



It's Worth Reading

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Important Dates December	A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL - DECEMBER
<p><u>December</u></p> <p>7 – Winter Band Concert @ WJH @ 6pm</p> <p>8 – Early Dismissal - WE students dismiss @ 1:30pm</p> <p>13 – Worth Board of Education Meeting</p> <p>January Breakfast/ Lunch menus released</p> <p>18 – Mobile Dentist @ Worth Elementary</p> <p>WE Winter Choir Concert @ 4pm (tickets required)</p> <p>19 –Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due</p> <p>22 – WE Early Dismissal for Winter Break Students Dismiss @ 1:30</p> <p>22 – Jan 7 Winter Break -No School for Students</p> <p><u>January</u></p> <p>Jan 8 – Winter Break Ends, School Resumes</p> <p>Fastbridge Window opens</p>	<p>Dear Worth Elementary Families,</p> <p>During the final month of 2023, many of us celebrate a holiday season or the end of the current year and the start of a new one. We wish everyone joy and love during this month and every month!</p> <p>Early Release Days - December During this month, December 8th and December 22nd have been designated as Early Release Days. WJH will dismiss at 1:20 and WE / WW dismiss at 1:30. Bus companies have been informed of the changes to the schedule. If you pick up your student, please arrive by 1:30. Please see our website for more information:</p> <p>Winter-Jam-Palooza - Dec. 18- 22 During the week preceding Winter Break, students will participate in a variety of fun and educational activities. Please see the schedule for Spirit Week.</p> <p>Fastbridge Testing The Fastbridge assessment will be administered in January. The testing window opens on January 8th. The best preparation for this assessment is a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. These assessments are extremely important in that they help guide us in planning our instruction to best meet each student's needs. The window for this assessment closes on January 19th.</p> <p>Mobile Dental Van Once again, Worth School District 127 will offer free dental care for all of our students. We are partnering with a charitable organization called Mobile Care Chicago to offer no-cost dental services to your child. Though you will not pay for any of these services, health insurance will be billed, if available. Services are optional. A Full-Service Dental Van will visit Worth Elementary on December 18th, 2023. The dentists will perform a dental screening and provide preventative care in the form of an oral examination, cleaning, fluoride varnish and sealants. All students will be provided with a new toothbrush and toothpaste. The Dental team will complete the State of Illinois Dental Form that is required for students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade. This exam is also required for students entering high school. State law requires us to obtain your consent in order for your child to receive services from Mobile Care's Dental Program. Permission forms were sent home with your child. If you need another form sent home, contact your school nurse.</p> <p>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</p>

10 – Worth BOE Mtg @ 6pm

February Breakfast/
Lunch menus released

15 – MLK Observance -
NO SCHOOL

10 – Trimester II
Midpoint

17 – ACCESS Testing
window opens (ML
students)

19 – February Breakfast
/Lunch online orders are
due

Fastbridge Window
Closes

22 – 5 Essentials Survey
Window opens

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/>

January Changes

Following winter break, Mrs. D'Andrea will be posted full time at Worthwoods Elementary to cover the maternity leave for Mrs. Toms Bonnstetter. Please continue to contact the main office if you need to speak to an administrator.

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.

Meal Ordering

As in years past, families must pre-order breakfasts and lunches. 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/>

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Worth Elementary doors open in the morning at 8:15am and students are expected to be in their seats, ready to learn at 8:30am. Arrival after 8:30 is considered tardy and parents will need to sign in their students at the main office. Students should not arrive on campus until 8:15 as there is no supervision prior to this time.

Students who order breakfast will proceed to the MPR to collect breakfast.

Car Riders: Driving parents should use the car lane for arrival and dismissal. Parents on foot may not collect their students from the car lane. Students of all ages may use the car lane. Car riders enter the building from the car lane and will be dismissed into the car lane. Although traffic can back up, the line moves quickly. Student dismissal takes approximately 8 minutes from start to finish.

The North doors are used to dismiss walking students. Neighboring homeowners and businesses have contacted us regarding unauthorized parking in lots and driveways. Please be courteous to our neighbors by respecting private properties.

