winthrop Office is open throughout the summer so please feel free to call with any questions at 978-356-2976. We can also be reached via email at jnorton@ipsk12.net, rhiggins@ipsk12.net, and mganley@ipsk12.net. Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

With Excitement,

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