

# WILDCAT PRESS



October 21st, 2022

## WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

### 2022-2023 FALL IMPORTANT DATES

- 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
- 11/02- End of 1st Marking Period~ *½ Day for Students*

### RELATED ARTS COLOR SCHEDULE

## October 2022

APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October holidays and other dates of interest 5 Yom Kippur - Jewish* 10 Columbus Day 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day 24 Dussehra (5 days) - Hindu *begins sunset of previous day						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	24 Professional Learning Day Schools closed for students	25 ORANGE	26 YELLOW	27 GREEN	28 BLUE	29
30	31 RED					

# UPDATE FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

WoES Families :

Hi! My name is Jackie Brewer (new Registered Nurse) and along with Marquita Fullard (new School Health Assistant) we will be your new full-time Health Room staff! We are so excited to be a part of such an amazing school and to get to know your students!

As a new staff, we are working hard to make sure that we have all the appropriate health room documents and completed files to know as much as we can about your child. You may have been receiving/will receive paperwork to complete that we are missing or would like updated information on. We apologize if what you are receiving may have been returned in prior years, but we would really appreciate it if you wouldn't mind completing them again to make sure we have all we need to keep your child safe at school.

If your child has a condition you would like to discuss, want to chat about anything health related regarding your child, or just have a question, please feel free to email or call us ANYTIME!

Thank you so much!

Jackie Brewer, RN & Marquita Fullard, SHA

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Direct health room #: 410-313-2575

# INSIDER INFORMATION

Thank you, WOES community, for your amazing Socktober donations as part of our Kindness Week finale! Our bins are overflowing with new socks for individuals of all ages. These socks will be dropped off at the Eastside and Westside shelters next week, just in time to provide clients with needed warmth for the cooler fall temperatures!



## **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](https://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](https://bit.ly/CyberFamily22)

### **Cultural Awareness Volunteer Opportunities**

This year, we will be celebrating various cultural awareness months throughout the school year. We will be using both our display case in the front lobby and the WOES Cafeteria bulletin Board to showcase and celebrate the different cultures in our community. For the month of September 15 - October 15<sup>th</sup> we highlighted National Hispanic Heritage Month. Listed below are the details for the remaining months of the school year.

Our goal is to have you as members of our WOES community help us in honoring the diversity of our community. Ways in which you can help include volunteering to help create the cafeteria bulletin board and/or front lobby display, or by contributing items to be displayed in the front lobby such as crafts, photos, objects from family traditions, pictures of food, or recipes that are specific to your culture or by signing up to be a Guest Reader in a classroom as a way of sharing with our staff and students about your culture. If you are interested in helping, please complete this survey.

[WOES CULTURAL AWARENESS MONTH SIGN-UP SHEET](#)

**Extra Halloween candy in your house? Donate to our military!**

### **CANDY FOR THE COURAGEOUS**



Donate your extra wrapped Halloween candy to our military troops worldwide!

Please bring any extra unopened Halloween candy to school in a ziplock bag between Nov 1-4, 2022. We will be giving the candy to the USO at BWI airport, so that they can give it to our troops before they travel overseas. Feel free to also write letters/cards to the troops, which will be given to our military.



## HCPSS NEWS

**Navigating Your Child's Mental Health Journey** *Presenters Candace Ball from Howard County Local Children's Board & Kala Jenkins, Howard County Health Department*

Whether it is knowing the best ways to support your child's social emotional health, having concerns about your child's behaviors, or feeling like something is seriously wrong, knowing where to go for answers is a top issue for parents. Those first steps of navigating mental health supports are a challenging and daunting task. Come to this presentation to learn about the stages of mental health and local resources and supports that will guide your understanding, provide you with choices, and help you learn the steps to start helping your child even in the early years. You will leave with tangible tools for education and intervention as well as where to go for assistance if you hit roadblocks to services.

Thursday, October 20 , 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for registration to virtual workshop

## INFORMATION WORTH REPEATING

### **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](#)

### **Absence Emails and Notes:**

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:**

- ***Donations Requested for Fall Treat Cart for the Staff***
- ***Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat: 10/28***
- ***PTA Membership & Donations***

### **Donations Requested for Fall Treat Cart for the Staff**

The PTA Staff Appreciation Committee will be bringing a cart of drinks and snack treats around to the teachers next week. We would love your help stocking the snacks! Please see the signup below for items we are hoping for. If you're able to donate, signup and details for dropoff are listed in this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b48afae2faaf49-fall>

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

We are SO excited to celebrate Fall and hope you all can attend our first Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28 from 6pm-8pm! 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!

If you are not able to be a Trunker, but would like to help in other ways, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4aa5af2da6fa7-worthington>

### **PTA Membership & Donations**

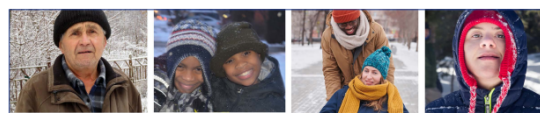
Thank you to those who have signed up so far! Your support by becoming a member means a lot to us! Please consider joining the PTA!

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>

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



**FREE Cold Weather Gear!**  
COATS • HATS • GLOVES • SCARVES

**All Sizes and Ages, Infant to Adult**


**Saturday, October 22**  
**10:00 am – Noon**

**North Laurel Community Center**  
9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD 20723

**FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN ON-SITE FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PERSONS**

For questions or more information, contact Valerie Mathis  
at 410-313-0242 (VOICE/RELAY) or [vmathis@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:vmathis@howardcountymd.gov).

**Howard County**  
**MultiService Center**  
Department of Community Resources and Services  
[www.howardcountymd.gov/msc](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/msc)

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Public School System  
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If you need this information in an alternate format, contact the MSC at 410-313-0220 (voice/relay) or [mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov). If you need accommodations to participate, call at least one week in advance.

**Howard High School Lions' Pride Athlete Boosters invite you to the:  
Arts, Crafts & More Show**

Sunday November 6th from 10 am to 3 pm at Howard High School

Stop in for a community shopping event featuring food trucks, local artisans, independent consultants and much more!

All proceeds will benefit the Lions' Pride Athlete Boosters



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.