As we approach the winter season, please make sure students are dressed for the weather. Students attend PE class daily and must wear appropriate footwear to participate. Students who wear snow boots to school change into their shoes upon arrival. Crocs should not be worn to school as they are not appropriate for PE class.

We wish you a winter season filled with family, laughter, love, and warmth! We are excited to welcome your students to Worth Elementary in 2024!

Sincerely,



Maureen Eichstaedt
Worth Elementary Principal



Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea
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

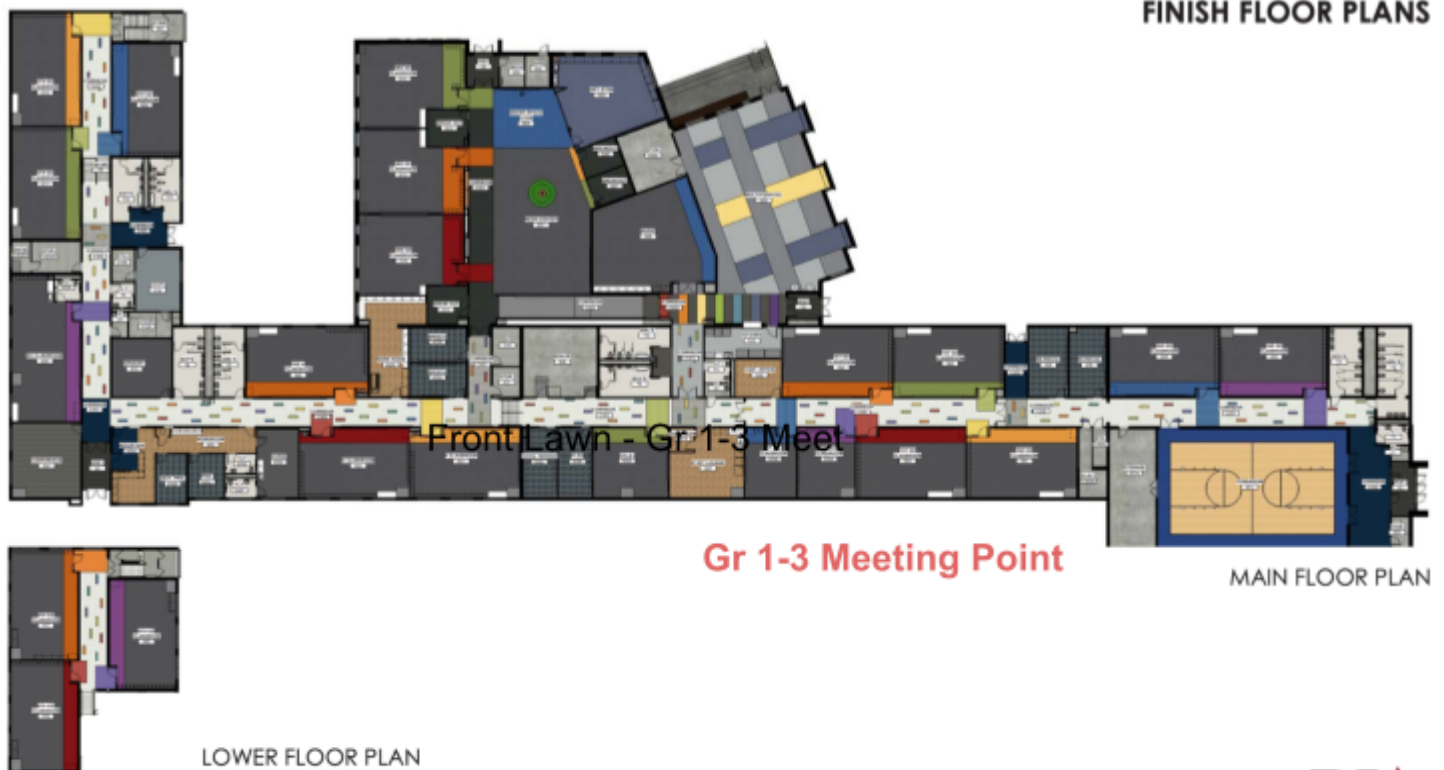
Attendance will be taken at **8:30 a.m.** for ALL students.

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



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