



News From the 'Woods

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Important Dates

Mar 7 – Trimester 2 report cards go home
BPAC Meeting @ District Office - 2:00 PM

Mar 8 - April
Breakfast/Lunch menus released

Mar 13 - Worth BOE Mtg.
6PM @ Worth Junior High

April Breakfast/Lunch menus released

Mar 19 - Teacher Institute Day - No School for Students
- Election Day

Mar 22 - April Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due

Mar 25 - 29 – Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

Mar 31 - 5 Essential Survey closes

Looking Forward:

Apr 1 – Students return from Spring Break

Apr 2 – IAR Testing Begins

Apr 8: ISA Testing Begins (5th Grade only)

Apr 10 - Board of Ed Mtg

A Letter from the Principal – March 2024

Dear Worthwoods Families,

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!

Each day we are reminded of how fortunate and lucky we are at Worthwoods. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to work with all 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, which teachers celebrated in their classrooms. 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.

The IAR assessment will officially begin for students in grades 3-5 during the first week of April. Students will be assessed in Math and English Language Arts. The 5th graders will also 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!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ashley Toms Bonnstetter
Worthwoods School Principal

Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea
Worthwoods School Assistant Principal



May Breakfast/ Lunch
menus released

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

**Apr 25 - Early Dismissal Day-
1:30 Dismissal**

**Apr 26 - Teacher Institute
Day - No Student Attendance**

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

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:

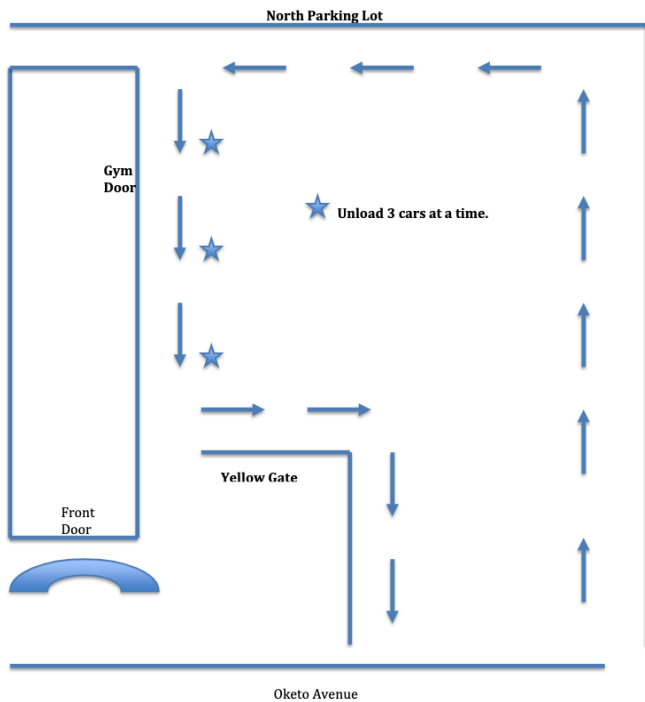
<https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

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

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.

