

# WILDCAT PRESS



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## WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

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

- June 11: 5th Grade Celebration
  - Last Day for ½ Day RECC students
- June 12: Mr. Bruce Appreciation Day *wear Orioles gear or a Tie*
- June 12, 13 & 14: 3 hr Early Dismissal at 12:55
- June 14: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- June 17: Report Cards Available Online at 4 pm

## NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Worthington Community,

What a wonderful day for Field Day !!! Your children had a marvelous time today as they played and had some friendly competition with their classmates. We thank Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Bennett and a myriad of other help for all of their hard work and preparation. Thank you to the many volunteers who truly make days like this work for our children. You are appreciated.

We would like to announce that Ms. Josie Schipske English Language Development Teacher will get a full-time position at Laurel Woods next year. Ms. Meaghan Bennett will get a full-time position at West Friendship as well. Our staff is sad to be losing these two wonderful people from our staff. We are pleased to announce that Ms. Sarah Park Grippando will become our new .4 English Language Development Teacher, she will

be shared with Centennial Lane. Our new .4 Physical Education Teacher will be Mr. Gregory Hoke who we will share with Northfield. Lastly, with Mr. Chen's return to the classroom, Ms. Julie Bartel McKinney will be our .5 Gifted & Talented Teacher and we will share her with Ilchester.

We announce the retirement of Ms. Amy Burans as our RECC speech language pathologist. She has given our students and Howard County many years of service. She will be missed but we wish her well in her retirement.

Ms. Nayeli Patino-Arce is stepping down to pursue educational goals. She is one of our many fantastic paraeducators. We will miss her friendly "can-do" attitude.

A fond farewell with hopes we will see them again to our three teachers who ended up on the surplus list. Ms. Healy will be going to Fulton Elementary, Ms. Fitch will be going to Lisbon Elementary and Ms. Halstead will be going to Ducketts Lane. We wish each of them tremendous success and thank them for their service to our community.

As we finish the last week of school for the 23-24 school year, please be reminded that June 12,13,14 will all be days that we close 3 hrs. Early.

Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Closing Assembly for our fifth grade students. Our students have worked hard to complete their elementary school years and are growing up. Their next adventure is middle school and we feel that they are ready to make this transition. We thank you for your support as they have gone through Worthington Elementary School.

Please note that Weds. August 21st, parents will be able to view class assignments in Canvas. Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> will be New Student Orientation at 1:30 and there will be a Sneak A Peek at your classroom event on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30-4:00 pm.

The first day of the 24-25 school year will be Monday August 26<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten through Grade 5. On Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> will be the first day for 1/2 day prekgn and RECC classes.

Robert Bruce  
Principal

## FROM THE PTA

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### **End-of-Year Staff Luncheon - Next Thursday, 6/13**

The PTA's Staff Appreciation Committee is planning an end-of-year luncheon for the WoES Staff next Thursday. Please view the signup below to see how you can help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B48AFAE2FAAF49-50003368-endofyear>

### **Multicultural Spring Fair - Recap**

Huge thank you to the participants who performed, had a display table, shared cultural food, and provided an activity for the Multicultural Spring Fair. We had a beautiful evening coming together to share and learn about our community's diverse cultures.

### **Main Event FUNdraiser - Recap**

Thank you to those families who braved the weather to make it to our last fundraiser! The turnout was lower than we had hoped for but we understand that Mother Nature was not on our side. The class who had the most student attendance was Ms. Schroeder's 3rd grade class. The PTA will provide an end-of-the-year treat for the entire class, next week. For the families in that class, be on the lookout for an email from your Classroom Parent, Lindsey Poro, or feel free to reach out to her if you have any questions.

## INSIDER INFORMATION

### **Mr. Bruce Day ~Wednesday June 12th**

In honor of Mr. Bruce's birthday (and a late National Principal's Day celebration), we will be wearing Orioles gear/orange or a tie to school on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Students can join in the fun and help us show Mr. Bruce how much we appreciate his leadership and wish him a very happy birthday.

## **Teacher Assignments for 2024-2025**

Classroom teachers will be assigned as follows for the 24-25 school year.

\*This list is tentative based on situations such as promotions and relocations that happen over the summer:

- K- Ms. Schatra and Ms. Naden
- Grade One- Ms. Schultz, Ms. Wells, and Ms. Kargbo
- Grade Two- Ms. Thomas, Ms. Firebaugh, and Ms. Diop
- Grade Three- Ms. Andersen and Ms. Schroeder
- Grade Four- Ms. Lindberg, Ms. Fleming, and Mr. Chen
- Grade Five- Ms. Harris, Mr. Hakim, and Ms. Leotta

**Courses for the 2024-2025 school year for current 5-II grade students will be available to view in HCPSS Connect Synergy between 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6 and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11.**

Families and students are encouraged to review these courses. If there is an error or you would like to adjust a course, please contact your assigned school for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please note that the information you see in Synergy is only the courses your child is enrolled in. It does not include a schedule with periods, teachers, etc. Final schedules with complete details will be available in late August.

Parents/guardians may view/download scheduled courses for the 2024-2025 school year by:

- [Logging in to HCPSS Connect Synergy](#) using parent/guardian credentials.
- Selecting “More Options” from the left panel.
- Selecting “2024-2025 Scheduled Courses” from the middle. The scheduled courses display.

