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Important Dates

A Letter from the Principal – April 2025



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March 31 - April 1: Teaching Institute Day - No School

April 2: Students return from Spring Break!

April 3-16: IAR testing begins

April 8-9: PFA Screenings at District Office

April 9: Board of Education Meeting @ District Office

April 17: Early Release Day @ 1:30 / NO PM Kindergarten Today

April 18: No School

Looking Ahead:

May 9: 5th Grade Candor Health Presentations

May 11: Happy Mother's Day

May 23: Early Release Day @ 1:30 / NO AM Kindergarten Today (PM Class: 8:30 - 11:30)

May 26: Memorial Day - No School

June 3: Last Day of School

Dear Worthwoods Families,

We hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break! It's hard to believe it is already April. Thursday, April 4 students in grades 3-5 will begin IAR testing. Please make sure your child is at school on time and gets a good night's rest. We are encouraging all of our students to do their best!

IAR Preparation

Testing will begin Thursday, April 3 for grade 3-5. Students will be testing in ELA and Math. Grade 5 will have an additional Science test. Students will use their chromebooks and headphones for the test. During the test, students may not have smart watches or cell phones on. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time so they can complete their test.

Weather

Please be mindful of the daily temperature as students will be going outside for recess each day (weather permitting). We ask that students dress appropriately to ensure they are warm outside. As we move into the winter months, this includes hats, gloves, and scarves!

Chromebooks

Students in grades 1-5 brought Chromebooks home throughout the winter months. With Spring here, we will no longer be sending Chromebooks home in case of inclement weather!

Traffic

Safety is our first priority when considering traffic during pick-up and drop-off! Please note that cars are not permitted to park on Oketo and parents/students should not be getting in or out of cars on the street. Also, please be mindful of the crossing guard and follow directions given. Please be patient. Cars are not allowed to pass other cars while waiting. This creates a serious safety concern.

Curriculum

Reading: Our students and teachers have been working hard implementing our new reading curriculum Wit and Wisdom. When you are at home reading, ask your child what is something they notice and what is something they wonder? They have been having some really rich academic conversations in their classroom with noticings and wonders.

Technology

Please remind your child what they are doing on their computer at school is monitored. Inappropriate use of technology

Remind your child what they are doing on their computer at school is monitored. Inappropriate technology use will result in losing their privilege of having a device.


Meal Ordering

Parents and guardians need to pre-order breakfasts and lunches for students grades 1-5. If you did not order for September, please make sure your child eats breakfast and packs a lunch daily. Information on ordering can be found on our district website:

<https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>


The window to order breakfast and lunch for **May** will open on April 9 and will close on April 14.

April Lunch Menu



LUNCH SPECIALS - APRIL 2025

WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127




	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31	NO SCHOOL STAFF INSTITUTE DAY	1 NO SCHOOL STAFF INSTITUTE DAY	2 100% ALL BEEF HOT DOG Baked Lays Potato Chips Vegetarian Baked Beans Apple Slices Choice of Milk	3 100% ALL BEEF CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS Pickles Steamed Corn Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	4 SOFT PRETZEL & CHEESE SAUCE Carrots & Steamed Broccoli Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk
7	MINI CONFETTI PANCAKES w/ syrup Raspberry Rainbow Yogurt Potato Smiles Apple Slices Choice of Milk	8 STRAWBERRY YOGURT PARFAIT String Cheese Ranch Roasted Broccoli Carnival Cookie Choice of Milk	9 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/ barbeque or ketchup Baby Carrots w/ ranch Applesauce Choice of Milk	10 BONELESS CHICKEN WINGS w/ barbeque sauce Cornbread Vegetarian Baked Beans Banana Choice of Milk	11 BOSCO STICKS w/ MARINARA Steamed Green Beans Tropical Fruit Salad Choice of Milk
14	CHICKEN PARMESAN w/ Mashed Potatoes Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Apple Choice of Milk	15 CHICKEN TENDERS w/ barbeque or ketchup Steamed Broccoli Applesauce & Cookie Choice of Milk	16 CHEESY BEEF NACHOS w/ Sour Cream Salsa Tropical Fruit Salad Choice of Milk	17 MINI PIZZA BAGELS Celery & Steamed Corn Pineapple Chunks Choice of Milk	18 NO SCHOOL SPRING FRIDAY
21	ORANGE CHICKEN BOWL w/ fortune cookie Steamed Snap Peas Pineapple Chunks Choice of Milk	22 100% ALL BEEF HOT DOG Baked Lays Potato Chips Baby Carrots w/ ranch Fresh Fruit Salad Choice of Milk	23 MACARONI AND CHEESE Steamed Green Peas Banana Choice of Milk	24 POPCORN CHICKEN w/ Pretzel Goldfish Crackers Vegetarian Baked Beans Apple Choice of Milk	25 PERSONAL CHEESE PIZZA Fresh Broccoli w/ ranch Tropical Fruit Salad Choice of Milk
28	CHICKEN AND WAFFLES w/ syrup Carrots w/ ranch Apple Slices Choice of Milk	29 100% MINI CHICKEN CORN DOGS Baked Potato Wedges Peaches Choice of Milk	30 CHICKEN SALAD PITA SNACK PACK Cucumbers Watermelon Applesauce Choice of Milk	In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800)877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.	

