



News From the 'Woods

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Important Dates

Nov 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony @ 10:00 AM

Nov 12 - Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Nov 14 - Picture Retakes



Nov 24 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 24 - 28 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

Nov 27 - Happy Thanksgiving!



A Letter From Your Principals November 2025



Dear Worthwoods Families,

Can you believe it's already November?! It seems like time is flying by and we can't wait for all to come!

Weather Reminders

As the weather becomes cooler, please remember that students will remain outside for recess as much as permitting. Please make sure students have warm outerwear every day.

November Events

Worthwoods will be honoring our veterans with a short ceremony on November 11th @ 10:00 AM. All veterans and their families are welcome to attend. More information will go home with students including an RSVP request.

Picture Retakes will take place on November 14th. Any student who was absent on picture day will take their photo this day. If your child will be retaking their photo, please make sure to bring your original photo package and call the office to let us know.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 24th. Parents either signed up during Open House or will arrange a time with their child's classroom teacher.

School will not be in session November 24-28 for Thanksgiving Break!

School Meals

Parents and guardians need to pre-order breakfasts and lunches for students grades K-5. If you did not order for November, please make sure your child eats breakfast at home and packs a lunch daily. Information on ordering can be found on our district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

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/>

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.

Early Dismissal Days

The early dismissal days for the remainder of the year are October 31, December 19, January 30, March 27, and May 22. On these school days, our students will not have lunch and will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. EC is remote and Pre-K will not be in session on these days.

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.

