

WILDCAT PRESS



October 14th, 2022

WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

2022-2023 FALL IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/17~ Flu Clinic
- 10/19 ~ HCPSS Unity Day~WEAR ORANGE
- 10/20 ~ Family Fitness Night @ WoES, 6-8 PM
- 10/21 ~ Schools **CLOSED**-Professional Work Day
- 10/24 ~ Schools **CLOSED**-Professional Learning Day
- 10/25 ~ Family Cyber Safety Night, 6-8 PM ~ Virtual Event for K-5th Grades
- 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 Yom Kippur - Jewish* 10 Columbus Day 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day 24 Oweel (B Day) - Hindu *tequila 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

INSIDER INFORMATION

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.

Family Fitness Night~Thursday, October 20th from 6pm-8pm

Come discover the various fitness units that students will complete throughout the year set up in the gym, cafeteria and outside (weather permitting)!

Units include:

- the rock wall
- climbing ropes
- gymnastics (rolling mats and balance beams)
- scooter relays
- Basketball
- Top Golf course and mini putt
- leisure activities (corn hole, can jam),
- fitness stations and a bowling alley.

*Snacks and drinks will be provided!

Families will be able to choose their own activities. If you can't stay the full time, that's ok! Come and stay for as long as you would like and try out all the amazing units we have for this year! Please fill out this quick registration form if you plan on attending! [Family Fitness Night RSVP](#)

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

This month is all about helping others protect themselves online as threats to technology and confidential data become more commonplace. Worthington Elementary invites you to participate in Family Cyber Safety Night, a free live-stream (virtual) event for all K-5th grade families. You'll team up with your child(ren) to

learn important cyber safety concepts, such as how to build strong passwords and guard against phishing scams. Then you'll create your own Family Cyber Safety Plan to protect your family online. Sign up to attend at bit.ly/CyberFamily22. You'll love it, and help inspire your children to be safe online!

October 25, 2022 at 6 PM bit.ly/CyberFamily22

Classroom and Lunch Volunteers Reminders/Information

All visitors and volunteers must complete the following documentation prior to volunteering: [Confidentiality Training Course](#) and [Child Abuse Training course](#).

Parents should print out the certificates associated with these trainings (below) and hand them in to the Front Office. [Confidentiality Training Certificate](#) and [Child Abuse Training Certificate](#)

HCPSS NEWS

[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
 - **HCPSS and The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy - Navigating HCPSS**
 - Join HCPSS and the Council of Elders (TCOE) virtually on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for an engaging session regarding how to effectively maintain communication with your child's school. HCPSS staff will provide a parent demonstration on how to monitor student performance utilizing school system online resources. Additionally, families will receive strategies to help ensure successful parent-teacher conferences. This session is for families of students in

elementary, middle, and high school. To register, please complete the registration form linked [here](#). Please see the [TCOE Navigating HCPSS](#) flier for more information.

- 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

Arrival & Dismissal

Car Loop: 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 help your child be ready to exit the car during arrival. If able, students should open and close their own car doors and have backpacks within reach. A quick, safe exit will help the car loop move efficiently and ensure all students are on time for school.

Absence Emails and Notes:

Please send all absence related notes to: 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 Meeting Highlights
- PTA Spirit Wear Sale Kickoff!
- PTA Membership & Donations
- PTA Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat: 10/28
- PTA October Newsletter

PTA Meeting Highlights

Thank you to those who attended the PTA meeting and a big thanks to Ms. Diop and Ms. Schatra who joined the conversation! We love seeing the parent and the teacher support! Here is a high-level recap on some of the points discussed:

- Ms. Ryan attended and spoke of some of the focus happening at the school, Being a Writer, Soctober, extension from Community Circles and Community Building, training the staff is receiving, etc.
- Memberships are down from last year, we have 45 people who signed up for PTA memberships. We need more parents and staff to sign up. We have a winner from the general raffle. Staff will be entered to win a gift card if they sign up by Oct. 31.
- Still looking for 2-3 volunteers to help with financial audits, or else need a CPA (volunteer or possibly paid).
- Sneak Peak was given for the new Spirit Wear online store for WoES. Lots of fun new options with this platform and families can purchase spirit wear year-round.
- Staff Appreciation is working on a treat cart with fall goodies for staff, will do it on Oct 26.
- Coal Fire was successful, we earned \$470. Ideas are being looked at for a December restaurant night.
- Fall Fest planning is going well but they would like more Trunkers to sign up. Team also asked for more budget which was voted on and approved. They also need more families to RSVP so they can get a good estimate on students attending.
- Secret Shoppe planning is underway, slated for Dec. 3. That team will reach out to the community soon for volunteers to help.
- Members voted to contribute to the PTA CHC High School Scholarship Fund, the PTA CHC is asking for contributions from each PTA if they can help.
- The Parent Input Survey results were shared:
 - International Night was discussed with many in favor of having it. This aligns with the school's Diversity and Inclusion efforts. Teachers and parents will be involved.

- Bingo Night was popular and most were in favor of it coming back. There is a team in place now planning details.
- Orioles Game Night is coming back and there is a lead working on those details.
- Need a volunteer to lead Mom's Night Out.
- Looking for a team to help lead Outdoor Beautification Projects, along with Kristie C.

We would love to see more parents join to discuss the events and vote on budget items. *Next meeting is Nov 9.*

Spirit Wear is HERE!

This year, we are trying a new platform for Spirit Wear! You can access our store all year long and the items ship directly to you! Please visit our WOES Spirit Wear shop at: [WoES Spirit Wear](#)

We can't wait to show our Worthington Pride with lots of options for students, staff and family members!

Contact Francesca Graham @ fterrano3@gmail.com if you have any questions.

PTA Membership & Donations

Thank you to those who have signed up so far! Your support by becoming a member means a lot to us! We have had only 45 parents sign up and need more support! Please consider joining the PTA!

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

RSVP HERE by Oct 17: <https://forms.gle/I5lcnJ8fD45Yrwas6>

We are SO excited to celebrate Fall and hope you all can attend! We need a headcount on kids coming so we can buy enough treats for everyone! Please bring the whole family for this fun filled evening!

We will have a DJ, food truck, games, costume contest, trunk contest and more!! Come spend a wonderful evening with your friends!



PTA October Newsletter

The PTA Newsletter for October was sent out this week. To check out what the PTA has been working on, view the newsletter here: [WoES PTA Newsletter](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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

Howard County
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission

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

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.