

WILDCAT PRESS



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WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

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

- April 26: 2nd Grade MAP Testing (*afternoon*)
 - Deadline to request acceleration/retention for 24/25 SY
- April 27: Yearbook Ordering Deadline [Order here](#) Use code: 15114224
- April 29–May 2: 3rd Grade MCAP Testing
- April 30: 5th Grade Panoramic Photo
 - Order a Photo: mylifetouch.com Picture Day ID: MJ863023T0
 - Deadline to Order Yard Sign: [Place An Order](#)
- May 3: 2nd Grade MAP Testing & In School Chorus concert
- May 6–9: 4th Grade MCAP Testing (*morning*)
- May 7: Evening Chorus Concert 7 pm at Worthington
- May 10: Field Day [Sign Up to Volunteer](#)
- May 13: 3rd and 4th MCAP Math Testing (*afternoon*)
- May 14: Schools Closed *Primary Election Day*
- May 15: Deadline to Submit Parent Input for SY 24/25
- May 16: 3rd and 4th grade MCAP Math Testing (*afternoon*)
- May 17: 3 hr Early Dismissal at 12:55 pm *Staff Professional Learning Day*

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Worthington Community,

Tonight, a number of Worthington teams will be competing in the Howard County Library's Battle of the Books or BOB for short. This will occur this evening at the Merriweather Post Pavilion. We wish them well as they compete against other Howard County schools.

Take Your Child to Work Day is Thursday April 25th. If you intend to take your child to work, please send a note to the school secretary and the day will be coded as present on a field trip.

Reminders as we progress to the end of the school year ;

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. **This is the final reminder.**

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.**

Have a great weekend !!!

Robert Bruce
Principal

FROM THE PTA

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Sponsor a Staff Meal for Staff Appreciation Week!

Staff Appreciation Week is in just 2 weeks (May 6-10) and we would love to shower our wonderful staff this week with a meal and some treats. If you would like to sponsor a staff meal or two, we would greatly appreciate it and you can do so here:

<https://worthingtonespta.memberhub.com/store/items/1016555>

O's Night - Next Friday, April 26

We are excited for our WoES O's Night next Friday, April 26th. While our fundraiser ticket sales have closed, if you want to come and meet us you can pick up tickets on your own. WoES will be sitting in Upper Reserve section 344 and Eutaw Bleacher seats in section 94. Tickets went home with students yesterday, make sure you check their folder. You can also pick up parking on the MLB site.

5th Grade Yard Signs - Closing Sales on April 30

Attention 5th grade families - we will be closing the Graduation Yard sign orders on April 30! If you would like to proudly display that your child is growing up and moving onto middle school, make sure you pick up your yard sign!

<https://worthingtonespta.memberhub.com/store/items/986813>

Field Day Volunteers Needed - May 10 (Rain Date: May 15)

Mr. Mitchell is gearing up for the WoES Field Day and is inviting parent volunteers to come and join the fun! This year we will have 3 police officers to come assist for two hours with the Cardio Kickball station! If you would like to participate, your help is greatly appreciated! Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4CA8A82CAIFCI-49161842-woes#/>

Multicultural Spring Fair Planning in Full Swing - May 31, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Planning is in full swing and we have some fun things planned for the Multicultural Spring Fair on Friday, May 31 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm!

We still need more people to represent various cultures. 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

Yearbooks & 5th Grade Panoramic Photos Are on Sale!

Yearbooks for the 23/24 school year can be ordered online through April 27th.

- Log on: ybpay.com & Use the code: 15114224

For 5th Grade Panoramic Photos Order By April 30:

- Log on: mylifetouch.com Picture Day ID: MJ863023T0

Take Your Child to Work Day

The fourth Thursday in April of each year has been designated as Take Our Children to Work Day. The program was created as an educational experience for our children. It provides an opportunity for our children to become more aware of their parents' work day and encourages them to think about their futures.

Participating families should send an email to woesabsence@hcpss.org prior to Thursday. A student in our school system that is participating in this program will be considered to be on a field trip and will not be marked absent for the day.

Special Thank You

Ms. Morath would like to say thank you to Arden T., a 3rd grader who volunteered to sew a curtain for the motor room cabinet. She asked for details and created a beautiful and strong curtain to help cover supplies that may be distracting to students in the motor room. Thank you Arden!



Get ready for Field Day on May 10th

Students should wear grade level colors:

RECC: Purple

K: Red

1st: Navy Blue

2nd: Orange

3rd: Yellow

4th: Green

5th: Light Blue

Quarter 3 Report Cards

Quarter 3 report cards are available in HCPSS Connect Synergy . [Instructions on how to access report cards](#) are available online.

Kindergarten End of the Year Calendar Date

Please save the date for our Kindergarten End of the Year picnic and brief student performance. These events will be held on Tuesday June 4th from 10:40-11:20. This event is for immediate adult family members only, no siblings please. You are invited to have lunch with your child for an outdoor picnic (weather permitting), followed by a brief performance. Please direct any questions to your child's teacher.

Columbia Association Aftercare

Families who have children attending the CA aftercare program should not, there will NOT be aftercare on the last day of school, June 14th.

Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

Parents of students receiving special education services are encouraged to complete a [Maryland State Department of Education survey](#) no later than May 24.

Register for Kindergarten

[Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year](#) is 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.

HCPSS NEWS

2024-25 School Year Bus Transportation Registration

Parents/guardians whose children are eligible for bus transportation are [asked to register](#) to receive bus service for the 2024-2025 school year. Details on bus transportation registration, including a guide to register and scenarios families may see when registering, can be found online [Details on bus transportation registration](#)

***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

HCPSS 2024 Free Summer Meal Program

HCPSS' [free summer meal program](#) will run weekdays June 24-Aug. 2, on days schools are open, with no meal service Thursday, July 4. Meals will be provided to any HCPSS students, any children aged 18 and under, and to students participating in HCPSS summer programs. Site locations will be available across the county.

COMMUNITY

The Elkridge Youth Organization (EYO) is holding tryouts for its 2024/2025 Girls Travel Soccer Team on May 7th & May 9th. The tryouts are open to all girls with 2014/2015 birth years. Please contact Peter Palmieri to register your child pete.palmieri@gmail.com or 202-744-3095

For more information, please visit the [Elkridge United Travel Soccer](#) web page.

Community Building–Dinner & Community Building Circles

Tuesday, April 30, 5-7:30 p.m.

Howard County Library System Elkridge Branch, 6540 Washington Blvd, Elkridge HCPSS' Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Howard County Library System will host a [community building night](#) that includes dinner, followed by community building circles from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Register online.