

WILDCAT PRESS



September 30th, 2022

WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

2022-2023 FALL IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/30 - PTA Back to School Party ~ CANCELED
- 10/3 - PTA Restaurant Night ~ Coal Fire ~ 11:30 AM-9:00 PM
- 10/05- Schools and Offices **CLOSED**- Yom Kippur
- 10/10~10/14- Kindness Week
- 10/17- Flu Clinic
- 10/21- Schools **CLOSED**-Professional Work Day
- 10/24- Schools **CLOSED**-Professional Learning Day

RELATED ARTS COLOR SCHEDULE

October 2022

APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October holidays and other dates of interest: 8 Yom Kippur - Jewish 10 Columbus Day 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day 24 Dussehra (5 days) - Hindu *Signs current of previous day						1
2	3 GREEN	4 BLUE	5	6 RED	7 ORANGE	8
9	10 YELLOW	11 GREEN	12 BLUE	13 RED	14 ORANGE	15
16	17 YELLOW	18 GREEN	19 BLUE	20 RED	21 Professional Work Day MSEA Convention Schools closed for students	22
23 30	24 Professional Learning Day Schools closed for students RED	25 ORANGE	26 YELLOW	27 GREEN	28 BLUE	29

KINDNESS WEEK

WORTHINGTON ELEMENTARY KINDNESS WEEK 2022

"Kindness is yOUUnique"

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FUN EVENTS CELEBRATING KINDNESS AT WOES!



Monday, October 10: Kindness is ACTIVE

Walk or Roll to School Day!

Show your unique style as you walk or roll to school to kick off our Kindness Week! Dress to express yourself and / or your culture, enjoy a festive arrival with music, and sign our poster to celebrate your participation!



Tuesday, October 11: Kindness is Joyful

Students and staff will collaborate to create a large, interactive display featuring the many things that bring our Wildcats joy at home and at school. The display will be created in Art classes and feature our Wildcat mascot!



**Wednesday, October 12: Kindness is FREE...
Share it!**

Wildcats will have the opportunity to write kind notes to people in our community and share what they love about them.



Thursday, October 13: Kindness is COLORFUL

Wear your favorite color or the color that helps you express your feelings!



Friday, October 14: Kindness is WARM

Wear crazy / unique / mismatched socks and bring in a pair of new socks to donate. These donations will benefit a local shelter. All sizes accepted!

INSIDER INFORMATION

Band and Orchestra News:

Thank you for your support of music at Worthington! We are thrilled that the program has grown in size since the pandemic, with 30 more students participating this year alone.

If you have not already, be sure to check out the "Navigating Canvas" video, linked below. This video shows you the most important aspects of Canvas for Band and Orchestra, as well as how to submit an assignment and how to view grades/feedback from the teacher: [Navigating Canvas Video Link](#)

A reminder that the use of Canvas for Band and Orchestra is still very important this year for students and parents/guardians. There are so many resources available, so please use them for the benefit of our students.

Finally, continue to encourage your students to check their Band and Orchestra schedules carefully. Students should be attending lessons on their own and without a reminder from Mr. Henley at this point. Additionally, a reminder that students may not call home if they forget an instrument.

[Link to Band and Orchestra Schedules](#)

As always, please reach out to Mr. Henley with any questions - brandon_henley@hcpss.org

HCPSS NEWS

Hispanic Achievement Resource Fair

Hispanic Heritage Resource Fair: In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hispanic Achievement Program will host a countywide Resource Fair on October 6 at Deep Run Elementary School. Please see the [flyers](#) and [newsletter announcements](#).

BSAP Saturday Math Academy Fall Session

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Fall Session is approaching!

This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer an in-person enrichment program for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of math for grades 3-12 based on course availability. Registration will take place online Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.- until capacity is reached. Class space is limited. Families can register by accessing the [HCPSS Connect Website](#).

For more information, please visit: [BSAP Saturday Math Academy HCPSS News Post](#)

- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(English\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Chinese\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Korean\)](#)

Reminder to Complete or Renew Your FARMs Application

HCPSS participates in the Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMs) program.

