





News From the 'Woods

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Important Dates	A Letter from the Principal – May 2024
<p>May 3 - Fastbridge Testing Window Opens</p> <p>May 6-10 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>May 8 - Board of Ed Mtg</p> <p>May 9-10 - WW Drama Club Performances</p> <p>May 12 - Happy Mother's Day</p> <p>May 15 - WW Choir Performance</p> <p>May 16 - Spring Band Concert @ WJH</p> <p>May 24 - Grade 5 Step Up Day</p> <p>May 22 - WJH Graduation ceremony</p> <p>May 24 - 1:20 Dismissal / NO AM K</p> <p>May 27 - Memorial Day / NO SCHOOL</p> <p>May 29 - Last Day of School! Report cards go home</p> <p>June 11 - Ed Camp Begins</p>	<p>Dear Worthwoods Families,</p> <p>The end of the year is upon us and we can't believe that we're almost finished with another successful school year. Our students have continued to work hard and grow. We look forward to finishing out these last few weeks with lots of learning and some fun too!</p> <p>Before we get into all of the exciting activities to come, we'd like to start by congratulating our students who participated in the South Suburban Math Bowl. Way to go! Your efforts have paid off and we're very proud of your accomplishments. This month brings many end of the year activities! Students will have the chance to participate in field day, a "zoo" themed activity day, among other classroom activities to wrap up the school year. Our Drama Club will be performing Peter Pan on May 9-10th. Our Choir will also have their end of the year concert on May 15th. All students will have the chance to see both performances in school and cheer on their fellow Wildcats as they show off their hard work!</p> <p>Starting on May 3rd, students K-5 began completing their Spring Fastbridge Benchmark Assessment for Math and ELA. Once again, Worth 127 will be hosting EdCamp Unplugged! Online registration for is also still open until May 10th. You can click here for more information! This week, May 6-10th, is also Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. If you are able to, take a minute to thank a staff member for all of their hard work and dedication to our students and school.</p> <p>This month is bittersweet for our 5th grade students. We have spent many years watching them grow and although we do it reluctantly, it's time for us to let them move forward and on to junior high. It's a time filled with so much change and to help make the transition smoother, Mr. Tooth and Mrs. Wills have invited our 5th graders to participate in Step-Up Day on Friday, May 24th. Please note that students will be dismissed at 1:30 (WE/WW) this day for teacher professional development. School will not be in session on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.</p> <p>With this 2023-2024 school year coming to a close, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication to our children. We truly are stronger together as we work to build a brighter future for our students. It is a privilege and honor to be your principals. We would like to wish everyone a safe, restful, and wonderful summer. See you in August!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"><div data-bbox="440 1787 820 1969"><p>Ms. Ashley Toms Worthwoods School Principal</p></div><div data-bbox="899 1787 1365 1969"><p>Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea Worthwoods School Assistant Principal</p></div></div>

Important Parent Information

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.

Kindergarten students were enrolled in sessions based on availability at the time of registration.

Phone Information

School Messenger - Worth School District uses an automated telephone system to email and call parents with important information, updates, and information regarding emergency school closings.

Calls are made to the phone number designated by the parent/legal guardian.

Please make sure the school always has your most up-to-date phone number and email.

District Website - www.worthschools.org

Worthwoods Main Office Phone - 708-448-2802

Attendance

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

P.M. Kindergarten will take attendance at 12:15 p.m.

Please call the office to report any absences or late arrivals.

If your child is sick, please call the
ABSENCE HOTLINE
708-671-5899

The Absence Hotline answering machine is on 24 hours per day.

Meal Ordering

Meal orders are available for grades 1-8 only. No meals will be provided for K.

If you are in need of assistance with ordering, please call the Nutrition Hotline at 708-671-3903.

Meal ordering information is now available on the district website:

<https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

Construction UPDATES: Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures

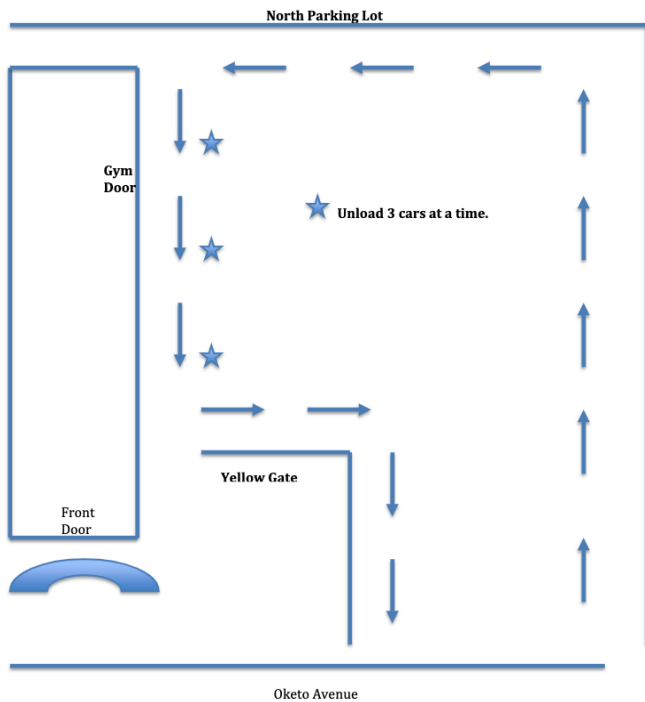
Arrival @ 8:15 - 8:30 AM

- *Grades 1-5 and AM K: Gym Doors*
- *PM K: Door 1 Main Entrance*
- Follow the circular pattern towards the back of the north parking lot.
- All students will enter the **Gym doors** starting at 8:15.

Dismissal @ 3:15

- *Grades K,1: Door 1 Main Entrance*
- *Grades 2-3: Door 3, second door North side (with ramp)*
- *Grade 4-5: Gym doors*
- Plan to arrive between 2:55 - 3:10 as we **close** the parking lot at **3:12**.

- Students should exit from the **passenger side** of the car only.
- Pull as far forward as possible to allow 3-4 cars to unload at one time.



- **Back into a parking spot** or line up in rows at the back of the parking lot.
- The parking lot will reopen once all children have safely cleared the area.
- Cars will be dismissed from front to back.

