

WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Winthrop! I hope you will find our school website informative and helpful. Please be sure to check back often to stay informed about events, news, and other important school-related happenings.

Winthrop Elementary School has 360 students and close to 50 faculty members. Parents and community members are deeply involved within our school, and this level of commitment goes far in fostering a vital home-school connection. Our PTO is also quite active, enthusiastic, and responsible for many of the events that take place in our building. All school volunteers must register through *The Bridge* and have documentation on file before coming into our building. Please note that for safety and security, all volunteers and visitors must enter the building through the main office, sign-in, and wear a volunteer/visitor badge at all times.

In addition to volunteering within the school, I encourage families to become active participants in your child(ren)'s education while at home. Students are here for only 6 hours each day and with you for the rest. Have discussions about the school day, favorite (and least liked) lessons, activities, or classes. Set up a solid homework and nightly reading routine, have supplies and learning tools stocked and accessible, and be patient. Elementary school years are the time for learning about, and developing systems of organization. Children need modeling of these routines from adults, and the same system or routine might not work for every student.

Communication is an utmost priority this year and there are many ways to stay informed. Winthrop PTO members collect information throughout the week from parents, teachers, and myself and publish a weekly e-Notice each Monday. Many of our classroom teachers have their own webpage, and I have my own blog. Links to all of these can be found on the main page of the [school website](#).) However, these great technologies can't always replace personal interactions. Should you have a specific question, please contact your child's teacher by phone or email. If you feel a conference would be helpful, please ask to schedule a mutually convenient time to meet. Should you wish to speak directly with me, please call or see our school secretary, Terry Greenberg, or send me an e-mail.

Thank you for visiting our website. Welcome back to school – it looks to be an exciting year!

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