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<b>Important Dates October</b>	   <b>A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL - OCTOBER</b>   
<p><b>2-6 Spirit Week</b>  <b>5</b> - IAR / Fastbridge / ACCESS results go home  <b>6</b> – Early Release Date  WJH: 1:20,  WE/WW: 1:30  AM K in attendance</p> <p><b>9</b> – Columbus Day - <b>NO SCHOOL!</b></p> <p><b>11</b>- WPO Planning Mtg @ WJH</p> <p>Worth Board of Education Meeting @WE</p> <p>November Breakfast/ Lunch menus released</p> <p><b>21</b> - November Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due</p> <p><b>30</b> - EC/PreK, AM K <b>Halloween Parades</b></p> <p><b>31</b> - Halloween Parade</p> <div data-bbox="142 1644 253 1738" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p><b>8</b> – Trimester I ends  Worth Board of Education Meeting</p>	<p>Dear Worth Elementary Families,</p> <p>October is a wonderful and exciting month at Worth Elementary! Classrooms have established their procedures and students are settled into a routine. WE love the change in seasons, before it gets too cold, and our kids are counting the days to Halloween!</p> <p><b>Spirit Week - Universal Expectations</b>  During the first week of October, WE students will participate in an assembly to review the universal expectation for behavior in all areas of the school. The spirit week information was posted on social media and sent via School Messenger.</p> <p><b>Early Release Days - October</b>  During this month, October 6th and October 31 have been designated as Early Release Days. The next early release day will be in December. 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. If you are unsure if your student is in attendance on a particular day, please call the office.</p> <p><b>IAR / FastBridge</b>  On October 5, all students will bring home their Fastbridge Parent Report, which they took August / September of this year. Students in Gr 4-5 will bring home their IAR test results, which was administered in April of last year. These assessments are just some of the data we use to help support your child(ren) learn and grow throughout the school year. Please review them with your child(ren) and contact his or her classroom teacher with questions.</p> <p><b>Halloween Parades</b>  This year, because of the early release day, WE students will have several Halloween parades! EC / PreK and AM K will have parades on 10/30. Students in Gr 1-5 and PM K will participate in a parade on 10/31. More details will be sent at a later date. When selecting a costume for your child(ren), please keep in mind that all costumes should be managed independently by the student, they should be school appropriate (nothing scary or gory) and students should wear their own clothes under their costumes.</p> <p><b>Parent Communication</b>  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: <a href="https://worthschools.org/parents/communication/">https://worthschools.org/parents/communication/</a></p> <p><b>Arrival / Dismissal</b></p>

December Breakfast/  
Lunch menus released

**10–** Veteran's Day  
Assembly

**16 –** Report Cards Go  
Home (backpack)

**17 –** Breakfast/Lunch  
online orders are due

**20 –** Parent-Teacher  
Conferences - **No School  
for Students**

**21 –** Teacher Institute  
Day - **No School for  
Students**

**22-26 -** Thanksgiving  
holiday - **No School for  
Students**

**27 –** Classes resume

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.

#### **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.

Students Gr 1-5 participate in PE everyday. Please be sure that your students wear gym shoes or sneakers everyday for safety reasons. Crocs or other slides, and flip flops should never be worn to school. During bad weather, when students wear boots, please send them with sneakers or gym shoes.

#### **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**

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

Car Riders: Driving parents are encouraged to 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.

Parents who want to park to drop off / collect students must park in legal parking spots. Parents should never drop off nor pick up students while waiting in traffic on Oak Park Ave nor 112th St. as this jeopardizes safety and could result in a ticket.

#### **Early Dismissal**

Our school district will be utilizing early dismissal days throughout this school year to provide our staff with school improvement planning. On these school days, our students will still have lunch but will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. The early dismissal days for this school year are October 6, October 31, December 8, February 16, April 25 and May 24.

As we continue to adjust to the new school year, please keep in mind that the best preparation for school is a good night's sleep. If you are unsure of the appropriate bedtime for your child, please consult with your child(ren)'s pediatrician.

