



# News From the 'Woods

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## Important Dates

**Oct 11** - Columbus Day  
No School

**Oct 23-31** - Red Ribbon Week

**Oct 31** - Halloween

### Looking Ahead:

**Nov 2** - Election Day

**Nov 3** - Trimester 1 Ends

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

**Nov 11** - Veterans Day

**Nov 22** - Parent Teacher  
Conferences - No School

**Nov 23** - Teacher Institute  
Day - No School

**Nov 24 - 26** - No School  
Thanksgiving Break



## A Letter from the Principal – October 2021



Dear Worthwoods Families,

Can you believe that we're already halfway through the first trimester? We've reached the point in the start of the school year where everyone is settled in and learning is in full swing. As the seasons change, we often take time to reflect and think about what came before. Often this time of year comes with mixed emotions or feelings. Sometimes we think about the fun of summer and get sad dreading the cold winter that lies ahead. Some of us, myself included, welcome the break from the heat and enjoy the temperature cooling down. However you feel, the trees still become more colorful, the air feels a bit crisper, and the desserts become a little bit more pumpkiny.

Having transitioned to Principal this past Spring, this was my first time experiencing the beginning of the school year through new eyes. It was amazing! Teachers spent hours setting up their classrooms, excitement filled the entire school, and the office staff was busy preparing for students to be at school for a full day. When students entered the building on August 18th, a sense of relief filled the hallways. This was another big step in moving forward and we were thankful to be taking the leap!

Looking ahead to what's next, there are some fun things to look forward to. In October we celebrate Fire Safety Week where students will learn about fire prevention. At the end of the month we also celebrate National Red Ribbon Week with this year's theme being Drug Free Looks Like Me. Last but not least, we also have Halloween where for one night our students become transformed into their favorite superhero, character, or maybe even a spooky creature. It's also an excuse to eat delicious candy and other yummy treats!

As always, we appreciate your support as we progress through the school year. 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). We look forward to our continued partnership with our families to keep ensuring the health and safety of our Worthwoods community!

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