

# WILDCAT PRESS

January 24<sup>th</sup>

## WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

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[Worthington Fridge Sheet-A quick glance at the 24/25 SY](#)

### January

27: Quarter 3 Begins

27-28: Grade 3 Math MAP Testing (*afternoon*)

29: Schools Closed ~ *Professional Work Day*

30-31: Grade 4 Math MAP Testing (*morning*)

31: Grade 2 Math MAP Testing (*afternoon*)

Math Conference Scheduling Window Closes at 4 pm

PTA Winter Wonderland Dance [Buy Tickets Here!](#)

### February ~ *Black History Month*

3: Grade 4 ELA MAP Testing (*afternoon*)

4: Report Cards Available at 4 pm

5: Grade 2 ELA MAP Testing (*morning*)

5 & 6: 3 hour Early Dismissals ~ *Parent/Teacher Math Conferences*

*WoES will dismiss at 12:55 pm*

7: Schools Closed ~ *Professional Learning Day*

10: Grade 1 Math MAP Testing (*afternoon*)

12 & 13: Grade 3 ELA MAP Testing (*morning*)

14: Grade 1 ELA MAP Testing (*morning*)

17: Schools & Offices Closed ~ *Presidents Day*

## FROM THE PTA

### Help the PTA Stock the Lounge

The PTA is stocking the lounge for the WoES staff this month, please click the signup below to see how you can donate!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B48FAE2FAAF49-stock#/>

### Winter Wonderland Dance - Friday, January 31

Come dance the night away at this year's Worthington Winter Wonderland Dance! Join us on Friday, 31 January at Worthington Elementary from 6:30pm-8:30pm for some good tunes and fun times.

- Come dressed to impress.
- Light refreshments will be provided!
- All people entering must have a ticket and students must come with an adult. We must hit 100 attendees by next Wednesday, Jan. 29, for the event to take place. Siblings are welcomed. Get your tickets here!

<https://worthingtonespta.givebacks.com/w/winterwonderlanddance>

We're also looking for a few more volunteers to make this night extra special! Can you be the Wildcat for 30 min? Take a look here to see how you can help!

[Winter Dance Volunteer Signup](#)

### National Blue Ribbon Wildcat Blankets for Sale

Now, you may be thinking you have enough blankets... but these represent our wonderful Blue Ribbon school! We have heard nothing but praise on how wonderful these are by people who purchased them already. Plus, for each purchase, you will be supporting the PTA as some money comes back to us so it's a win-win! Show off your Worthington pride and pick one up today!

*Note: we will have these for sale at the Winter Dance if you want to pay by cash or check. In addition, you can always drop off a check or cash to the front office.*

<https://worthingtonespta.givebacks.com/store>

Get Ready for the Most Epic Night of Talent and Creativity!



Details coming soon.

O's Game Night Tickets Go on Sale Next Week!

Worthington is going back to the ballpark on May 2 to watch the Orioles take on the Royals. Tickets will go on sale next week!

## INSIDER INFORMATION

Schedule Your Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

Worthington will hold parent/teacher conferences Feb. 5-6. [Parents may register for conferences](#) via HCPSS Connect Synergy from Thursday, Jan. 23 at 8 a.m. through Friday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m.

Worthington Elementary School is seeking a Substitute Special Education Paraeducator!

Worthington Elementary School is seeking an enthusiastic, dedicated and compassionate individual to join our AMAZING school community as a **Substitute Special Education Paraeducator**.

Job description:

- **Days/Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:40-4:10
- **Pay Rate:** \$115.43 per day

If you have questions about this position or would like to set up an interview, please contact Jayme Brewrink, Assistant Principal at 410-313-2825 or [jayme\\_brewrink@hcpss.org](mailto:jayme_brewrink@hcpss.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

### Order your Yearbook!

Take it off your to do list early. Classic Photography is ready to take your order now. Yearbooks are \$20. Last day to order is 4/16.

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/worthingtonelementary>

## HCPSS NEWS

### 2025 Summer Programs Registration

Online enrollment requests for [2025 Summer Programs](#) will be open in HCPSS Connect Synergy Monday, Feb. 3 at 12 p.m. through Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 12 p.m. Requests for registration-based programs can be made by a parent, guardian, school counselor or achievement liaison. Parents/guardians will be notified via email of enrollment status (enrolled or waitlisted) prior to the next registration window, which opens Monday, March 3 at 12 p.m.

### Road to Kindergarten Workshops Begin Jan. 21, 2025

Save the date! HCPSS' [Road to Kindergarten workshops](#) begin Jan. 21, with additional sessions available through the end of the month. Each workshop will provide information on expectations for school readiness, the HCPSS kindergarten program, and more. Childcare will be available for children ages 2 and older. No registration is required, but attendees are encouraged to allow ample time for parking, childcare drop off, and check in.

### Family Support Center

Assists families in advocating for their child with a disability.

Services include:

- Workshops for parents and caregivers
- Guidance in the IEP/IFSP process

- Lending library including disability and special education related books and DVDs
- Facilitation of parent groups
- Weekly emails with upcoming events for you and your student
- Service, community and recreational resources to support the specific needs of your family

Contact [FSRC@hcpss.org](mailto:FSRC@hcpss.org)

## COMMUNITY

### Winter 2025 Howard County Recreation & Parks Before & After school classes

Available activities for students at Worthington ES can be found here: [Winter Rec & Park Classes](#). These classes provide fun, structured, educational, and enriching activities for students, benefiting both the child(ren) and parents! Registration: [HCRP Registration](#)

### Whiz Kid Academy's After-school STEM program

The program offers engaging, hands-on STEM experiences for students in grades K-2. Class will begin on January 28<sup>th</sup> and run for six weeks from 4-5 pm. The cost is \$125. Parents can register here: [https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/activity/search/detail/145684?onlineSiteId=0&from\\_original\\_cui=true](https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/activity/search/detail/145684?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true)

### Free Life Skills Classes for HoCo Middle/High School Students

- Classes will be taught by HoCo college students with high school student assistants and adult supervision. Botvin's Evidence Based Curriculum promotes positive health and personal development for students in grades 6 to 9. (Slightly younger students will be considered especially if joining an older sibling, and students older than 9th grade may be invited to join our high school team to earn Community Service Hours while learning.) If parents/guardians have questions about the appropriateness for students, register the students and HC DrugFree's team will contact you. **Siblings and friends are encouraged to take these classes together.**

- Class dates: **February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 7, 28, and May 5 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Zoom.** Visit HC DrugFree's website for more information and register students at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spring2025LifeSkills>
- **HoCo High School Student Leadership Opportunity to Earn Community Service Hours:** Join HC DrugFree's instructional team to assist college students teaching online Life Skills classes – all while serving as a role model and mentor to younger HoCo students. This leadership experience looks good on resumes and college applications. For more information and to register to volunteer, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AssistLS2025spring>

### Free Parenting/Grandparenting Classes

- Free! On Zoom and open to parents, guardians and grandparents residing in HoCo or with school-age children/grandchildren residing in HoCo. This evidence-based, interactive prevention program provides families with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs including alcohol or engage in other dangerous behaviors. The curriculum was written for families with children 9-14 years olds, but we believe it is appropriate for K-12 families. Class dates: **March 18, 21, 25, 28 and April 1 from Noon to 1:30 p.m. on Zoom.** Visit HC DrugFree's website for more information and register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spring2025GGC>