2022-2023 IMPORTANT DATES

- 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  Rain Date Friday 5/26
- May 29 ~ NO SCHOOL schools and offices closed
- May 30 ~ SCH for 5th grade
- May 31 ~ PTA Restaurant Night-Crazy Mason Milkshake
- June 2 ~ PTA Spring Party @5:30pm on the blacktop

RELATED ARTS COLOR SCHEDULE
Special Education Parent Involvement Survey
All Parents of students with disabilities were sent the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey. The purpose of this survey is to hear from parents about how well they think their child’s school is partnering with them and promoting parent involvement in their child’s education. This information will provide valuable feedback for the HCPSS Department of Special Education. The last day to complete the survey is May 19. The survey can be accessed online: https://www.mdparentsurvey.com

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.

Field Day~Monday May 22 (Rain date Friday May 26)
Don’t forget to remind students to wear their grade level shirt color
RECC: Purple
K: Red
1st: Navy/dark Blue
2nd: Orange
3rd: Yellow
4th: Green
5th: Light Blue

FROM THE PTA

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Last PTA Meeting held - 5/10
The last PTA meeting for the school year was held on 5/10. We voted in Holly Zinn and Caitlin Rossiter as new Co-Secretaries. We are still looking for at least one Vice President. If you are interested, please reach out!

Thank you to the parents, staff, and administration for a great year! The PTA is thankful to everyone that volunteered, contributed, and participated in our events. Have a great summer, and we look forward to the next school year.

O’s Night - 5/12
The WoES PTA O’s Night is TONIGHT! Have a great night cheering the Orioles on to win against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

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/4090B48AF49-simulated

Crazy Mason - 5/31
Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the final Restaurant Night of the school year. Join us at Crazy Mason on May 31st between 4 and 7 pm to help our Worthington PTA earn 10% of all sales. Plus, each purchase comes with a souvenir Worthington Mason jar! Hope to see you there!

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/1Q4icHOItAdtf9n3XQkVBc-sYHYTvhm3uy6bDNXGfNc8/edit?usp=sharing

HCPSS NEWS

Time is Running Out to Register for 2023-2024 Bus Service
Families whose children are eligible for bus transportation must register through HCPSS Connect Synergy to receive bus service for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/registration/ for instructions on how to register and more information.

We don’t want any students who qualify for transportation to be without a bus if they rely on a bus to get to and from school. Please contact the school if you need help registering your child. Please contact the HCPSS Office of Transportation, transportation@hcpss.org, or call 410-313-6732 if you have questions related to your eligibility to receive bus service. You may also find several frequently asked questions online.
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.

Free Summer Meal Program Begins June 21
HCPSS will run a free summer meal program weekdays June 21-Aug. 4. Meals will be served only on days schools are open; there will be no meal service Tuesday, July 4. There are no applications, enrollment or fees to participate in this program, but children must be present to receive free meals. Additional information, including a list of meal sites, is available online.

HCPSS Seeks Members for Policy Advisory Committees
HCPSS is currently seeking candidates for membership on several School Year 2023-2024 Policy Advisory Committees. Members of these committees will attend 3-4 virtual meetings to discuss and make policy recommendations. Committee members are expected to participate in all committee meetings. Residents interested in participating may submit a statement of interest online by Wednesday, May 24.

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 Essence of Us" Workshop Series
The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County and the HCPSS Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have partnered to present **The Essence of Us: Chronicling the African American Experience**, a workshop series geared toward middle and high school students that will provide a better understanding of African American history and how it is written. Workshops will be held virtually and in-person from 10-11 a.m. on May 13.

Cedar Lane School Plant Event
On May 19-20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cedar Lane School will host a [public event](#) featuring annuals, perennials, succulents, house plants, herbs, and other plants grown by CLS students. Those wishing to bring home a plant are encouraged to make a donation, which will be used to purchase soil and other supplies to support the CLS horticulture program.