



# It's Worth Reading

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Dear Families,

February, 2022

## February: The month of honor, recognition, and celebrations!

February is a full month in terms of honor and recognition. Throughout the entire month, we honor and learn about important figures in Black History and the many accomplishments included in that rich history. We also follow the Olympics, cheering on our athletes, we send love to each other on Valentine's Day, and we remember our nation's Presidents on February 21st.

**Kid's Heart Challenge:** [The Kids Heart Challenge](#) has returned to Worth Elementary. Please click on the link to learn more about this program.

**Construction Updates:** As we prepare for our next phase of construction, which is scheduled for Spring Break, please continue to follow the established traffic patterns and protocols. Parents may either park and walk their students or use the car lane for arrival and dismissal. Students may not exit vehicles on Oak Park Ave nor on 112th street. Cars should not execute u-turns for any reason. Both of these actions jeopardizes student safety and parents run the risk of a ticket. Please continue to check your email or the [worthschools.org](http://worthschools.org) website for construction updates.

**Testing / Assessments:** Access Testing for ML students is almost complete. Students will take Fastbridge assessments in class starting on February 7th. These assessments are short, no more than 20-30 minutes. The best preparation is a good night's sleep and breakfast in the morning.

**School Board Meetings:** Thank you to those who came for our community event prior to the January Board Meeting. The February Board Meeting will also be held at WE and will begin at 6pm. The main entrance will be open for those wishing to attend.

**Snow Days:** Our February began with two e-learning days. We will continue to send home materials or chromebooks every Friday and on days when inclement weather is forecast in anticipation of e-learning days.

**5 Essentials (4th/5th grade only):** Every year, Illinois students grades 4-8, teachers, and parents complete the 5 Essentials Survey. The Illinois State Board of Education implements this survey across the entire state. This survey is based on 20 years of research at the University of Chicago. It asks students about their experiences in school, giving school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans. Parents who wish

## February Calendar

**Feb 2:** Drama Club Performance-  
**to be rescheduled due to weather**

**Feb 7:** Winter Fastbridge window opens

**Feb 9:** Worth SD127 Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm @ WE

**Feb 9:** **MARCH MEAL MENU RELEASE**

**Feb 16:** **MARCH MEAL ORDERS DUE**

**Feb 21:** Observance of President's Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**Feb 21-23:** Kindergarten Registration @ District Office by appointment only

**Feb 23:** End of 2nd Trimester

### Looking Ahead:

**Mar 3:** Report Cards Sent Home

**Mar 9:** Worth SD127 Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm

**Mar 9:** **MARCH MEAL MENU RELEASE**

**Mar 13:** Daylight Savings Time

to complete the survey and offer valuable feedback may do so by accessing this link [Parent 5 Essentials Survey](#) for more information.

**Drama Club:** Our first performances of drama club occurred on January 28, and it was a HUGE success. Our students certainly enjoyed the performances as did our parents. A big thanks to our Drama Club moderators and all of the staff volunteers that worked long hours to support our students. Our makeup date for the February 2nd performances will be on February 10th.

**Thank you to all of those who were able to visit our new spaces at the January Board Meeting. We hope you are as proud of our new addition as we are!**

**Sincerely,**



Maureen Eichstaedt  
Worth Elementary Principal



Melissa Wills  
Worth Elementary Assistant Principal

**Mar 16: MARCH MEAL  
ORDERS DUE**

**Ma 15: Teacher Institute Day - No  
School for Students**

**March 28- April 1: Spring Break  
-No School**

### 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 son or daughter 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!