[Qualification](#) is based on family size and income, and enrollment is confidential.

Participation in FARMs qualifies students for a wide range of opportunities and resources beyond breakfast and lunch, including free college applications, free or reduced JumpStart tuition, discounted internet through the Comcast Internet Essentials program, and more.

Families must submit a new application every school year. During the first 30 school days, students with FARMs eligibility from the prior school year will be carried over.

Any student who has not filled out an application up to the 30th school day will have their prior year status changed to full pay status until a new application is received. Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to fill out the applications as soon as possible. It is very important that applications are filled out correctly.

- [Apply online](#)
- Apply by mail:

Paper applications are available at your child's school and may also be picked up in the Food and Nutrition Service Office (5451 Beaverkill Rd, Columbia, MD 21044).

Applications can be returned to your child's school or mailed to the Food and Nutrition Service Office: HCPSS Food & Nutrition Service Office, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

If you have questions regarding the program, please visit www.hcpss.org/farms or call Food and Nutrition Services at 410-313-7134.

INFORMATION WORTH REPEATING

MAP ASSESSMENT

From September 19th through October 7th our first through fifth graders will participate in MAP® Growth™ testing from NWEA®. Your child will be assessed in reading and math. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students. MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level. For more information about MAP Growth, visit

<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>.

Flu Vaccine

Flu vaccinations are coming to Worthington on October 17th, 2022. They will be given at NO CHARGE TO YOU. Now, more than ever, it is important to protect your family through vaccinations! If you would like your child to be vaccinated, you must **register BEFORE Friday, October 11th**. Fill out the consent form online at: [Flu Vaccination Appointment](#)

Arrival & Dismissal:

This is a friendly reminder that students are not to be dropped off prior to 9:10 at arrival. Walkers should time their arrival to reach the school grounds at 9:10. We do not have adults outside to supervise students until 9:10 when our doors open.

Please send all absence related notes to: woesabsence@hcpss.org and to the homeroom teacher. The note needs to be submitted within 5 days of the absence as per HCPSS policy. For more detailed information regarding HCPSS attendance policies, please visit:

<https://policy.hcpss.org/9000/9010/implementation/>

If your child will be attending an after school program or club, please send parental permission for the student to attend to the front office and homeroom teacher. Dismissal changes should be communicated to the front office before 3 pm to ensure teachers have adequate time to update dismissal plans. Please note, all early dismissals end at 3:30 pm.

NEWS FROM THE PTA



Contents:

- ***Back to School Party Canceled***
- ***Coalfire Restaurant Night***
- ***PTA Membership & Donations***

Back to School Party Canceled

The Back to School Party scheduled for tonight has been canceled due to the predicted rain and wind. We are sorry to have to cancel this much anticipated event. We will not be rescheduling this as we are planning to have a Fall Festival in a month, on October 28 from 6pm-8pm. More details will come out soon and we hope to see you all at our first Fall Festival.

Coalfire Restaurant Night

Our first Restaurant Night of the school year is this coming Monday, October 3rd at Shipley's Grant. Please mark your calendar, spread the word, and come support the PTA. Don't forget to share the flier (sent home in Friday Folder) or mention Worthington Elementary at checkout. We look forward to seeing you there!



PTA Membership & Donations

Thank you to those who have signed up so far! Your support by becoming a member means a lot to us! For every \$10 membership, \$4.25 has to be paid to the State and National PTA, so if you have the means to donate extra to support our efforts this year, we would really appreciate it! Any extra donation goes directly back to the WoES PTA!

Anyone who signs up to be a member or makes a donation by midnight on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, will be entered for a chance to win a Gift Card!

You can join and/or donate in 2 simple steps by going here:

<https://www.worthingtonpta.com/join-pta-and-donate?fbclid=IwAR2h-qrv-8CRxqj6anuZo-ClorOvQIYizlomARoFZ8vEAEJ49LWKWcQ7YFE>

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

G/T Program Virtual Information Nights

Elementary: Thursday, October 13, 7-8 p.m.

