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November 11th, 2022

WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

2022-2023 FALL IMPORTANT DATES

November: American Indian Heritage Month

- 11/11 - Report Cards Available Online @ 4:00 PM
- 11/13 - World Kindness Day
- 11/14 - Parent Teacher Conference *Scheduling Closes @ 4:00 PM*
- 11/14-11/18 - American Education Week
- 11/15 - Make Up Day for Fall Individual Pictures
- 11/21 - **IN-PERSON** Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ Early Dismissal @ 12:55 PM ~ No ½ Day Preschool/PreK
- 11/22 - **VIRTUAL ONLY** Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ Early Dismissal @ 12:55 PM - No ½ Day Preschool/PreK
- 11/23 - **VIRTUAL ONLY** Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ **Schools CLOSED for Students**
- 11/24-11/25 - **SCHOOLS CLOSED** for THANKSGIVING BREAK

RELATED ARTS COLOR SCHEDULE

November 2022

APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November holidays and other dates of interest 11 Veterans Day		1 ORANGE	2 YELLOW	3 GREEN	4 BLUE	5
6	7 RED	8 Election Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	9 ORANGE	10 YELLOW	11 GREEN	12
13	14 BLUE	15 RED	16 ORANGE	17 YELLOW	18 GREEN	19
20	21 BLUE	22 RED	23	24-25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY		26
27	28 ORANGE	29 YELLOW	30 GREEN			

INSIDER INFORMATION

REPORT CARD ACCESS

Parents/guardians will have access to view report cards as of 4:00pm, today, November 11. Parents/guardians may view/download report cards by taking the following steps:

[Log in to HCPSS Connect Synergy](#) using parent/guardian credentials

Select More Options from the left panel (last option on the panel)

Select Report Cards from the middle

Select the report card you wish to access

Make-up Fall Picture Day

Strawbridge will be back at Worthington on **Tuesday, November 15th** for a make-up picture day. Online ordering can be done through strawbridge.net for students who were absent on the September picture day. **Families re-taking pictures should return the previously purchased package to school. Strawbridge will exchange packages with the new picture.*

Use the code below for Worthington ES:

To pay online, go to www.strawbridge.net . Click Order Pictures and enter the following code: Para pagar en línea, vaya a www.strawbridge.net . Haga clic en ordenar fotos e ingrese el código siguiente:	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">FM397577</div>	
Enter Online Payment Code Here: Ingrese el código de pago en línea aquí:	

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Coming!

On Monday, November 21, conferences will be **IN PERSON** only. Teachers will hold all conferences in person at Worthington.

- On Tuesday, November 22, and Wednesday, November 23, all conferences will be held **VIRTUALLY**.

- On Monday, November 7, at 8 a.m., ten school days before conferences begin, scheduling will open to everyone at all schools. Directions on how to schedule conferences can be found [HERE](#).



American Education Week—November 14th–18th, 2022 — *Together for Safe, Just & Equitable Schools 2022 #aew2022* - During American Education Week, Americans nationwide will join the National Education Association (NEA) in raising awareness about the need to provide every child with a quality public education. The celebration highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, students, and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools. It also reflects NEA's vision of calling upon America to provide public school students with quality schools so that they can grow and achieve in the 21st century.

During the week of November 14th–18th, our school will be open to parents and grandparents that would like to observe what a typical day looks like for students at Worthington. We would like to share with you a snapshot into your child's daily routine. **We invite you to join us anytime between 9:45 am - 3:00 pm throughout the week.** Arriving and leaving at these times helps to ensure a smooth arrival and dismissal for all of our buses and many cars. We are hoping with a flexible, open schedule, you will be able to find a time that is convenient during your day to visit. As you know, parking can be problematic and spreading your visits throughout the week should lessen the crowded parking lot.

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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 November, we are highlighting National American Indian Heritage Month. Check out the display created by one of our WoES families:



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

Did you know...

World Kindness Day is this Sunday, November 13!

World Kindness Day Video for Kids

World Kindness Day was established in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement with the purpose of promoting kindness around the world. World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on November 13 as part of the Global Kindness Movement. This

Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on one of the most important and unifying human principles – empathy, compassion and kindness. On a day dedicated to the positive potential of acts of kindness big and small, let us collectively promote and spread this crucial quality that brings people of all kinds together.