## **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.

## **Apply for 2024-2025 Pre-K**

The HCPSS Pre-K program is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year from families of children aged four or five by September 1, 2024. The program is free to

families and many locations are full-day. A program [application, information about available programs, and eligibility guidelines](#) are available online.

## HEALTH ROOM NEWS

REMINDER! All medications and supplies must be picked up by a parent or guardian before 1 pm on Friday June 14th. Any medication not picked up will be disposed of according to HCPSS policy.

**\*\*PLEASE** contact the Health Room to let us know when you are planning to pick up your child's medication so we can have everything prepared to the best of our ability for a quick and easy pick-up**\*\***

Please contact Ms. Jackie, School Nurse at 410-313-2575 or [jackie\\_brewer@hcpss.org](mailto:jackie_brewer@hcpss.org)

### 2024-2025 Medication Forms Information:

Medication forms for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent home and [can be found online:](#)

- [HCPSS Epi pen order form](#)
- [Medication Order Form](#)

### Summer School Students

If your child is attending summer school and currently has medications in the health room, you may pick them up from the health room and deliver them to the summer school location. **Medications WILL NOT be transferred from the current school location to the summer school location by staff.**

## HCPSS NEWS

**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.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### **Howard County Family Wellness Day** (*bring your children, neighbors and co-workers*)

When: Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 1pm

Where: Centennial Park (South Gate entrance off Rt. 108)

Website: [www.WePromoteHealth.org](http://www.WePromoteHealth.org)

HCPSS joins with other leaders in challenging our community to incorporate healthy food choices and physical activity into your daily life. Howard County Family Wellness Day brings families together each year to put the focus on wellness in our schools, workplaces and community. There will be lots of interactive booths and activities for adults and children of all ages. This year's event kicks off with the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Matzohball 5k run/walk. Family Wellness Day is free. There is a fee for participating in the 5k and the 1 Mile Fun/Run-Walk. All registration fees, [when registering on the official website](#), benefit HopeWorks, DreamBuilders and GrassRoots.

Take part in our annual CPR Pump-A-Thon at noon and watch the Internationally acclaimed "Kangaroo Kids" Performance at 12:30pm. There is something for everyone, even an area showcasing the many available resources to help our seniors age gracefully.

Visit [www.WePromoteHealth.com](http://www.WePromoteHealth.com) for information.

### **Mt.Hebron Boosters Summer Camps**

Once again, Viking Backers is offering fun and educational sports camps at Mt Hebron High School for incoming kindergarten thru 9th grade students. Camps will be run by our varsity coaches and continue throughout the summer beginning Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Each camper will receive a tee shirt. Please take a look at [our website](#) for all the details or click on the name of the sport to be taken directly to that camp's registration. Any questions, please email us at [summercamps2023@vikingbackers.org](mailto:summercamps2023@vikingbackers.org)

- [Girls Field Hockey](#) - June 10 - 13
- [Tennis](#) - June 24 - 27
- [Football](#) - June 24 - 28
- [Baseball](#) - July 8 - 11 (Rain date 7/12)
- [Softball](#) - July 15-18 (Rain date 7/19)
- [Girls Lacrosse/Basketball Combo](#) - July 9 - 12
- .... [Girls Lacrosse Only](#) - July 9 - 12
- .... [Girls Basketball Only](#) - July 9 - 12
- [Boys Basketball](#) - July 15 - 19
- [Wrestling](#) - July 22 - 26
- [Girls Soccer](#) - July 22 - 25 (Rain date 7/26)
- [Boys Soccer Session #1](#) - July 29 - Aug 2
- [Boys Soccer Session #2](#) - Aug 5 - Aug 9
- [Junior Dance Camp](#) - Aug 12 - 16

**Long Reach HS Booster Club will be hosting Summer Camps!**

We are accepting campers starting in Grade 4, except for our Allied Camp (due to the different needs we are keeping at a High School level).

DATE	CAMP	TIME	SY 24/25	LOCATION	COST
June 24th - 28th	Softball	8:00am - 12:00pm	4th-9th Grade	Softball Field (Long Reach High School)	\$150.00
June 24th - 28th	Allied Sports	9:00am - 12:00pm	9th thru 12th Grade	Bermuda Field (between Stadium and Long Reach High School)	\$100.00
June 24th - 28th	Field Hockey/Girls Lacrosse	6:00pm - 8:00pm	4th-9th Grade	Bermuda Field (between Stadium and Long Reach High School)	\$100.00
July 15th - 18th	Girls Volleyball	5:00pm - 8:00pm	4th-9th Grade	Gym (Long Reach High School) - enter through Athletic Doors on Side Parking Lot	\$150.00
June 24th - 28th	Girls Basketball	8:00am - 12:00pm	4th-9th Grade	Gym (Long Reach High School) - enter through Athletic Doors on Side Parking Lot	\$150.00
July 15th - 19th	POMS	8:00am - 12:00pm	4th-9th Grade	Dance Room (inside LRHS - enter thru Performance Doors)	\$150.00

For more information, visit: [LRHS Boosters Summer Camp](#)