Secondary: Thursday, October 27, 7-8 p.m.

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (GT) Program are [invited to virtual information nights](#) to learn more about the advanced-level offerings available and how their students can become involved. Registration is required.

Multilingual Parent Leadership Program

Applications deadline: Sunday, October 2

Interested parents/guardians can [now apply](#) for HCPSS' Multilingual Parent Leadership Program, which will begin Oct. 12. The six-week program, held on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is designed to help international parents navigate the school system and develop the confidence to serve as advocates for their children. Participants should plan to attend all sessions.

Greetings WOES Students and Community,

We wanted to share information on an exciting opportunity for our school community to participate in two contest initiatives honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A poster for the Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. The top section has a black background with the text "Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission" in yellow. Below this is a yellow section with the Howard County logo and the text "2023 LIVING THE DREAM AWARD". The main text is in white and yellow, announcing the "PROMOTING PEACE" award with the theme "Within Yourself, Your Community & the World!". It describes the award as recognizing individuals and organizations that promote the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community involvement. The submission deadline is October 31, 2022, at 5:00 PM EST. The bottom section has a black background with white text for more information, including a website link, phone number, and email. A QR code is also present for applying or nominating candidates.

Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Howard County
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission

2023 LIVING THE DREAM AWARD

PROMOTING PEACE: *Within Yourself, Your Community & the World!*

The "Living the Dream" Award recognizes individuals and organizations (community, civic or religious) that promote the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community involvement.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Entries must be received by
October 31, 2022 at 5:00 PM EST

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Visit the OHRE Website: <https://bit.ly/HOCOMLK23>
Call (410) 313-6430
Email: MLK@howardcountymd.gov

Scan QR Code to Apply or Nominate Candidates:



Each year the MLK Holiday Commission recognizes students, individuals, and organizations with several contest initiatives. The student contests include a Poster Contest, Essay Contest and Oratory Contest for ages K through 12. Contestants must generate original artwork, essays, and speeches that highlight Dr. King's visionary track record of service to human rights. The "Living the Dream Award" celebrates a student, individual and an organization whose outreach efforts are in alignment with Dr. King's message and vision. The theme is "Promoting Peace: Within Yourself, Your Community and the World!"

The closing date for these contests is October 31, 2022.

The Celebration will be held:

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at the Howard Community College Horowitz Visual & Performing Arts Center, Smith Theatre, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia MD 21044.

Contest winners will be recognized at the January 15, 2023, Dr. Martin Luther Celebration with a certificate and cash prize.

The tribute to Dr. King continues Monday, January 16, 2023, with the Day of Service, a county-wide volunteer- effort in partnership with Volunteer Howard and community organizations. Numerous organizations will have on-site volunteer activities for individuals and families in addition to off-site service opportunities. We are excited as a WOES Community about these opportunities and hope that our school can be represented by inviting our students, staff and families to participate in the contest initiatives and Day of Service event.

Details on how you can submit entries for the contests can be found in the attached fliers. We look forward to seeing WOES represented in honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hello Mt. Hebron High School Community,

We are excited to announce that Mt. Hebron's Annual Homecoming Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner!

Please join us on Saturday, October 8th from 7:30am - 10:30am for breakfast in front of the school as we kick off an exciting day of Homecoming events celebrating our Viking Football, Marching Band, Cheer, and Lancer Programs.

Tickets will be \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door. Children 5 and under are free.

Here is the link to purchase tickets in advance. Please be sure to put your name in the Purchase Notes section: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/p/DA010-441>

If you are interested in helping out with this event, please see the Sign Up Genius link: [MHHS Football Team: MHHS Pancake Breakfast \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

If you are interested in helping out, but can't donate your time, we will graciously accept financial donations as this is an extremely important fundraiser for the football program. Donation checks should be made out to MHHS - Football Program.

Thank you for your support of Mt. Hebron Football Program~GO VIKINGS!!