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April 5th, 2024

WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

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

- April 7: PTA Restaurant Fundraiser @ Manor Hill Tavern 10 am -10 pm
- April 8, 9, 11 & 12: 5th Grade MCAP Reading Testing
- April 9: End of 3rd Marking Period & [WoES Spirit Wear Day](#)
 - PTA Meeting: [Click here to join virtually](#)
- April 10: Schools Closed for Students *Professional Work Day for Staff*
- April 12: 3rd Quarter PBIS Celebration
- April 15-17, 19: 5th Grade MCAP Reading Testing
- April 17: Report Cards Issued *available online after 4pm*
- April 23: 2nd Grade MAP Reading Testing
- April 26: 2nd Grade MAP Math Testing
 - Deadline to request acceleration/retention for 24/25 SY
- April 27: Yearbook Ordering Deadline
- April 29-5/2: 3rd Grade MCAP Reading Testing
- April 30: 5th Grade Panoramic Photo
 - Order a Photo: [mylifetouch.com](#) Picture Day ID: MJ863023T0

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Worthington Community,

We ask that you read the message to the community about the upcoming eclipse on Monday April 8th at dismissal time.

School will be closed for students on Wednesday April 10th for end of quarter activities for staff. Third quarter report cards will be available on Weds. April 17th.

Once again, any parent wishing staff to consider retention or acceleration for their child should contact their child's teacher to discuss the possibility. This should be done by Friday April 26th.

In May, the staff will begin the articulation process and placing children in classes for next year. The process is on-going and will continue throughout the summer. Staff primarily group students based on reading and mathematics needs. We also look at the make-up of the class. Of course, another guiding factor will be the special needs of our students. We welcome communication from parents who want to make sure we have certain information about your child. This information should be shared with the principal by a written letter or an email sent to the principal. If sending a hand-written letter, please include your email address for confirmation of receipt. While we will make every effort to address your concerns, there are no guarantees of specific requests. Often, we are limited by the number of staff assigned to each grade level. Our plans at the moment are to make class assignments available to parents on Weds. August 21st by 4:00 pm. **The deadline to send this communication to the principal is Weds. May 15, 2024.**

Thank you,

Robert Bruce
Principal




FROM THE PTA

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Join us at Manor Hill Tavern THIS Sunday from 10 am to 10 pm

Don't forget! Mark your calendar to enjoy a meal at Manor Hill Tavern THIS Sunday, April 7th! Spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors! Manor Hill will support our PTA by donating 15% of sales from qualifying orders. Just give the flyer on the right (paper copy coming home today!) to your server or while picking up a to-go order.

 <p>SAVE THE DATE!</p> <p>Sunday, April 7th 10:00 am to 10:00 pm</p> <p>Manor Hill Tavern 3733 Old Columbia Pike Ellicott City, MD 21043</p> <p><i>15% of proceeds</i> will be donated to the Worthington Elementary PTA!</p>	 <p>3733 Old Columbia Pike Ellicott City, MD 21043</p> <p>Worthington PTA Dine-to-Donate Fundraiser Tracking Certificate</p> <p>**Please hand this flier to your server or bartender**</p> <p>Date of Visit: 4/7/24 Time of Visit: AM/PM Number of Adults in Visit: _____ Sub-Total Check (Pre-Tax & Gratuity): _____ Check Number: _____ Table Number: _____ Server/Bartender Name: _____</p>  <p>4411 Manor Lane Ellicott City, MD 21042</p>
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Spirit Wear Day: 4/9 to mark the end of the 3rd Marking Period

Let's celebrate the end of the 3rd Marking Period by wearing our Worthington Spirit Wear or colors!

PTA Monthly Meeting: 4/9 at 7 pm over Zoom

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. We have 2 meetings left - come join us as we discuss what's happening the rest of the school year!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82928857134?pwd=emkzdjFiSHhCNlFUZzZHQlIJSIBnQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 2885 7134

Passcode: 765631

Multicultural Spring Fair - May 31, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

We are excited to combine two great Worthington Events, the Multicultural Fair and the End of the Year Spring Party to hold a Multicultural Spring Fair on Friday, May 31 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm!

If you would like to represent your culture, region, or country by having a display, providing food samples, doing a performance, teaching an activity, etc., please sign up! We encourage all cultures and regions, from both the United States (New England, Creole, etc.) and internationally, to join us.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/cGfJjTCZKet9oSAi9>

We would love more volunteers to help us sign up and make this last event of the school year grand! If you can help, we would very much appreciate it, please sign up here to volunteer:

<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 to 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

Solar Eclipse Visible in Howard County

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a partial solar eclipse will be visible in Howard County, Maryland. This partial eclipse will begin at 2:05 pm, with maximum coverage at 3:21 pm, and end around 4:35 pm.

School dismissal will occur during the solar eclipse. Our students will be riding the bus or walking home. We recommend that if your child walks home, that you meet them at school at dismissal time, if you are able. This is a great opportunity to experience the eclipse with your child. If your child rides the bus, have someone meet them at the bus stop. Our dismissal will be staggered, first walkers will be dismissed. Buses will be dismissed as they arrive. Lastly, car riders will be dismissed as their ride arrives.

Safety during a solar eclipse is important. Please review this information with your child(ren) to ensure safety at home and as they walk home from school.

- Never look directly at the Sun, especially during a solar eclipse.
- It is dangerous to look directly at the Sun and can cause permanent damage to the eyes.
- Do not look at the Sun through sunglasses, telescopes, or binoculars.
- The school is unable to provide approved glasses for viewing the eclipse. Parents who wish to view the eclipse with their child should ensure appropriately approved viewing devices are available.

The American Astronomical Society [has a list of companies](#) whose products are known to conform to ISO standards.

- For more information about solar eclipses and safety, visit:
 - [NASA: Solar Eclipse 2024](#)
 - [Solar Eclipse: Viewing Safety](#)
 - [National Safety Council: Viewing a Solar Eclipse](#)

Yearbooks & 5th Grade Panoramic Photos 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](#) & Use the code: 15114224

For 5th Grade Panoramic Photos:

- Log on: [mylifetouch.com](#) Picture Day ID: MJ863023T0

HCPSS NEWS

2024-25 School Year Bus Transportation Registration Opens Monday, April 8

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Parents/guardians whose children are eligible for bus transportation are asked to register to receive bus service each year to help the school system plan for student transportation needs. The transportation registration process will open at 9 a.m. Monday, April 8 through May 31, and will be completed online via HCPSS Connect Synergy. Registration must be done for each eligible child.

To be eligible for bus service, your child's home address must be outside of a school's walk zones. You can verify address eligibility in the [HCPSS School Attendance Area](#)

[Locator](#). After inputting your address, a window will appear that will indicate either bus or walk for each school level. Please note, the attendance area locator also includes a link for the bus stop locator, which is set for the current school year. Bus stop information for the 2024-2025 school year will be available in August.

You do not need to take any action if:

- Your child is not eligible for bus transportation
- Your child receives transportation as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan

[Details on bus transportation registration](#), including a guide to register and scenarios families may see when registering, can be found online.

BSAP and G/T Summer Institute Enrollment Requests Open April 2

During its March 7 meeting, the Board of Education voted to fund 50 percent enrollment for the 2024 Black Student Achievement Program Summer Institute and G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development. [Online enrollment requests for these programs](#) will open in HCPSS Connect Synergy Tuesday, April 2 at 6 p.m. and remain open through Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m. Enrollment requests do not guarantee placement in summer programs.

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.