



# It's Worth Reading

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<p><b>Important Dates</b> <b>March</b></p>	<p><b>🍀🍀🍀 A letter from the Principals - March 🍀🍀🍀</b></p>
<p><b>March</b></p> <p><b>5 - Trimester 2 Ends</b> <b>April Meal Ordering Open</b></p> <p><b>12 – Worth BOE Mtg @</b> <b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>13 – Trimester 2 report</b> <b>cards go home</b></p> <p><b>14 - April Breakfast/Lunch</b> <b>Orders are due.</b></p> <p><b>24 - 28 – Spring Break -</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>31 - Teacher Institute</b> <b>Day-No Student</b> <b>Attendance</b></p> <p><b>April</b></p> <p><b>Apr 1 – Teacher</b> <b>Institute Day-No</b> <b>Student Attendance</b></p> <p><b>Apr 2 – Students Return</b> <b>to School</b></p> <p><b>Apr 3 - IAR Testing</b> <b>Begins</b></p>	<p>Dear Worth Elementary Families,</p> <p>As March begins, we look forward to more sunshine, warmer temperatures, and Spring Break. We can't believe we will be starting the third trimester of the school year. We have had a great year so far and look forward to everything to come. School attendance is vital to your child's success. Please send your child(ren) to school on time each day. During arrival and dismissal, Worth Elementary is a VERY busy place. Please use caution as you drive to drop off or pick up your child(ren). Safety is our top priority! We must work together to ensure the safety of our students, parents, and staff, including our crossing guards.</p> <p>We are looking forward to another great month at Worth Elementary!</p> <p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>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.</p> <div data-bbox="737 1249 1198 1707" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>Dress for the Weather</b></p> <p>During this time of the year, the weather changes hourly. Please send your child to school dressed for the weather changes. We will go outside for recess, weather permitting. It is important that students have coats and hats to wear outside.</p>

**Apr 8-9** - Pre-K Screenings Dist. Office - NO PRE-K Classes

**Apr 9** - Board of Ed Mtg - 6:00 PM

May breakfast/ Lunch menus released

**Apr 15** - ISA testing window - Gr 5

**Apr 17 - Early Dismissal - 1:30 Thursday,**

**April 17 EC Remote Pre-K Not in session**

**Kinder AM: 8:30-11:30**

**Kinder PM: Not in session**

**Apr 18 - No School**

May breakfast /Lunch online orders are due

It is also important that students have the proper footwear. Appropriate footwear should be worn at all times. Crocs and slides are not permitted as these can cause a safety hazard. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. D'Andrea or Mrs. Koehler

### **Traffic - Arrival and Dismissal**

Safety is our top priority. During arrival and dismissal Worth Elementary is a VERY busy place. 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. Do not drop students off at any corner, in the middle of the street, or at the stop signs.

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. U-turns are not permitted within 100 feet of an intersection or across two solid yellow lines.

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.

### **Assessments and Surveys**

Please take a moment to complete the 5Essentials Parent Survey. Click here for more information and for access to the survey: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>

In April, after spring break, students in grades 3-5 will participate in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and the Illinois Science Assessment. The best preparation for these important assessments is a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

### **Outdoor Recess and PE**

In clear weather, students will go outside for recess. They may be asked to stay indoors if they do not have coats. Students should not wear Crocs or slides to school for weather and safety purposes. Students who wear Crocs may be asked to stay indoors for recess (if the ground is wet) and will sit during PE.

As per the Parent - Student Handbook:

- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.

### **Second Step SEL**

Our last part of the year will focus on a review of social-emotional skills learned throughout the year, as well as self-management. Please remind your child about the importance of respecting oneself and others.

## Safety Measures / Sick Protocol

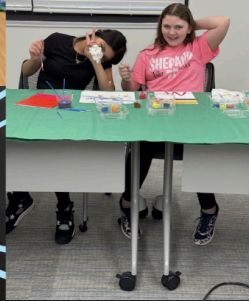
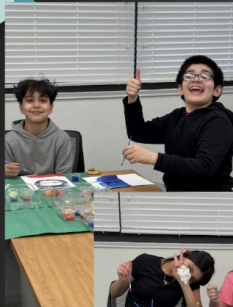
Please note that all students must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. This includes being fever and vomit-free. Reach out to Nurse Martha if you have any questions.

## School Highlights

### Cookies and Canvas



### Lunch with the Principal





# Pinewood Derby Winners!





**Bulldogs** **Clash** **In** **Math** **Madness!**

50 Completed Lessons

**Upcoming Events:**

**March Spirit Week**

<b>Monday</b> 03/17	<b>Show Your Shamrock Spirit</b> Wear green or St. Patrick's Day clothes!
<b>Tuesday</b> 03/18	<b>Decimal Dot Day</b> Wear polka-dot or spotted clothes!
<b>Wednesday</b> 03/19	<b>Dream Big with Numbers</b> Represent your favorite or lucky number - wear clothes with a number on it!
<b>Thursday</b> 03/20	<b>Spring into Pastels</b> Wear pastel colors!
<b>Friday</b> 03/21	<b>Cozy into Spring Break</b> Wear your pajama or comfy clothes!

Worth Elementary Student Council Presents

# FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect non-perishable foods for the Worth Community Center.

## COLLECTIONS

EC - 2nd Grade bring boxed goods

3rd - 5th grade bring canned goods

Bring items to your Homeroom and place in the donation box.

**March 17th - March 21st**



We look forward to another month filled with fun and meaningful learning experiences!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth D'Andrea".

**Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea**  
Worth Elementary Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyse Koehler".

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.

### **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**.

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

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

**Attendance**

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.