LUNCH MENU

ALL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE LUNCH DAILY. PLEASE SEE THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

ON-LINE ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY: FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025



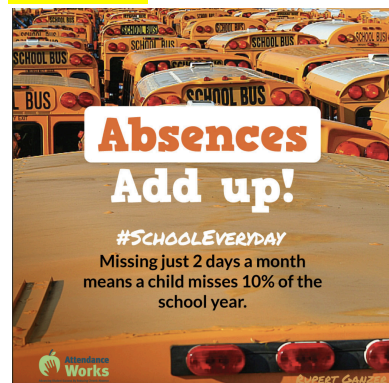
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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. 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/>

Attendance



Absences / Sick Protocol

Please note that all students must be symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. This includes being fever, diarrhea, and vomit free. If your child is absent, please call the office prior to 8:30 AM. All absences MUST be reported.

Please refer to Worth School District 127's web page at www.worthschools.org for all other information. We always welcome parents to reach out with additional questions or concerns!

Sincerely,



Ms. Ashley Toms Bonnstetter
Worthwoods School Principal



Mrs. Alise Koehler
Worthwoods School Assistant Principal

Important Parent Information

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.

Kindergarten students were enrolled in sessions based on availability at the time of registration.

Phone Information

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

Attendance

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

P.M. Kindergarten will take attendance at 12:15 p.m.

Please call the office to report any absences or late arrivals.

If your child is sick, please call the
ABSENCE HOTLINE
708-671-5899

The Absence Hotline answering machine is on 24 hours per day.

Meal Ordering

Meal orders are available for grades 1-8 only. No meals will be provided for K.

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/>

Late Arrivals / Early Dismissals

Students who are late for school must be signed-in by school personnel.

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.

District 127 Early Dismissal Days

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope your child's 2024/2025 school year is off to a great start. This letter is an **essential reminder** of early dismissal dates for staff Professional Development and school improvement. Please review the table below and make special note if your child is in Early Childhood, Pre-K, or Kindergarten.

- **Early Childhood** will not attend in person but will have remote instruction.
- **Pre-K** is not in session for all early dismissal dates.
- **AM and PM Kindergarten** will **alternate attending AM** in person except on December 20.
 - Kindergarten is not in session on December 20.

Date	EC	Pre-K	Kindergarten	1-5, WW/WE	WJH
Friday, September 27	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, November 1	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, December 6	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
*Friday, December 20	Remote	Not in session	NOT IN SESSION	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, February 14	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Thursday, April 17	Remote	Not in session	AM: 8:30-11:30 PM: Not in session	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal
Friday, May 23	Remote	Not in session	AM: Not in session PM: 8:30-11:30	1:30 Dismissal	1:15 Dismissal

*Staff are dismissed after student dismissal—no Professional Development.

Please contact your child's building principal with questions or concerns regarding early dismissal dates.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures

Arrival @ 8:15 - 8:30 AM

- Grades 1-5 and AM K: Gym Doors
- PM K: Door 1, front door of the building
- Follow the circular pattern towards the back of the north parking lot.
- All students will enter the **Gym doors** starting at 8:15.
- Students should exit from the **passenger side** of the car only.
- Pull as far forward as possible to allow 3-4 cars to unload at one time.

Dismissal @ 3:15

- Grades K-2: Door 1, front door
- Grades 3-5: Gym doors
- Plan to arrive between 2:55 - 3:10 as we **close** the parking lot at **3:12**.
- **Back into a parking spot** or line up in rows at the back of the parking lot.
- The parking lot will reopen once all children have safely cleared the area.
- Cars will be dismissed from front to back.