UPDATE FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Hints from the Health Room

- **Please keep all sick children at home.** Any student with a temperature of 100 should be kept at home for 24 hours past the last fever (without medications).
- Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently to reduce the spread of germs.
- Stay home while sick and limit contact with others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or tissue.
- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap & warm water.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if washing is not available.
- Avoid touching your nose, eyes, and mouth.

****Please always feel free to email Ms. Jackie (School Nurse at jackie_brewer@hcpss.org) or Ms. Marquita (School Health Assistant marquita_fullard@hcpss.org) with any questions or concerns!**

Direct health room #: 410-313-2575

HCPSS NEWS

Impact Aid Forms Due Dec. 12

Parents/guardians who work on a federal property in Maryland and/or are a member of a uniformed service can qualify HCPSS to receive federal funding by [completing the Impact Aid form online by Dec. 12](#). Impact Aid supplements the HCPSS operating budget to enhance the teaching and learning that takes place in Howard County classrooms.

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](#)

NOTES FROM THE PTA



Contents:

- **2022 Secret Holiday Shoppe: 12/3, 10am-1pm**
- **Restaurant Night: 12/5 @ Noodles and Company**

WoES PTA 2022 Secret Holiday Shoppe

Saturday, December 3, 2022 - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Secret Holiday Shoppe is back! This is a great opportunity for students to surprise their friends and family with special gifts they pick themselves. Families can RSVP to shop at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EACAB2AA7F49-woes1>

This event cannot happen without our wonderful volunteers. Please consider helping us out with set up the night before, shopping, wrapping, or inventory. Also, we can always use gift wrapping supplies – bags, gift wrap, tissue, and tape with any theme is helpful. We will have a collection box at WOES next to the main office and we are happy to come pick stuff up as well.

Please be a part of a truly wonderful holiday experience by volunteering for an hour shift or more. We also love middle schoolers and high schoolers as volunteers. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EACAB2AA7F49-woes>,

Restaurant Night: 12/5 @ Noodles and Company

Take a night off from preparing dinner and doing the dishes to join the Worthington PTA at our next Restaurant Night! Join us at Noodles and Company on Monday, December 5th between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Noodles and Company will donate 25% of sales from all orders to the Worthington PTA to support future school-wide events. Ordering online for pickup? Great! Use code **GIVING25**. Dining in? No problem. Just show the flyer or mention our school at checkout. Thank you for your support!



DIG INTO A DELICIOUS CAUSE... YOURS.

Enter offer code **GIVING25** at checkout*

Raise your fork to raising funds.
Nourishing our communities is an essential part of our mission at Noodles. And we make it so easy. Dine with us on the evening of your group's event and mention your organization when ordering. You can also order online or use our app:

- Log in to your Noodles Rewards account
- Place your order and **enter offer code Giving25 at checkout.***
- Not a member? Join Noodles Rewards today

ENTER CODE: GIVING25

*In-restaurant or online ordering only through the Noodles Rewards app, or [Noodles.com/ptas](https://www.noodles.com/ptas). Valid for pickup, delivery and in-restaurant. Not valid for cash or orders. Please enter offer code at checkout online or mention the organization when ordering in-person. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.

December 5, 2022
4-8 pm

25%

of qualifying sales will directly benefit:
Worthington Elementary PTA



Columbia
6191 Old Dobbin Ln Ste 930, Columbia, MD 21045



COMMUNITY NEWS

Glen Mar Church is hosting a free Community health fair on November 12th. Everyone is welcome and it is free to the public. Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

Walk-ins accepted as time slots allow.

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022

Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Glen Mar Church 4701 New Cut Road Ellicott City, MD 21043

The scheduled health-related services are:

- COVID boosters
- COVID Pfizer (5 to 11 years)
- COVID Bivalent Pfizer (12 and up)
- Annual Flu shots
- Health screening (blood pressure & BMI checks) (18 years and up)
- Vision screening (6 years and up)
- Hearing screening (6 years and up)
- Health risk assessment

Additional Information:

- [Flyer](#) for event
- Register at <https://bit.ly/3SM9yxk>
- For the latest information, please visit us at:
<https://glenmarumc.org/events/mini-health-fair-2022/> .
- If you have any questions, email us at healthfair@glenmarumc.org.