






News From the 'Woods

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Important Dates	A Letter from the Principal – March 2023
<p>Mar 1 – Trimester 2 ends</p> <p>Mar 6-8 - Kindergarten Registration @ District Office (by appointment only)</p> <p>Mar 6 – IAR Testing window opens (Gr3-5)</p> <p>Mar 8 - April Breakfast/Lunch menus released</p> <p>Mar 9 – Trimester report cards sent</p> <p>Mar 12 – Daylight Savings Time - Spring Ahead!</p> <p>Mar 23 - April Breakfast /Lunch online orders are due</p> <p>Mar 21– IAR testing window closes (Gr 3-5)</p> <p>Mar 24– Last day of attendance before Spring Break</p> <p>Mar 27 - 31 – Spring Break NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Mar 31 - 5 Essential Survey closes</p> <p><u>Looking Forward:</u></p> <p>Apr 3 – Students return from Spring Break</p> <p>Apr 4 – Election Day - NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>Dear Worthwoods Families,</p> <p>Hello, March! As we enter this new month, we look forward to jumping ahead, extending the amount of daylight, allowing us to slowly begin saying goodbye to the gloomy Winter skies. As the sun starts shining more often, and with Spring right around the corner, March is a month that truly brings with it luck!</p> <p>Everyday we are reminded of how fortunate and lucky we are at Worthwoods. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to work with each and every one of our students, staff members, and families. We're also lucky to have a month full of celebrations. This month starts Women's History Month when we honor and recognize the special role women have played throughout American History. We also began the month by celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday and National Read Across America Week with some fun activities like spirit week! St. Patrick's Day takes place this month and for those math lovers like us, Pi Day! And don't forget that the end of the month starts Spring Break. We can say that March will be full of history, lots of good books, a bit of Irish luck, and hopefully a VERY sunny break.</p> <p>The IAR assessment official has begun for students in grades 3-5. Students are assessed in Math, English Language Arts, and 5th graders will participate in the Illinois Science Assessment. Please make sure students get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast! As we begin our transition to spring, we will be trying to get students outside for recess each day. As long as the weather permits, they will be going out. Please make sure to check the weather and send students to school wearing the appropriate outerwear. Also, just as a reminder, the 5 Essentials Survey is still open for parents who would like to complete it. The survey will close on March 31st and can be accessed here: Parent 5 Essentials Survey. As always, thank you for your continued support of our Worthwoods community!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <div> Ms. Ashley Toms Worthwoods School Principal</div> <div> Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea Worthwoods School Assistant Principal</div> 

Apr 7: Spring Friday - **NO SCHOOL**

Apr 12 - Board of Ed Mtg
May **Breakfast/ Lunch**
menus released

Apr 20 - **May Breakfast**
/Lunch online orders are due

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.

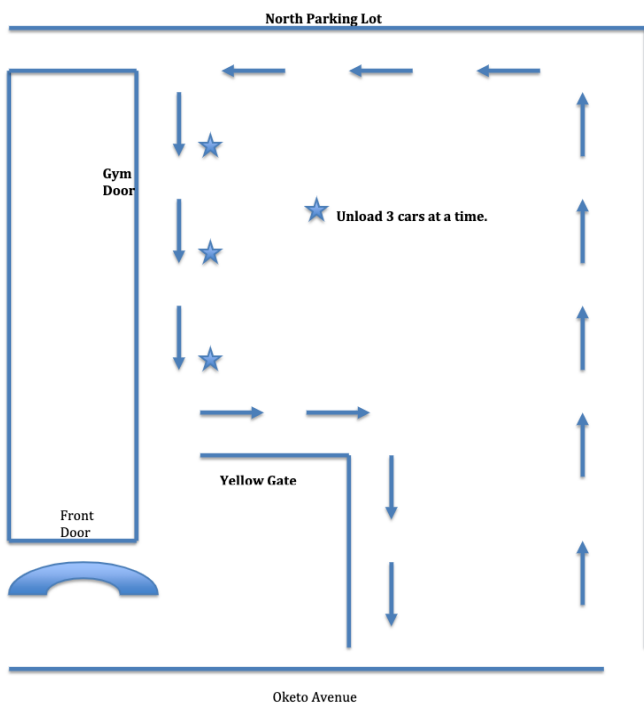
Meal ordering information is now available on the district website:

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

Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures

Arrival @ 8:15 - 8:30 AM

- *Grades 1-5 and AM K: Gym Doors*
- *PM K: Door 2, first door North side 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,1: Door 2, first door North side*
- *Grades 2-3: Door 3, second door North side (with ramp)*
- *Grade 4-5: 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.

