



# It's Worth Reading

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## Important Dates April



## A Letter from the Principals - April 2025



**April 2:** Return from Spring Break

**April 3-16:** IAR testing begins

**April 8-9:** PFA Screenings at District Office - No Pre-School Classes

**April 9:** Board of Education Meeting at District

**April 14:** Registration Help Night @ 4:00 - 6:00 WJH

**April 17:** Early Dismissal, WE student dismissal 1:30  
**NO EC, PRE-K or PM Kindergarten classes**

**April 18:** No School

- May Breakfast /Lunch online orders are due

Dear Worth Elementary Families,

We hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break! It's hard to believe it is April already. IAR testing for grades 3-5 has begun and will continue through Wednesday, April 9. Please make sure your child is at school on time and gets a good night's rest. We are encouraging all of our students to do their best!

Mrs. D'Andrea and Mrs. Koehler

### Universal Expectations/Behavior

Students will review our Universal Expectations with their classroom teachers. Please remind your child(ren) about the importance of making good choices, using kind words, being their best self, and following our universal expectations at school. As a reminder, cell phones are not allowed to be used at school. They must be off and put away during the school day. Students may call home from their classroom or the front office.

### IAR Preparation

IAR Testing continues through Wednesday, April 9, for grades 3-5. Students will be testing in ELA and Math. Grade 5 will have an additional Science test. Students will use their chromebooks and headphones for the test. During the test, students may not have smart watches or cell phones on. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time so they can complete their test.

### Dress for the Weather

Please send your child to school dressed for outdoor recess. It is important that students are dressed appropriately so they can be outside.

### Traffic - Arrival and Dismissal

Safety is our top priority. Please use the drive lane to drop off and pick up your student(s). Be sure to pull **all the way forward** before your child exits the vehicle. If you choose to walk your student(s) to the door, you must park in a legal parking spot. It is unsafe to drop students off at any corner, in

## Looking Ahead:

**May 11:** Happy Mother's Day

**May 23:** Early Release Day  
@ 1:30 / NO AM  
Kindergarten Today (PM)  
Class: 8:30 - 11:30)

**May 26:** Memorial Day -  
No School

**June 3:** Last Day of School

the middle of the street, or at the stop signs. Also, students should cross from corner to corner at the direction of the crossing guards. Please be mindful as they help ensure the safety of all our students and families.

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:15 AM. The North Entrance is for walkers. There is no parking on Oak Park next to the school during arrival and dismissal. Please be mindful of our neighbors and be sure to park in a legal spot and not in personal driveways. It is important that we are respectful of the neighbors and businesses across the street from Worth Elementary. There is no parking in the Safety Support Services Lot across the street at the north end of the building.

## Meal Ordering

If you need assistance ordering, please call the Nutrition Hotline at 708-671-3903. Information on ordering can be found on our district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

**The window to order breakfast and lunch for May will open on April 9 and will close on April 14.**

If you have not ordered meals for April, please be sure your child eats breakfast before school and to send your child with a lunch from home.

## April Lunch Menu



## LUNCH SPECIALS - APRIL 2025 WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127



**LUNCH MENU**  
ALL STUDENTS  
ELIGIBLE FOR A  
**FREE LUNCH**  
DAILY.  
PLEASE SEE  
THE DISTRICT  
WEBSITE FOR  
INSTRUCTIONS.

