



# It's Worth Reading

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Dear Families,

November 2021

This is one of Mrs. Eichstaedt's favorite months: the month of Thanksgiving. Counting our blessings and giving thanks is something we should all do daily, particularly in this month of honoring our veterans. It makes the world a nicer place for our kids and reminds us that we all care for each other. Also, the end of the month brings a feast with family and loved ones - what a wonderful time of year!

**Construction Updates:** Construction at Worth Elementary is progressing and on schedule. Several rooms and new bathrooms have been approved for use. The completed work is amazing. Concrete was poured in the back in preparation for installation of the EC / PreK playground. The curbs and the driveway entrance for the back dropoff lane have also been poured this week. You can access additional information at [WE Construction Updates](#), including viewing the exterior progress on camera.

**Assessment:** This year, there have been a lot of changes in the different assessment tools administered by Worth School District. Although our students have taken the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR) for several years, this is the first year that they have offered a Parent Portal to access your student's scores. Please create your online account @ [IAR Parent Portal](#). You will need to create a parent account to view your child(ren)'s scores online. Results will be sent home with report cards on November 11. The district has decided to implement Fastbridge over MAP. Students will complete their assessments in class this month. There is no preparation for these assessments other than making sure your student(s) always has a good night's sleep and eats a full breakfast, if s/he does not receive the school breakfast. Parents will receive more information from Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Linda Esposito .

**Picture retakes:** Picture retakes are on Friday, November 19th. If your student was absent on September 23rd or enrolled in school after this date, they may take a school picture on November 19th.

**Parent Teacher Conferences on November 22, 12:15 - 7:30:** Parents will have the option to schedule conferences in-person or online, but this must be done electronically, using the calendly website that we used during the

## November Calendar

**Nov 2:** Election Day

**Nov 3:** Trimester 1 Ends

**Nov 7:** Daylight Savings - Fall Back!

**Nov 10** - Board of Ed Mtg @ 5:30 @ WJH

**Nov 11** - Veterans Day, Report cards are sent home

**Nov 19** - Picture Retake Day

**Nov 22:** **NO SCHOOL** - Parent Teacher Conferences 12:15pm - 7:30pm

**Nov 23:** **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher Institute Day

**Nov 24 - 26:** **NO SCHOOL** Thanksgiving Break



last school year. We will distribute a link this week to the email we have listed so you can complete sign up for conferences. We will also send the links via school messenger.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we are both so thankful for the opportunities we have daily to work with you and our students.

Sincerely,



Maureen Eichstaedt  
Worth Elementary Principal



Melissa Wills  
Worth Elementary Assistant Principal

**Looking Ahead:**

**Dec 8:** Board of Ed Mtg @ 5:30pm

**Dec 17:** Last day before Winter Break

**Dec 18-Jan 4 :** **NO SCHOOL**  
Winter Break

**Daily Student Schedule**

**Grades 1-5**

8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**EC / PreK /Kindergarten**

AM: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

PM: 12:15 - 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!