

WILDCAT PRESS



April 26th, 2024

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 [Place an order here](#)
 - Use code: 15114224 *Orders will not be accepted after this deadline
- 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 here](#)
- May 3: 2nd Grade MAP Testing (*midday*)
 - 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 & 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 & 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,

First of all, congratulations to Nathaniel W (1st grade) for bringing the school another Chess trophy for our wonderful collection. Our students are masters at so many different types of events.

Fifth grade parents: We sent out to each family (2) tickets to attend SCH or Simulated Congressional Hearing. Each family will also receive (2) tickets to attend the Closing Assembly for fifth grade. If any family knows they will only use 1 ticket or not attend at all, we ask that extra tickets be returned to Mr. Bruce for any special accommodations requested. Please note that Mr. Bruce will only be able to address accommodations for which space is provided by returned ticket(s).

Space is an issue at many elementary schools. Please realize there will be multiple opportunities during your child's school years to attend special events.

Alas, we are now confronted with allergy season. Please understand that students will be outside for recess when the weather is nice. Children with certain health conditions may need special accommodation. Parents of those children should provide medical documentation and may be consulted if other arrangements are necessary. Please note that supervision may be an issue. We ask that if students are on allergy medication that parents tune into the weather and administer as needed. We also ask that those students wash their hands and face before and after recess. Recess is generally 30 minutes long and then students are back inside. Please contact us if there is a severe need in this area.

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.**

We hope to see many of you at tonight's Orioles game as Worthington Elementary has their Night at the Yard.

Robert Bruce
Principal

FROM THE PTA

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O's Night - Next Friday, April 26

We are excited for our WoES O's Night TONIGHT! For those attending, thank you for supporting the PTA and we'll see you there!

Sponsor a Staff Meal for Staff Appreciation Week!

Staff Appreciation Week is just a little over 1 week away (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>

Create a Poster for a WoES Staff!

On Tuesday, May 7th, we will be displaying posters for each staff member. Please use this sign-up to create one or more posters for any staff member of your choice. These posters are something that both the teachers and students anticipate and enjoy.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4EA5AA22A4FD0-woes>

5th Grade Yard Signs - Closing Sales this week 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 moving on to middle school, make sure you pick up your yard sign asap!

<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! 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#/>

Learn About the PTA and How to Volunteer for Next Year!

Kristie is holding a Meet & Greet at the school on Friday, May 3 from 4:15pm–5:30pm. If you would like to learn more about the PTA and how you can get involved, please meet us by the playground! RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/rvfDbraSRvnPTlgV7>

INSIDER INFORMATION

Yearbooks & 5th Grade Panoramic Photos–Order Deadline

Yearbooks for the 23/24 school year can be ordered online through April 27th. **There will NOT be an opportunity to order after 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

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

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

ARL Plant Sale

Monday, April 29-Thursday, May 9, 3-4:30 p.m. (weekdays only)

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Applications and Research Laboratory will host a [plant sale](#) at the ARL greenhouse April 29-May 9, featuring plants grown by ARL Agriscience Academy students. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the ARL Agriscience Academy and the Howard County Future Farmers of America.

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.