ON-LINE  
ORDERS MUST  
BE PLACED BY:  
FRIDAY, MARCH  
21, 2025



**MENU  
SUBJECT  
TO  
CHANGE.**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31 NO SCHOOL STAFF INSTITUTE DAY	1 NO SCHOOL STAFF INSTITUTE DAY	2 100% ALL BEEF HOT DOG Baked Lays Potato Chips Vegetarian Baked Beans Apple Slices Choice of Milk	3 100% ALL BEEF CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS Pickles Steamed Corn Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	4 SOFT PRETZEL & CHEESE SAUCE Carrots & Steamed Broccoli Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk
7 MINI CONFETTI PANCAKES w/ syrup Raspberry Rainbow Yogurt Potato Smiles Apple Slices Choice of Milk	8 STRAWBERRY YOGURT PARFAIT String Cheese Ranch Roasted Broccoli Carnival Cookie Choice of Milk	9 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/ barbeque or ketchup Baby Carrots w/ ranch Applesauce Choice of Milk	10 BONELESS CHICKEN WINGS w/ barbeque sauce Cornbread Vegetarian Baked Beans Banana Choice of Milk	11 BOSCO STICKS w/ MARINARA Steamed Green Beans Tropical Fruit Salad Choice of Milk
14 CHICKEN PARMESAN w/ Mashed Potatoes Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Apple Choice of Milk	15 CHICKEN TENDERS w/ barbeque or ketchup Steamed Broccoli Applesauce & Cookie Choice of Milk	16 CHEESY BEEF NACHOS w/ Sour Cream Salsa Tropical Fruit Salad Choice of Milk	17 MINI PIZZA BAGELS Celery & Steamed Corn Pineapple Chunks Choice of Milk	18 NO SCHOOL SPRING FRIDAY
21 ORANGE CHICKEN BOWL w/ fortune cookie Steamed Snap Peas Pineapple Chunks Choice of Milk	22 100% ALL BEEF HOT DOG Baked Lays Potato Chips Baby Carrots w/ ranch Fresh Fruit Salad Choice of Milk	23 MACARONI AND CHEESE Steamed Green Peas Banana Choice of Milk	24 POPCORN CHICKEN w/ Pretzel Goldfish Crackers Vegetarian Baked Beans Apple Choice of Milk	25 PERSONAL CHEESE PIZZA Fresh Broccoli w/ ranch Tropical Fruit Salad Choice of Milk
28 CHICKEN AND WAFFLES w/ syrup Carrots w/ ranch Apple Slices Choice of Milk	29 100% MINI CHICKEN CORN DOGS Baked Potato Wedges Peaches Choice of Milk	30 CHICKEN SALAD PITA SNACK PACK Cucumbers Watermelon Applesauce Choice of Milk	<small>In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800)877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</small>	

### **Curriculum**

**Reading:** Our students and teachers have been working hard to implement our new reading curriculum, Wit and Wisdom. When you are at home reading, ask your child what is something you notice and what is something you wonder? They have been having some really rich academic conversations in their classrooms with these noticings and wonders.

**SEL:** Second Step Unit 4 is all about Problem Solving.

### **Remaining Early Dismissal Days**

Our last two early dismissal days will be April 17 and May 24. These days, we provide our staff with the opportunity for professional development and school improvement. Worth Elementary students are dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

### **Parent Communication**

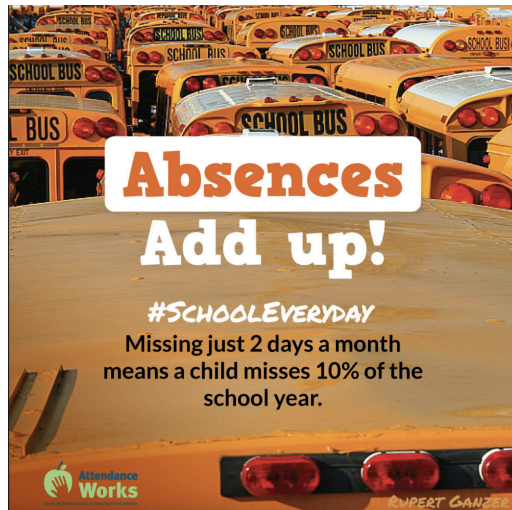
Please make sure you are enrolled in the district communication platform, School Messenger. We want to make sure you are getting the most up-to-date information. If you have recently changed your contact information or would like to check your current information, you may follow the instructions listed on the district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/communication/>

### **Safety Measures / Sick Protocol**

Please note that all students must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. This includes being fever-free (without medication) and vomit-free. **If you need to report an absence, please call the office at 708-448-2801.**

### **Attendance**

It is CRITICAL that your child be present and on time at school EVERY DAY! Valuable learning time is lost when a student is absent. Please contact Mrs. D'Andrea or Mrs. Koehler if you have any questions.



