

## Important Dates

**Oct 4** - National Walk to School Day!

**Oct 5** - IAR / Fastbridge / ISA Reports sent home

**Oct 6** - Early Release Day:  
WW/WE @ 1:30 / WJH @ 1:20  
NO PM Kindergarten

**Oct 9** - Columbus Day - **NO SCHOOL!**

**Oct 11** - Worth Board of Education Meeting

November Breakfast/ Lunch menus released

**Oct 21** - November Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due

**Oct 30** - AM Kindergarten Halloween Parade

**Oct 31** -   
Halloween Parade (PM K - Gr 5)

Early Release Day:  
WW/WE @ 1:30 / WJH @ 1:20  
NO AM Kindergarten / PM K 8:30 -11:30

### Looking Forward:

**Nov 8** - Trimester I Ends

Worth Board of Education Meeting

December Breakfast/ Lunch menus released

## A Letter from the Principal – October 2023

Dear Worthwoods Families,



We've officially made it half way through the first trimester and wow does it seem to be flying by! We have reached the point where we're settled into a new school year and learning is in full swing. Whether you're enjoying the fall weather, embracing football season, or reveling in the beauty of the trees as the colors of the leaves begin to change, the change of seasons often makes us pause to reflect on what came before and to start planning what comes next. And a busy fall we have ahead of us. As we transition to this next phase of the year, we have many things to look forward to.

Each week students have been working on their Second Step lessons for social-emotional learning. This month's focus is on Skills for Learning such as listening, focusing our attention, and being assertive. Fire Prevention Week takes place the week of October 8th, which will give students the opportunity to learn about fire safety. Students recently had the chance to participate in a fire drill with the North Palos Fire Department. This month, in collaboration with our tech classes, we will celebrate Digital Citizenship Week where students will be learning about making safe choices while using digital resources. At the end of the month we also celebrate National Red Ribbon Week with this year's theme being Be Kind To Your Mind - Live Drug Free. Last but not least, we have Halloween. They will be invited to show off their costumes during our Halloween Parade and there's usually lots of other fun classroom activities that day too!

Starting this month we have new early release days. On October 6th and 31st, students in Grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 1:30. AM Kindergarten will be in session during their regularly scheduled class on Oct 6th with PM students not in session. On October 31st, PM Kindergarten in session from 8:30-11:30 and no session for AM Kindergarten. Keep an eye out for IAR/ISA results and Fastbridge Family Reports that will be sent home with students. For regular updates on meal orders or other district news, please be sure to check out our district website at [www.worthschools.org](http://www.worthschools.org).

Sincerely,



<p><b>Nov 10</b> - Veteran's Day Assembly</p> <p><b>Nov 14</b> - WPO Family Fall STEAM Event</p> <p><b>Nov 16</b> - Report Cards Go Home</p> <p><b>Nov 17</b> – Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due</p> <p><b>Nov 20</b> - Parent-Teacher Conferences - <b>No School</b></p> <p><b>Nov 21</b> - Teacher Institute - <b>No School</b></p> <p><b>Nov 22-26</b> - Thanksgiving Holiday - <b>No School</b></p> <p><b>Nov 27</b> - Classes Resume</p>	 Ms. Ashley Toms Bonnstetter Worthwoods School Principal	 Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea Worthwoods School Assistant Principal
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## 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](http://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.

### 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.

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

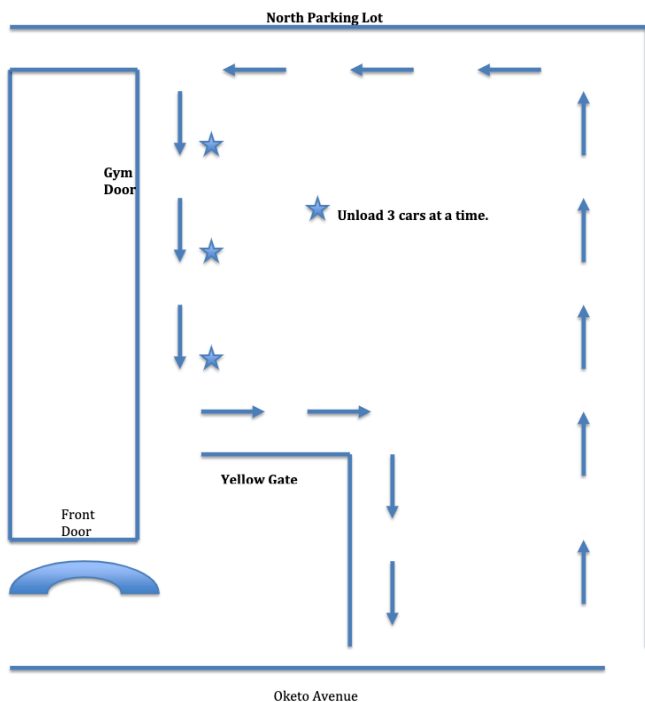
The Absence Hotline answering machine is on 24  
hours per day.

Meal ordering 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.

