2022-2023 IMPORTANT DATES

- May 1-4 ~ 3rd & 4th Grade MCAP ELA Testing
- May 1-5 ~ Mobile Science Lab
- May 8 ~ In School Chorus Concert & 7 pm Concert at Centennial HS
- May 10 ~ 5th Grade Panoramic Photo
- May 15-18 ~ 3rd & 4th Grade MCAP Math Testing
- May 19 ~ No School for Students  Professional Learning Day for Staff
- May 22 ~ Field Day volunteers needed! Sign up here: Field Day Volunteers

RELATED ARTS COLOR SCHEDULE
First and Second Grade Families:
From May 8th–May 26th our first and second graders will participate in MAP® Growth™ testing from NWEA®. To help your child prepare for a successful testing experience please send them to school on their testing days with personal wired headphones (if they have them). A message from your child’s teacher with the specific testing days will follow.

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/.

Spring MCAP Testing Dates 4th & 3rd Graders:
*If able, please send wired headphones with students on testing days*
Parents/Guardians, below is a schedule of upcoming spring testing dates. To avoid disruptions on testing dates, please help to ensure your student arrives at school on time and minimize early dismissals during these dates.

- **4th Grade**
  - May 1-4: ELA 9:45-11:00 am
  - May 15-18: Math 2:00-3:00 pm
- **3rd Grade**
  - May 1-4: ELA 1:15-2:30 pm
  - May 15-18: Math 9:45-10:45 am

Car Loop Safety Reminders
Students should never be walking/running through the parking lot.
Do not let your children out of your cars until they can safely exit (from the PASSENGER SIDE) onto the sidewalk. This may require moving the positions of car seats and other equipment. There are cars and buses that travel along the DRIVER SIDE. Students are not permitted to exit on this side and our staff have been trained to have students exit on the PASSENGER SIDE. Thank you for your support with this significant safety matter.

Indicators of Educational Equity Survey (IEES) 2023
As part of our school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities at our school. Please use the link below to complete the HCPSS Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by May 31st. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next year. This survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school.

- English survey
- Spanish survey
- Chinese survey
- Chin survey
- Korean survey

FROM THE PTA

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WoES PTA Board Members Needed!
We are looking for more folks to join our PTA Board for the 2023-2024 school year!
Vice President(s) - We need more support for the WoES PTA President. The VP(s) would support the President and the PTA by helping with communications, helping the event leads when needed, and various other (easy) tasks.

Please reach out if you would like to be a VP to get more details! We will vote on incoming board members at the next PTA meeting on May 10, 2023.

5th Grade Graduation Yard Signs
5th Grade families have the opportunity to purchase a yard sign congratulating their 5th grader on their graduation! If you would like to purchase a yard sign, please do so at this link by May 5:

Volunteers Needed for Decorating - 5th Grade Simulated Congressional Hearing
The Simulated Congressional Hearings (SCH) are happening at Worthington in May. This is a countywide-sponsored Social Studies event that gives our students the opportunity to work in teams to write speeches about curriculum topics they’ve studied and present them to a panel of volunteer judges. The teachers need our help to make this as authentic and memorable for our students as possible. Please see the sign-up link below to volunteer to help set up and decorate the classrooms for the event. We have a small window of time to set up and several classrooms and the stage. Note: You don’t have to be a 5th grade parent to help us out, we welcome all who would like to assist! Thanks so much for your help!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b48aFAE2FAAF49-simulated

Staff Appreciation Week Poster Sign Up
Please see the sign up sheet for posters for Staff Appreciation Week. We would love it if all the staff could have a poster this year! Staff Appreciation week is May 8–12. Deadline for the posters is May 7. Please consider having your student make a poster for a staff member!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4ea5aa22a4fd0-woes#

Save the Date for Crazy Mason - 5/31
Save the Date for our final Restaurant Night of the school year! Join us at Crazy Mason on Main Street in Old Ellicott City on Wednesday, May 31st between 4 and 7 pm. Our Worthington PTA will earn 10% of all sales during the event AND guests will receive a souvenir Worthington Mason jar with each purchase. See you there🐾

PTA Spring Party - Volunteers Needed for Planning!
The PTA Spring Party is planned for Friday, June 2! This year's Spring Party will have 3 food trucks, a DJ, games, and special for this year, 2 inflatable obstacle courses!

We are looking for volunteers to help us plan the logistics of the event, including the layout of the games and inflatables.

We need your help! Please consider helping us plan this final school-wide event by contacting John Gallagher at johnandthebeanstalk@yahoo.com

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**HCPSS NEWS**

Register by June 1 for 2023-2024 Bus Service
Families whose students are eligible for HCPSS-provided transportation are **required to register** by June 1 to receive bus service for the coming 2023-2024 school year. Families who reside in non-transportation areas and those who have students who receive transportation as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan do not need to take any action.

Register for Summer Programs
**Online enrollment requests** for current HCPSS students are open for the following programs.

- Gifted and Talented Summer Institutes for Talent Development (Entering Grades 1–8) has availability for four middle school classes; all other classes can be requested for the waitlist.
- Innovative Pathways High School (Entering Grade 9 and Current Grades 9–12) has availability for most courses. Credit recovery and Gear Up for Grade 9 course requests may only be made by a school counselor.
- Summer Math Scholars Program (Entering Grades 6–8)
- STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp (Entering Grades 6–8)

Enrollment requests can be made by a parent, guardian, school counselor or school achievement liaison via HCPSS Connect Synergy.
INFORMATION WORTH REPEATING

Attendance Reminders

- Absences - Absence notes must be received in writing (email or note) from a parent/guardian within 5 days of an absence. Please send all attendance correspondence to: WOESabsence@hcpss.org.

- Early Dismissal - If you have to take your child out of school early, please email WOESabsence@hcpss.org, send your child in with a note for the front office, or call in advance. You must present your driver’s license when you arrive.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

HCPSS Rainbow Conference - Register Now!
The HCPSS Rainbow Conference will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9am - 5pm. The conference will be hybrid with opportunities for both virtual and in-person participation. For more information scan the QR code on the Rainbow Conference Flier or access this link.