



# News From the 'Woods

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## Important Dates

**Jan 3:** **NO SCHOOL** - Last Day of Winter Break

**Jan 4:** First Day of School after Winter Break

**Jan 12:** February meal menu release

**Jan 12:** Worth Board of Education Mtg @ WE @ 6PM. Doors open to the public @ 5:00

**Jan 17:** **NO SCHOOL** - Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Jan 19:** **JANUARY MEAL ORDERS DUE**

### Looking Ahead:

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

## A Letter from the Principal – January 2022

Dear Worthwoods Families,

Happy New Year, Wildcats! We hope that everyone had a restful and warm Winter Break. Did you do anything fun like build a blanket fort or make hot chocolate? Did you spend time with family or friends? Were you able to snuggle up and watch a movie or your favorite show? Or maybe you chose to play in the snow. Taking time to relax and have fun is what break is all about!

As we look to the new year ahead of us, it's important to take a minute to reflect upon the year that just passed. 2021 brought with it a lot of unknowns and changes. However, not all change is bad! By implementing new safety protocols, we were allowed to bring all of our students back to school each day. Students were able to begin sharing meals with their classmates at a safe distance. They were able to once again have recess and run around with their friends outside. They've been able to share in classroom activities and learning through live interactions with their peers and teachers. These opportunities have been invaluable in helping us maintain a warm, welcoming, and safe environment for our students.

January is turning out to be a busy month! Our school board meeting was held at Worth Elementary School, where families and community members had the opportunity to see their beautiful new addition. They have the chance to experience the awe and excitement we felt last year when we were able to see our newly renovated building for the first time. We also had students in grades 1-5 begin bringing their chromebooks home each Friday in the event of an e-learning day on Monday. Students will continue to bring home chromebooks each Friday throughout our unpredictable Winter months. On January 17th, schools will be closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. ACCESS testing begins this month and our 4th and 5th grade students will continue to participate in Choir and morning Fitness Club!

We've learned many valuable lessons that we bring with us into the new year. First, we continue to learn how resilient our faculty and students are despite change and regardless of any obstacle they encounter. We have learned that a school filled with learning, laughter, and lots of love is the best kind to have! Last but not least, one thing we can say with absolute certainty, is that no matter what, our Worthwoods community will continue to learn, grow, and be stronger together. Wishing everyone a very safe, healthy, and happy 2022!

Yours truly,

Ms. Ashley Toms  
Worthwoods School Principal

Mrs. Melissa Wills  
Worthwoods School Assistant Principal

# IMPORTANT SCHOOL 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.

## 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. You can also contact our main office at 708-448-2802.

## School Information

- **Voice Reach** – 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.
- **Website** – [www.worthschools.org](http://www.worthschools.org)
- **Main Office Phone** – 708-448-2802