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WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

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

- March 15-20: [Online Book Fair](#) 25% of every order benefits *WoES*
- March 15: PTA Bingo Night @ Howard High School *Doors Open at 6:15*
- March 22: Last Day to Buy Orioles Tickets [Online Ticket Ordering](#)
- March 25-April 1: Spring Break-Schools Closed for Students
- April 9: End of 3rd Marking Period
- April 10: Schools Closed for Students *Professional Work Day for Staff*
- April 17: Report Cards Issued

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Worthington Community,

Some of you may have noticed that this week the county has been upgrading our school camera system. This upgrade is enhancing our indoor cameras as well as adding outdoor cameras in an effort to enhance student and school security. We thank the county for their efforts to address our school's needs.

Bingo Night at Howard High School tonight should be a great deal of fun. Mrs. Brewrink will be in attendance at Bingo Night and I will be in attendance at the countywide Spelling Bee at Hammond High School cheering on our Worthington representative.

Next Friday after dismissal, Spring Break will begin. School will not be in session from Monday March 25th until Tuesday morning April 2nd at 9:25 am. We wish everyone a safe and restful Spring Break.

Robert C. Bruce
Principal

FROM THE PTA

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Bingo Game Night - TONIGHT, March 15, Doors open at 6:15pm

A Stanley, Beats Headphones, Apple watch... OH MY!! These are just some of the prizes our wonderful Bingo Lead, Lisa Titman, picked out for you all tonight! We are excited to see you at Howard High School. A few things:

- Doors open at 6:15pm.
- You will get your raffle tickets, daubers, and anything else you purchased at the check in table.
- Yes, we will be selling tickets to get in at the door, as well as all the things you need to have a great night including daubers, raffle tickets, concessions, etc. There will not be extra pizza for sale.
- Bring cash if you can! We will have a 50/50 raffle - the winner gets half the pot.
- We can take credit cards via an online order through our website's store but you do have to pay the online processing fee.
- Event is in Howard's cafeteria which is at the farthest left side of the school if you are looking at the school. Please see the map for where to enter.
- If you can not make it up and down stairs, please let us know asap.
- Please note, there are other events happening at Howard High tonight.



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 1 week, on Friday, March 22. Last year was so much fun! Pick up your tickets today!

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

Multicultural Spring Fair - **Volunteers needed!**

We are hoping to hold a Multicultural Spring Fair on either Friday, May 10 or May 31 (Date is now TBD based on other school activities). We want to combine two great events into one, a Multicultural fair and our outdoor end-of-year Spring Party. We have received a lot of interest in holding a Multicultural fair with families willing to bring food samples, do performances, set up a display, etc., and we know how fun our end-of-year parties are but we will need **HELP**.

We are looking for volunteers now who are committed to helping. If you aren't participating by representing a culture in some way, please consider helping us put the event together. There is no way the two of us can do it all (Pavi M. and Kristie C).

We want to make sure we have help before booking vendors and getting too far into the planning. **If we don't get enough volunteers we will nix the event and call it a (school) year with no end-of-year party.**

We really need help with clean up! Last year only 3 people were left cleaning up and it was unfair to put that burden on the ones who also planned it. We also need dads to help - this is what makes a commUNITY! We will leave this sign up posted through next Friday, March 22 and we will decide if we have enough help to make this happen. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44A9AB22AAF85-48533117-multicultural>

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

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.

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.***

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](#)

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!

HCPSS NEWS

Community Building–Dinner & Community Building Circles

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) and the Howard County Library System cordially invite you to join us in a community building circle. Dinner will be provided from 5:00–5:30 PM followed by community building circles from 5:30–7:30PM.

ODEI is proud to partner with the Howard County Library System as we work together to provide more community building opportunities in our mission to put relationships first and center. Restorative Justice is an Indigenous philosophy that emphasizes building relationships. As the most comprehensive restorative justice practice, circles bring people together to promote connection, collaboration, and mutual understanding.



<https://shorturl.at/eEX23>

Please complete the registration form using the QR code by **Monday, April 22, 2024.**

Contact Brooke McCauley if you have questions, Equity Diversity and Inclusion Manager, HCLS at 410-313-7764.

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_b4gA6lhbJkxpPGcDULSxfk/edit?usp=sharing

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