



News From the Woods

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Important Dates

March 2 - 6 : Read Across America Week!

March 4 : Trimester 2 Ends

March 5 : Trimester 3 Begins

March 5 - 6 : Pre-K Screenings @ District Office / Pre-K Not In Session

March 8 : Daylight Savings / Spring Foreward

March 11 : Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 PM

March 12 : Trimester 2 Report Cards Go Home

March 13 : 5th Grade Candor Health Presentations

March 17 : No School - Teacher Institute Day / Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 24 : WW Kindergarten Registration Night

March 27 : Early Release Day - 11:30 Dismissal / Pre-K Not In Session/ EC Remote

March 30 - April 3 : SPRING BREAK - No School

April 6 : Students Return From Spring Break

April 7 : IAR Testing Begins - Grades 3-8



A Letter From Your Principals March 2026



Dear Worthwoods Families,

March is here and Spring weather is upon us. Well, almost! As we enter this new month, we look forward to jumping ahead, extending the amount of daylight, allowing us to slowly begin saying goodbye to the gloomy Winter skies. As the sun starts shining more often, and with Spring right around the corner, March is a month that truly brings with it luck!

March Events

Each day we are reminded of how fortunate and lucky we are at Worthwoods. We're also lucky to have a month full of celebrations and fun! This month starts Women's History Month, when we honor and recognize the special role women have played throughout American History. We also begin the month by celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday and National Read Across America Week, which we celebrate as a whole school with theme days, mystery teacher readers, and even a contest to catch your pet "reading". St. Patrick's Day takes place this month and for those math lovers like us, Pi Day. Our March SEL will focus on Moving Minds and Muscles. Students will also be participating in March Math Madness where they will compete to see who gets the most points in their Math challenges each week!

Don't forget that the end of the month starts Spring Break. We can say that March will be full of history, lots of good books, a bit of Irish luck, and hopefully a VERY sunny break.

IAR Testing

The IAR assessment will officially begin for students in grades 3-5 during the first week of April. Students will be assessed in Math and English Language Arts. The 5th graders will also participate in the Illinois Science Assessment. Please make sure students get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast!

Weather Reminders

Until the weather begins to warm up, please remember that students will remain outside for recess as much as permitting. Please make sure students have warm outerwear every day.

School Meals

Parents and guardians need to pre-order breakfasts and lunches for students grades K-5. Information on ordering can be found on our district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

How to Report an Absence

Choose 1 of 3 Options:

- Using your mobile device, download and install the **School Messenger Home app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at home.schoolmessenger.com. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to **create your account**. Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- Use the SafeArrival website, home.schoolmessenger.com. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to **create your account**. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- **Call** the toll-free number **(855) 660-0124** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

Note: (Through the app or website, you must sign up with the email address that is on file with the school. The only contacts that can make attendance changes are those listed as having custody of the student.)

In addition, we will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance.

If you have trouble with SafeArrival, you can send an email to help@worthschools.org describing your issue.

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. Most contact information should have been updated during the registration process. If you have recently changed your contact information, or you would like to check, you may follow the instructions listed on the district website:

<https://worthschools.org/parents/communication/>

Absences / 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. Report absences using Safe Arrival.

Sincerely,



Ashley Toms Bonnstetter
Principal



Alyse Koehler
Assistant Principal



Daily Student Schedule

Grades K-5

8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

EC / PreK

AM: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

PM: 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

Late Arrivals

Our tardy bell is at 8:35. Students arriving after this time will be marked as such.

Any student arriving late **MUST** be **signed in** through the office by an adult.

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

Early Dismissals

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.

