



It's Worth Reading

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Important Dates January	A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL - JANUARY
<p><u>January</u></p> <p>Jan 8 – Winter Break Ends, School Resumes</p> <p>Fastbridge Window opens</p> <p>10 – Worth BOE Mtg @ 6pm</p> <p>February Breakfast/ Lunch menus released</p> <p>15 – MLK Observance - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>10 – Trimester II Midpoint</p> <p>17 – ACCESS Testing window opens (ML students)</p> <p>19 – February Breakfast/ Lunch online orders are due</p> <p>Fastbridge Window Closes</p> <p>22 – 5 Essentials Survey Window opens Erin's Law Virtual Parent Presentation</p> <p>29 – Erin's Law student presentations</p> <p><u>February</u></p> <p>6/7 – Kindergarten registration (appt)</p>	<p>Dear Worth Elementary Families,</p> <p>Happy 2024! We look forward to starting the new year with our wonderful Worth Elementary families. We hope you had a restful and fun winter break!</p> <p>Remaining Early Release Days</p> <p>Our remaining early dismissal days for the year will occur on February 16, April 25, and May 24. 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>Erin's Law</p> <p>In compliance with Erin's Law, which aims to prevent child assault and abuse, Worth School District 127 has partnered with Childhood Victories to provide our student and parent presentations. All Worth School District 127 parents are invited to attend a Virtual Parent Information Night via Zoom on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 5:30pm. Please use this Zoom link to attend the Parent Information Night. Childhood Victories will livestream the grade-level presentations on Monday, January 29, 2024. Students will be able to watch the presentation in their classroom with their teacher. Illinois law allows parents to opt their children out from participating in an Erin's Law presentation. A parent letter, including opt-out information, will be sent by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Linda Esposito on January 15th.</p> <p>Winter / Spring Assessment Schedule</p> <p>The Fastbridge assessment will be administered in January. The testing window opens on January 8th and closes on January 19th. ML students will take the ACCESS test sometime between the end of January through February 16th. 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.</p> <p>Winter Warmth</p> <p>In all seasons, but most particularly in winter, please make sure students are dressed for the weather. Students continue to go outside during the winter, weather permitting, so it is important that they wear coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. 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 the cold, nor PE class.</p> <p>Parent Communication</p>

7 – Worth BOE Mtg @ 6pm

16 – Early Release Day
Students dismiss @ 1:30

19 – President's Day
Observance **NO**
SCHOOL

28 – End of 2nd
Trimester

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/>

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. The North lot has been designated as an **employee lot**. Neighboring homeowners and businesses have contacted us regarding unauthorized parking in lots and driveways. Please be courteous to our neighbors by respecting private properties.

We are genuinely happy to welcome your students back for the 2024 portion of the school year. We hope to plan fun learning experiences and make great memories for your students!

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

FINISH FLOOR PLANS



**Employee
Parking
Lot**

LOWER FLOOR PLAN

MAIN FLOOR PLAN

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