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WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES [HCPSS Approved Calendar 23/24](#)

- March 11-15: Book Fair [Set up an EWallet for Purchases Here](#)
- March 11-12 & 14-15: 5th Grade MISA Testing
- March 12: PTA Meeting at 7 pm [Join the Meeting](#)
- March 13: 3 hour Early Dismissal- *Professional Work Day for Staff*
- March 15: PTA Bingo Night @Howard High School [Buy Your Tickets Here](#)
- March 22: Last Day to Buy Orioles Tickets [Online Ticket Ordering](#)
- March 25-April 1: Spring Break-Schools Closed for Students

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Worthington Community,

Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m., when clocks will go forward one hour. It may be a good idea to change your clocks and watches on the night of March 9, turning them ahead a full hour. Computers, televisions and cell phones should automatically update at 2 a.m. Great reminder to check those batteries in smoke detectors around the house.

The one-hour change means it will be darker in the mornings. Please keep the time change in mind when you travel to work or school on Monday, March 11.

Wednesday March 13th will be a 3 Hour Early Dismissal at all Howard County Public Schools. School will dismiss at 12:55 at Worthington Elementary School.

If you want to witness some great spelling competition, come and support Worthington's representatives to the Howard County Spelling Bee. The event will occur this Friday, March 15th at 7:30 pm at Hammond High School.

Or join us for the PTA Bingo Night at Howard High School from 6:15-9:00. Go to the Worthington PTA Member Hub to get your Bingo tickets.

Have a wonderful week.

Robert C. Bruce
Principal

FROM THE PTA

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PTA Monthly Meeting - EVERYONE IS WELCOME - Next Tuesday, March 12 at 7pm

We'd love to see more families attend our monthly meetings. You can join us from the comfort of your home as we meet over Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82928857134?pwd=emkzdjFiSHhCNIFUZzZHQlIJSIBnQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 2885 7134

Passcode: 765631

Bingo Game Night - NEXT FRIDAY, March 15

Wow! We have over 280 tickets sold and counting! Make sure to pick up your pizza, advance raffle tickets, and more by Tuesday as that is when we are closing those sales!

You can expect great prizes again this year! Raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, concessions, and more will be available! We hope you will join us for this thrilling evening while we raise funds to support the WoES PTA! Head over to our site for all the

information and purchase your tickets today!

<https://worthingtonespta.memberhub.com/w/bingo>

WoES Orioles Game Night Ticket Sales Going Strong, ordering closes March 22!

Join the Worthington School community for a night out at the ballpark! Join the admin, some school staff, and friends in the Upper Reserve section for a great view of the entire field! Ticket sales close in 2 weeks, on Friday, March 22. Last year was so much fun! Pick up your tickets today!

<https://worthingtonespta.memberhub.com/w/oriolesgamenight>

WoES PTA Needs New Board Members for the 24'-25' School Year

We are still looking for interested people to be PTA board members for next school year! The current board has put the PTA in great shape for the new board to take over. We hope we can keep supporting the students and staff next year, and we can only do that with a PTA. Please reach out to Kristie to learn more!

WorthingtonPTAPresident@gmail.com

INSIDER INFORMATION

The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to WoES March 11th - March 15th

[Preview the Book Fair Here](#)

All students will have the opportunity to buy books during their media class. Parents are welcome to come in to volunteer and shop with your child during their media time. Please note, we will NOT hold a family night this year.

Important Payment Information:

- **NO cash will be accepted**
- In school shopping and payments will be handled with an Ewallet:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/worthingtonelementaryschool>
- To pay by check: Make a check out to Worthington Elementary School
PLEASE remember to ADD 6% SALES TAX to your TOTAL.
- SHOP ONLINE DURING March 7– March 20 TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!
 - 25% of every online purchase during the Fair directly benefits our school!

We will attempt to fill your child's book order the day they pay for it, but please allow extra time if we have lots of orders. Some popular books may need extra copies

ordered. If that is the case, a receipt of the book you ordered will be given and you will receive the book upon arrival.

To volunteer or for any questions, please email: emily_howe@hcpss.org or isabel_azevedo@hcpss.org

Howard County Rec & Parks Spring Afterschool Programs

Please see the Spring 2024 Before/After School Classes flier for Worthington ES. These classes provide fun, structured, educational, and enriching activities for students, benefitting both the child(ren) and parents!

1. Worthington ES flier posted on our HCRP website here: [Worthington ES Spring 2024 Before & After School Classes Flier](#)).
2. The Hyperlink to where families can register for classes: [Worthington ES Registration Page](#).

Kindergarten Registration Now Open

[Registration for the 2024-2025 school year](#) is now open. Parents/guardians of children who will be five on or before September 1, 2024, must enroll their children in kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

****Current HCPSS prekindergarten students do not need to register for kindergarten.**

Yearbooks Are on Sale!

Yearbooks for the 23/24 school year are available online for ordering. Orders will be accepted through April 27th.

Log on: ybpay.com and Use the code: 15114224.

Cultural Awareness Volunteer Opportunities

Our goal is to have you as members of our WoES community, help us in honoring the diversity of our community by volunteering time and [signing up to be a Guest Reader](#) in a classroom. Come share your culture with our staff and students!

HEALTH ROOM

Over the next few months, the health room will be reviewing all health room files. If your child is missing a form, you will receive an email detailing which forms are missing. **Please note, most of these forms do not require a special appointment to be**

completed. If your child has seen the doctor within a 6 month time frame, the forms can be dropped off or submitted through a portal for the doctor to complete.

Once completed, the forms can be brought to the health room or emailed to

Jackie_brewer@hcpss.org

Thank you for your understanding and as always, reach out with any questions.

Classroom Food Reminders

If your child brings a snack to eat in the classroom, **please make sure that it is nut-free.** Also, please take the time to remind your child **not to share or accept any food from another student.** Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe!

IN THE COMMUNITY

STEM Roots: STEM Fair

STEM Roots, a Howard High school-based club dedicated to enhancing K-12 involvement in all things STEM will be hosting a STEM Fair on April 6th at Howard High.

This STEM Fair is a platform designed to inspire and showcase the creativity and talent of young students from grades 3 - 8. This event invites participants to present their projects across various STEM categories, with the opportunity to win exciting prizes! The purpose of this event is to encourage a passion for learning and exploration, allowing children to express their unique ideas. Judges will score each project, provide constructive feedback, and give out medals at the end of the event but all participants will nevertheless receive certificates.

Date: April 6th, 2024

Time: 12 pm - 3 pm

Location: Howard High School (8700 Old Annapolis Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043)

Who? 3rd to 8th graders in Howard County (parents will need to stay at the event)

THERE WILL BE PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES FOR ALL WHO COMPETE

****Parents/Guardians must stay during the entire event.**

PLEASE READ ALL THE GUIDELINES HERE:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mlbzNFQOPlateiW2pUyp_b4gA6lBhJkxpPGcDULSxfk/edit?usp=sharing

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