WILDCAT PRESS

May 5th, 2023

WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

2022-2023 IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 8 ~ In School Chorus Concert** *(WEAR CONCERT ATTIRE TO SCHOOL!)*
  - 7 pm Chorus Concert at Centennial HS
- **May 10 ~ 5th Grade Panoramic Photo**
- **May 11 ~ National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day** *(WEAR GREEN)*
- **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

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Children's Mental Health Awareness Week at WOES - May 7-13!

WOES will celebrate the importance of youth mental health support during Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (CMHAW), May 7-13, 2023. One in five children experience a mental health challenge before the age of 18. Each day of CMHAW is dedicated to increasing awareness about the triumphs and challenges in children's mental health and emphasizing the importance of family and youth involvement in the children's mental health movement!

**WEAR GREEN ON THURSDAY May 11** National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Green signifies new life, new growth and new beginnings. Therefore, we wear green or green ribbons to raise public awareness, show support, and better the lives of children with mental health challenges. Green ribbon stickers will also be available for students and staff!

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 15-18: Math 2:00-3:00 pm
- 3rd Grade
  - May 15-18: Math 9:45-10:45 am

HCPSS Indicators of Educational Equity Survey

The survey allows families to provide input about their equity priorities at our school. Please use the links below to complete the HCPSS Indicators of Educational Equity Survey. 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](#). Thank you for your support.
PTA May Newsletter
Please read the PTA May Newsletter for all the info for the rest of the school year regarding PTA events and more!
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Q4icHO1tAdtF9n3XQkVBc-sYHYTvhm3uy6bDNXGfNc8/edit?usp=sharing

5th Grade Graduation Yard Signs
Order deadline is TODAY, May 5th. You can order a yard sign here:

Register by June 1 for 2023-2024 Bus Service
Reminder: Bus Transportation for 2023-2024: Families whose children are eligible for bus transportation must register through HCPSS Connect Synergy to receive bus service for the 2023-2024 school year. This new process will take place annually to help HCPSS plan for student ridership and to make routes more efficient. Registration for 2023-2024 bus service is open now through June 1. Visit https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/registration/ for instructions on how to register and more information. Families who reside in non-transportation areas are not eligible for bus transportation and do not need to take any action. Find the new non-transportation areas for your school online. Students who receive transportation
as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan do not need to register.

Last Day of School for the 2022/23 School Year
Having used one inclement weather day, the last day of school for students in full-day Pre-K through grade 12 is now scheduled to be Wednesday, June 14. The last day for half-day Pre-K/RECC students is scheduled for Friday, June 9.

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

The Howard County Health Department presents:
Social Media Guides for Parents: Guide to Healthy Summer Habits
The sessions are virtual, and you can register and see more details HCHD Social Media Guides for Parents. Each event is from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and will start with a presentation, and end with Q & A.
May 9 - Parents of Children ages 3-8
May 10 - Parents of Children ages 9-12
May 11 - Parents of Children ages 13-17

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.