Once again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving us the privilege of working with your student(s). We look forward to collaborating with you!

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

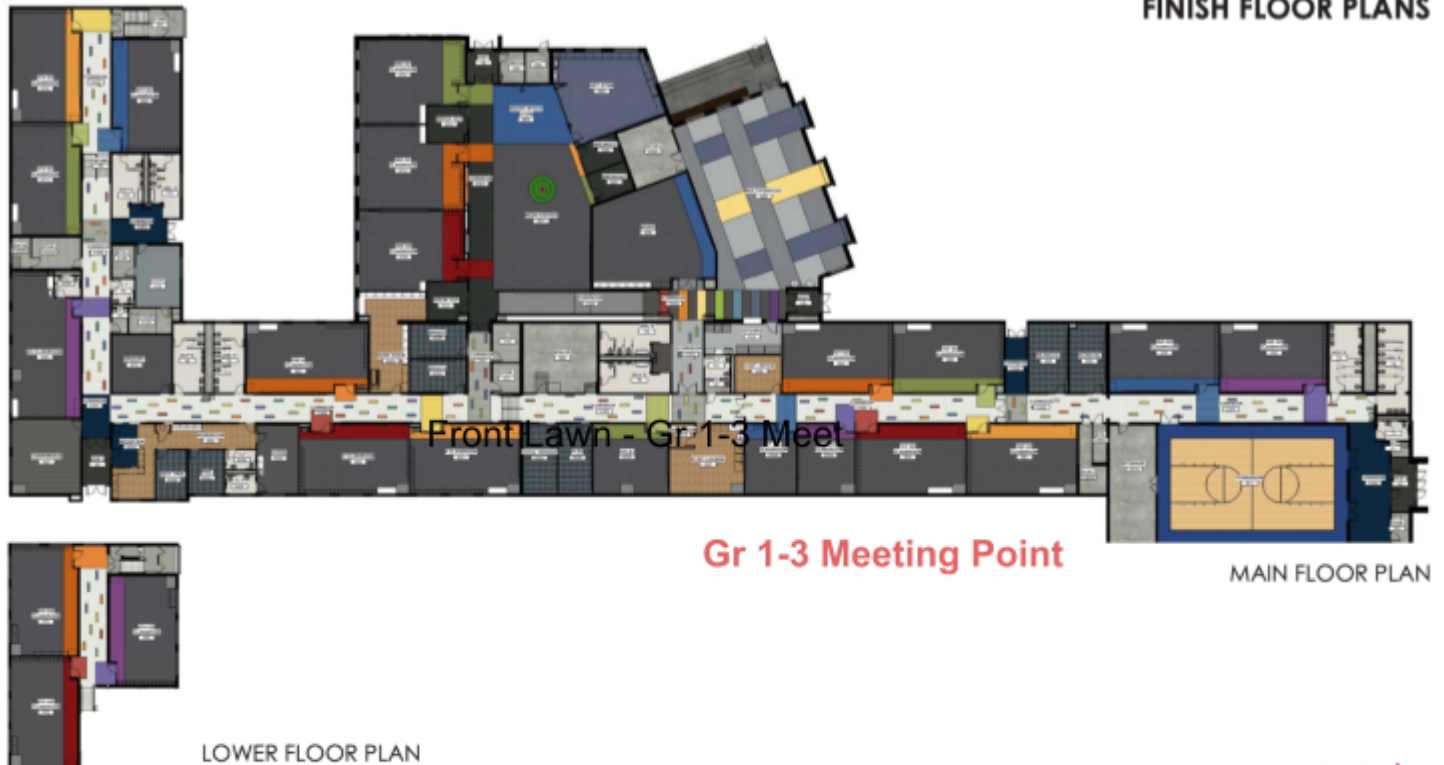
Attendance will be taken at **8:30 a.m.** for ALL students.

### **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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