### **Arrival & Dismissal Procedures**

**Car Riders:** Driving parents are encouraged to use the car lane for arrival and dismissal. Walking parents may not collect their students from the car lane. Students of all ages in all classrooms may use the car lane. Car riders enter the building from the car lane and will be dismissed into the car lane.

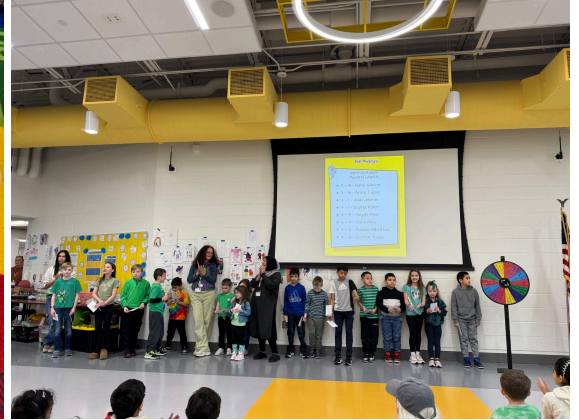
**Students not using the car lane:** can enter through the closest door and will be dismissed from different doors based on grade.

- ALL 4th/5th-grade students will be dismissed from the 4th/5th grade doors. Walkers will need to exit to 112th St.
- ALL students in Grades 1-3 will be dismissed from the NORTH DOORS (closest to 111th St.). Parents who wish to meet their student(s) should plan to meet them on the school's front lawn, near the grade-level signs.
- Students in the EC/PreK and Kindergarten programs or those requiring accessibility may enter / exit through the main entrance.

Parents who want to park to drop off / collect students must do so in legal parking spots. **They should never drop off or pick up students from the street**, as this jeopardizes safety and could result in a ticket.

All siblings will meet inside the school and proceed to their designated dismissal door.

### **Highlights from March**



Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea  
Worth Elementary Principal

Mrs. Alyse Koehler  
Worth Elementary Assistant Principal

### Daily Student Schedule

Grades 1-5  
8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten  
AM: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
PM: 12:15 - 3:15 p.m.

EC / PreK  
AM: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
PM: 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

### Attendance

### **A Note About Absences...**

If your child will not be at school for any reason, please call school to let us know. You can call the absentee hotline at 708-671-5859, 24 hours a day and leave a message. You can also contact our main office at 708-448-2801.

**We appreciate your partnership in educating students and keeping them safe!**



Attendance will be taken at 8:30 a.m. for ALL students.

## Late Arrivals / Early Dismissals

**Students who are late for school must be signed-in by school personnel.**

**Students leaving early from their regularly scheduled school day will need to be signed out in the office.**

**The designated pick-up person will need to provide a government issued ID to be scanned and returned before the school will release the student for dismissal.**

**Please call the office to let us know you will be picking up early.**

## District 127 Early Dismissal Days

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope your child's 2024/2025 school year is off to a great start. This letter is an **essential reminder** of early dismissal dates for staff Professional Development and school improvement. Please review the table below and make special note if your child is in Early Childhood, Pre-K, or Kindergarten.

- **Early Childhood** will not attend in person but will have remote instruction.
- **Pre-K** is not in session for all early dismissal dates.
- **AM and PM Kindergarten** will **alternate attending AM** in person except on December 20.
  - Kindergarten is not in session on December 20.

Date	EC	Pre-K	Kindergarten	1-5, WW/WE	WJH
Friday, September 27	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, November 1	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, December 6	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
*Friday, December 20	Remote	Not in session	NOT IN SESSION	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, February 14	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Thursday, April 17	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, May 23	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal

\*Staff are dismissed after student dismissal—no Professional Development.

Please contact your child's building principal with questions or concerns regarding early dismissal dates.