

# WILDCAT PRESS



October 7th, 2022

## WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

### 2022-2023 FALL IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/10-10/14 ~ Kindness Week
- 10/17~ Flu Clinic (*Register by Tuesday October 11th*)
- 10/19 ~ HCPSS Unity Day~WEAR ORANGE
- 10/21 ~ Schools **CLOSED**-Professional Work Day
- 10/24 ~ Schools **CLOSED**-Professional Learning Day
- 10/28~ PTA Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat

### RELATED ARTS COLOR SCHEDULE

## October 2022

APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<small>October holidays and other dates of interest                      5: 10th Kippur ~ Jewish                      10: Columbus Day                      10: Indigenous Peoples' Day                      24: Diwali (5 Day) ~ Hindu                      *Singer sunset of previous day</small>						1
2	3 GREEN	4 BLUE	5	6 RED	7 ORANGE	8
9	10 YELLOW	11 GREEN	12 BLUE	13 RED	14 ORANGE	15
16	17 YELLOW	18 GREEN	19 BLUE	20 RED	21 Professional Work Day MSEA Convention Schools closed for students	22
23 30	24 Professional Learning Day Schools closed for students RED	25 ORANGE	26 YELLOW	27 GREEN	28 BLUE	29

# KINDNESS WEEK

## WORTHINGTON ELEMENTARY KINDNESS WEEK 2022

# "Kindness is yOUUnique"

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FUN EVENTS CELEBRATING KINDNESS AT WOES!



**Monday, October 10: Kindness is ACTIVE**

**Walk or Roll to School Day!**

Show your unique style as you walk or roll to school to kick off our Kindness Week! Dress to express yourself and / or your culture, enjoy a festive arrival with music, and sign our poster to celebrate your participation!



**Tuesday, October 11: Kindness is Joyful**

Students and staff will collaborate to create a large, interactive display featuring the many things that bring our Wildcats joy at home and at school. The display will be created in Art classes and feature our Wildcat mascot!



**Wednesday, October 12: Kindness is FREE...**

**Share it!**

Wildcats will have the opportunity to write kind notes to people in our community and share what they love about them.



**Thursday, October 13: Kindness is COLORFUL**

Wear your favorite color or the color that helps you express your feelings!



**Friday, October 14: Kindness is WARM**

Wear crazy / unique / mismatched socks and bring in a pair of new socks to donate. These donations will benefit a local shelter. All sizes accepted!

# HCPSS NEWS

## **Help us Celebrate UNITY Day on October 19th!**

Worthington is excited to join other HCPSS schools, students and staff in celebrating UNITY day on Wednesday, October 19th. To support Bullying Prevention Month, we invite everyone to **wear orange** to show we are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Please see the [Unity Day 2022 Flier](#) for additional information.

## [Council of Elders Community Academy](#)

The Council of Elders and the Howard County Public School System have partnered to sponsor the following 2022–23 parent workshop series:

- October 15: Navigating the Howard County Public School System
- December 10: Social and Emotional Well-Being
- January 28: Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships: Managing Peer Conflict
- March 11: Substance Abuse Prevention

All sessions will be held virtually from 9–10:30 a.m. Additional details regarding each session are forthcoming.

## **BSAP Saturday Math Academy Fall Session**

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Fall Session is approaching!

This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer an in-person enrichment program for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of math for grades 3–12 based on course availability. Registration will take place online Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.– until capacity is reached. Class space is limited. Families can register by accessing the [HCPSS Connect Website](#).

For more information, please visit: [BSAP Saturday Math Academy HCPSS News Post](#)

- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(English\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Chinese\)](#)

- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Korean\)](#)

## INFORMATION WORTH REPEATING

### **Flu Vaccine**

Flu vaccinations are coming to Worthington on October 17th, 2022. They will be given at NO CHARGE TO YOU. Now, more than ever, it is important to protect your family through vaccinations! If you would like your child to be vaccinated, you must **register BEFORE Tuesday, October 11th**. Fill out the consent form online at: [Flu Vaccination Appointment](#)

### **Arrival & Dismissal:**

This is a friendly reminder that students are not to be dropped off prior to 9:10 at arrival. Walkers should time their arrival to reach the school grounds at 9:10. We do not have adults outside to supervise students until 9:10 when our doors open. Additionally, safety in our parking lot is priority number 1! We would like to remind our car loop families to only enter the bus drop off area from the designated route. Driving fast or not following the carefully considered route puts students, staff and neighbors at risk. Your cooperation is necessary for everyone to safely arrive and depart Worthington.

Please send all absence related notes to: [woesabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:woesabsence@hcpss.org) and to the homeroom teacher. The note needs to be submitted within 5 days of the absence as per HCPSS policy. For more detailed information regarding HCPSS attendance policies, please visit:

<https://policy.hcpss.org/9000/9010/implementation/>

If your child will be attending an after school program or club, please send parental permission for the student to attend to the front office and homeroom teacher. Dismissal changes should be communicated to the front office before 3 pm to ensure teachers have adequate time to update dismissal plans. Please note, all early dismissals end at 3:30 pm.

