

WILDCAT PRESS

January 31st

WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

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

January

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

February ~ *Black History Month*

3: Quarter 2 PBIS Celebration

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: 100th Day of School

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

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

17: Schools & Offices Closed ~ *Presidents Day*

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Next week is our February Conference Week. Wednesday and/or Thursday will present an opportunity to have conferences, primarily for Math, if needed. Teachers who choose to hold conferences beyond 4:10 on Wednesday will have the opportunity to take that time on Thursday afternoon once students are

dismissed. Schools will be closed Friday as the teachers will wrap up their week with a professional development day on Friday.

This is a change of semester so it is certainly appropriate to discuss goals with your child for this next semester. A reminder to all 5th grade parents that course selections must be made for middle school no later than February 12th.

FROM THE PTA

Winter Wonderland Dance - TONIGHT - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Come dance the night away at this year's Worthington Winter Wonderland Dance! Join us tonight, 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. Siblings are welcomed. You can pay by cash at the door tonight or purchase your tickets here:

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

Restaurant Night - February 12th @ Yama Sushi

Take a night off from preparing dinner and doing the dishes to join the Worthington PTA at our next Restaurant Night! Join us at Yama Sushi in Ellicott City (4725-G Dorsey Hall Drive) between 11:00 am and 10:00 pm. Yama Sushi will donate 25% of sales from all orders to the Worthington PTA to support future school-wide events. Be sure to mention Worthington at checkout (dine-in or carryout). Thank you for your support!

Attention 5th Grade Families!

The PTA has created a page on our website specific to navigating the 5th grade activities for the rest of the school year.

<https://worthingtonespta.givebacks.com/w/fifth-grade>

O's Game Night Tickets on Sale - May 2

Worthington is going back to the ballpark on May 2 to watch the Orioles take on the Royals. This is Star Wars weekend and the first 20,000 fans in the park will receive a Colton Cowser Star Wars Bobblehead! We have two options for seating and you can find out the details on our website.

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

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



Details coming soon.

Thank You for Stocking the Lounge

Thank you to the PTA Staff Appreciation Committee and to all the families who donated items to help Stock the Lounge for the staff! We have received many grateful messages.

National Blue Ribbon Wildcat Blankets for Sale

We only have about 50 blankets left! Show off your Worthington pride and help support the PTA 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>

INSIDER INFORMATION

Congratulations to our School Level, Young Author's Contest Winners!

We are thrilled to announce the winners of our school-level Young Author's Contest! We had many students share their writing talents and the competition was fierce! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our Young Authors! The following students have been named our school's winners for this year's Young Author's Contest. Their winning entries were submitted to compete at the county level. Let's give them a big round of applause.

Poetry:

- Miles Chang- Grade 1: I'm Still Me
- Sarayu Arjula- Grade 3: Growing!
- Ari Alexander -Grade 4: The Eye of the Purest Truth
- Aashvi Dontam- Grade 5: The Beauty of Flowers

Short Stories:

- Matty Wu- Grade 3: Chuck and JJ
- Dev Vinod- Grade 4: Thomas and the Magic Pen
- Irene Lee- Grade 5: Braces Everywhere!

This Morning- it was announced that Matty Wu has been selected as a county level winner, for his short story, Chuck and JJ! Congratulations, Matty!

We will be celebrating all of our Young Author Participants with an author's breakfast. Details will be shared with families of participating students in the near future.

Additionally, Thank you to the Forman family for their support in the organization of this project! It takes a village and our Wildcat village is the BEST!

Attention 5th Grade Families! 6th Grade Online Course Registration began this week, running from Thursday, January 30 through Wednesday, February 12.

Mrs. Southern has visited 5th grade classes to familiarize students with the 6th grade schedule and the course registration process. Online course registration guides and translations are linked below.

[Rising 6th-8th Grade Online Course Registration Guide](#)

[Spanish translation](#)

[Korean translation](#)

[Chinese translation](#)

Course requests and alternates should be submitted by Feb. 12. [Full details](#) are available online.

PBIS and Blue Ribbon Committee Partner to Celebrate Success in Quarter 2!

On Monday, February 3, each class will have the opportunity to play a Worthington Trivia Kahoot featuring fun facts about our school - past and present. One winning class in each grade will earn extra recess (with music!) on a future date. Congrats Wildcats on a great quarter and keep up the excellent work!

Dry hands and Chapped Lips!!

The Health Room is seeing a huge influx of cracked, dry, bleeding lips and hands. Please know your student can keep lip balm and **NON-NUT OIL BASED** hand lotion in their backpack or desk to use as needed.

Please remind them to use at transition times between classes so it is not a disruption to learning.

If you have questions please reach out to Nurse Jackie

jackie_brewer@hcpss.org

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. 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.

Applications Open for Multilingual Parent Leadership Program

Applications are open through Feb. 18 for HCPSS' Spring [Multilingual Parent Leadership Program](#), which will begin on March 4. The six-week program is designed to help international parents navigate the school system and develop the confidence to serve as advocates for their children, as well as to assume leadership roles in schools and the community.

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

COMMUNITY

Worthington Elementary Brownie Girl Scout troop # 4395 are collecting canned goods to be donated to the Howard County food bank to help families in need. Please consider donating non-perishables by 2/14/25 to leave in the labeled boxes placed in the front vestibule here at Worthington.

Thank you so much in advance!

Troop # 4395

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](#)