



It's Worth Reading

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<p>Important Dates August / September</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">A Letter from the Principal - September 2024</h2>
<p>Sept 2 - Labor Day NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Sept 11 - Patriot Day - Wear Red, White & Blue</p> <p>Worth 127 Board of Ed. Meeting @ 6:00 PM</p> <p>Sept 19 - WE Fall Picture Day</p> <p>Sept. 20- Meal ordering due for October</p> <p>Sept 27 - Early Dismissal @ 1:30 PM (EC - Remote Learning Pre-K - Not in Session Kindergarten AM - Class IN Session - 8:30 - 11:30 - NO PM Kindergarten -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Looking Ahead</p> <p>Oct 9 - Meal ordering begins for November</p> <p>Oct 14 - No School - Columbus Day Observed</p> <p>Oct 18 - Meal ordering due for November</p>	<p>Dear Worth Elementary Families,</p> <p>We have completed our first full week of school with success. It is wonderful to see all the students find their way and have the halls filled with the familiar sounds of excitement and laughter as students, teachers, and staff greet one another each day. School is more than a place to learn about academics. It is a place to grow and thrive, a place to make friends and share laughs, and it is a place to collaborate and support others in their learning, all while trying to be the best version of ourselves each day.</p> <p>It was great to welcome back our families at our recent open house event. As you may have noticed, our Worth Elementary School family has grown. Many new teachers have joined the Worth Family this year, and several staff members have new roles, including our new assistant principal, Mrs. Koehler. Please see a special message from Mrs. Koehler below. Dr. Eichstaedt has moved into an assistant director role, and I, Mrs. D'Andrea, am honored and humbled to serve as the principal of Worth Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year. The district website contains all of this information and is being updated daily. Please continue to check the website for more information.</p> <p>Meal Ordering</p> <p>As in years past, parents and guardians must pre-order breakfasts and lunches for students in grades 1-5. If you did not place your order for September, please be sure to send your child with a lunch each day. A snack will be provided for EC, Pre-K, and Kindergarten. 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/</p> <p>The window to order breakfast and lunch for October will open on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024.</p> <p>Benchmark Testing</p> <p>We are working on completing our FastBridge Benchmark assessments. These tests are completed three times each year to assess student progress in reading and math. Students have been working hard and putting forth their best effort to show what they know.</p>

Oct 31 - Happy Halloween
- Student Parade -
(weather permitting)

Nov 1 - Early Dismissal -
@ 1:30 PM-
EC - Remote Learning
Pre-K - Not in Session
Kindergarten PM- Class IN
Session - 8:30 - 11:30
- **NO AM Kindergarten** -

Safety Drills

This month, we will practice some safety drills, including our fire drill/evacuation procedures and severe weather drills.

Parent Communication

We ask that all parents enroll in our district communication platform, School Messenger, as we utilize this regularly to communicate important information with parents. A flyer about School Messenger was shared with you at Open House. 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 and vomit-free.

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.

Early Dismissal Day

Our first Early Dismissal Day will be on Friday, September 27, 2024. Full-day students will have lunch and will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. EC students will be remote learning. Pre-K will not be in attendance, and only the AM session of Kindergarten will be present. There will be no school for PM Kindergarten students.

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.

A Note From Your Assistant Principal, Mrs. Koehler



Hello Worth Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am beyond grateful and excited to be serving as the Assistant Principal of Worth Elementary and Worthwoods this school year. This is my fifteenth year in education. I was previously a special education teacher and an instructional coach. I believe in communication, an open mindset, and making school a positive learning environment for all. I am looking forward to a great school year and I can't wait to see all the amazing things our students can do.

We are so excited and looking forward to a fantastic school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Andrade".

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

	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

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

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!

Gr 4-5 doors