## NEWS FROM THE PTA



### **Contents:**

- ***PTA Monthly Meeting: Oct 12***
- ***PTA Membership & Donations***
- ***Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat: Oct 28***

### **PTA Monthly Meeting**

We hope you can join us for the PTA Monthly Meeting this Wednesday, Oct 12 at 7pm. We will be discussing some of the upcoming events we have planned for this year as listed in the PTA Initiatives here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18HXqnY3HfLDvDsafx3E5DM-7sY9jn62bkmA\\_UNLHV-A/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18HXqnY3HfLDvDsafx3E5DM-7sY9jn62bkmA_UNLHV-A/edit?usp=sharing)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89508901359?pwd=VTEybXpLTkh0b2dSSUR4UFMyZVVYQT09>

Meeting ID: 895 0890 1359

Passcode: 824441

### **PTA Membership & Donations**

Thank you to those who have signed up so far! Your support by becoming a member means a lot to us! For every \$10 membership, \$4.25 has to be paid to the State and National PTA, so if

you have the means to donate extra to support our efforts this year, we would really appreciate it! Any extra donation goes directly back to the WoES PTA!

You can join and/or donate in 2 simple steps by going here:

<https://www.worthingtonpta.com/join-pta-and-donate?fbclid=IwAR2h-qrv-8CRxgj6anuZo-ClorOvQIYizlomARoFZ8vEAEJ49LWKWcQ7YFE>

### **WoES PTA Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat**

Save the date Friday, October, 28th 6-8pm, Rain date Sunday, October 30th 4-6pm!

Please click the link below to learn more about the Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat and RSVP!

<https://forms.gle/151cnJ8fD45Yrwas6>

A festive illustration for a Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat event. It features a central scarecrow wearing a brown hat and coat, standing on a patch of grass. To the left of the scarecrow is a circular inset showing a red cup of hot chocolate with a marshmallow and a cinnamon stick. To the right is another circular inset showing the back of a car decorated for Halloween with pumpkins, jack-o'-lanterns, and ghost cutouts. The car has a sign that says 'TRICK or TREAT'. Above the scarecrow is a string of colorful triangular bunting flags. Below the scarecrow are several pumpkins and sunflowers. The entire illustration is framed by a thin brown border.

*join us for the WoES PTA*

## **FALL FEST & TRUNK OR TREAT**

Friday, Oct 28 at Worthington Elementary School

Fall Fest from 6-7pm

Trunk or Treat from 7-8 pm

COSTUME CONTEST, CAR DECORATING CONTEST,  
FOOD TRUCKS, GAMES, AND MORE!

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Please see the PTA website and Facebook page  
for sign up links and more information.

[www.worthingtonpta.com](http://www.worthingtonpta.com)

\*\*\* Rain Date: Sunday, October 30 from 4 - 6pm\*\*\*

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## G/T Program Virtual Information Nights

Elementary: Thursday, October 13, 7-8 p.m.

Secondary: Thursday, October 27, 7-8 p.m.

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (GT) Program are [invited to virtual information nights](#) to learn more about the advanced-level offerings available and how their students can become involved. Registration is required.

## Greetings WOES Students and Community,

We wanted to share information on an exciting opportunity for our school community to participate in two contest initiatives honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission**

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**2023 LIVING THE DREAM AWARD**

**PROMOTING PEACE:** *Within Yourself, Your Community & the World!*

The "Living the Dream" Award recognizes individuals and organizations (community, civic or religious) that promote the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community involvement.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
Entries must be received by  
October 31, 2022 at 5:00 PM EST

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Visit the OHRE Website: <https://bit.ly/HOCOMLK23>  
Call (410) 313-6430  
Email: [MLK@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:MLK@howardcountymd.gov)

Scan QR Code to Apply or Nominate Candidates:

Each year the MLK Holiday Commission recognizes students, individuals, and organizations with several contest initiatives. The student contests include a Poster Contest, Essay Contest and Oratory Contest for ages K through 12. Contestants must generate original artwork, essays, and speeches that highlight Dr. King's visionary track record of service to human rights. The "Living the Dream Award" celebrates a student, individual and an organization whose outreach efforts are in alignment with Dr. King's message and vision. The theme is "Promoting Peace: Within Yourself, Your Community and the World!"

**The closing date for these contests is October 31, 2022.**

The Celebration will be held:

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at the Howard Community College Horowitz Visual & Performing Arts Center, Smith Theatre, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia MD 21044.

Contest winners will be recognized at the January 15, 2023, Dr. Martin Luther Celebration with a certificate and cash prize.

The tribute to Dr. King continues Monday, January 16, 2023, with the Day of Service, a county-wide volunteer- effort in partnership with Volunteer Howard and community organizations. Numerous organizations will have on-site volunteer activities for individuals and families in addition to off-site service opportunities. We are excited as a WOES Community about these opportunities and hope that our school can be represented by inviting our students, staff and families to participate in the contest initiatives and Day of Service event.

Details on how you can submit entries for the contests can be found in the attached fliers. We look forward to seeing WOES represented in honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hello Mt. Hebron High School Community,

**We are excited to announce that Mt. Hebron's Annual Homecoming Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner!**



Please join us on Saturday, October 8th from 7:30am - 10:30am for breakfast in front of the school as we kick off an exciting day of Homecoming events celebrating our Viking Football, Marching Band, Cheer, and Lancer Programs.

Tickets will be \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door. Children 5 and under are free.

Here is the link to purchase tickets in advance. Please be sure to put your name in the Purchase Notes section: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/p/DA010-441>

If you are interested in helping out with this event, please see the Sign Up Genius link: [MHHS Football Team: MHHS Pancake Breakfast \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

If you are interested in helping out, but can't donate your time, we will graciously accept financial donations as this is an extremely important fundraiser for the football program. Donation checks should be made out to MHHS - Football Program.

Thank you for your support of Mt. Hebron Football Program~GO VIKINGS!!