2022-2023 IMPORTANT DATES

- May 29 ~ NO SCHOOL *schools and offices closed*
- May 30 ~ SCH for 5th grade
- May 31 ~ PTA Restaurant Night–Crazy Mason Milkshake
- June 2 ~ In school Band Concert *students should wear concert attire to school*
  - Kindergarten EOY Picnic & Water Day
  - PTA Spring Party @5:30pm on the blacktop
- June 5 ~ PBIS Q4 Celebration
- June 7 ~ 3 hr Early Dismissal *Professional Work Day for Staff*
- June 8 ~ 5th Grade Celebration
- June 9 ~ Last Day for Pre-K students
- June 12-14 ~ 3 hr Early Dismissals *Professional Learning Days for Staff*
- June 14 ~ Last Day of School!

INSIDER INFORMATION

Bus Evacuation Drill
In case of an emergency, it is very important that all students practice how to evacuate the school bus. Our spring bus evacuation was practiced on Friday, May 26th. Thank you to our students, staff, and drivers for your support during the drill. Friday’s drill was completed with success.

Media News from Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Azevedo
- Friday, May 26th: Last day for checking out books in the media center
- The week of June 5th: notices for students with outstanding books will be sent home. If the book is lost, a check can be made out to: Worthington Elementary School.
- The Howard County Library will be coming to promote their Summer Reading Program during your child’s related arts block on Wednesday, May 31st. Summer reading lists will be coming home then!

Student Transfer/Withdrawals for the 2023/24 School Year
If you are moving and will need to transfer your student to a new school for the next school year, please contact our Registrar, Katie Houston, katie_houston@hcpss.org or call 410-313-2825.

Arrival & Dismissal Feedback
The Board of Education Policy 5200 regarding student transportation increases the allowable distance students may walk to school based on the distance between a student’s home and school. As a result, non-transportation areas (walk areas) have been expanded for the majority of HCPSS schools for the 2023-2024 school year. This will result in an increase of walkers/car riders on our campus and we want to ensure safety for all. As such, we are seeking feedback from our Worthington community as we plan for arrival and dismissal for SY23-24. Please take a few moments to respond to three questions regarding our arrival and dismissal procedures. Your input is greatly appreciated!

HCPSS has developed online acceleration courses in Canvas to help supplement some of the mathematics content that may be missed when a student skips a course(s). Students can log into Canvas and join the acceleration course by visiting the associated link(s). Students should begin with module 1 of the course they are joining. The expectation is for students to complete each of the modules in the appropriate acceleration course before the start of the 2023-24 school year.
- The Mathematics 7 Acceleration course is designed for rising 6th-grade students who are skipping Mathematics 6. The course contains self-paced Mathematics 6 content. Students can join/access this course by visiting: https://hcpss.instructure.com/enroll/4B6HWY
- Rising 6th-grade students who are skipping Mathematics 6 and Mathematics 7 to take Pre-Algebra G/T should enroll in the Mathematics 7 Acceleration course (https://hcpss.instructure.com/enroll/4B6HWY) and then the Mathematics 8 Acceleration course
(https://hcpss.instructure.com/enroll/E93YJ3)

- Rising 6th grade - Spanish Translation
- Rising 6th grade - Korean Translation
- Rising 6th grade - Chinese Translation

Additional student and family middle school mathematics course support is available online at the HCPSS Family Math Support Center – http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com.

Registration is Open!
**Pre-K**: Families of children who will be four years old by September 1, 2023 may apply for Pre-K. For information about the program, to find an application and guidelines about 2023-2024 eligibility, please visit the HCPSS website. Parents/guardians should submit a completed application to hcpss_pk@hcpss.org.

**Kindergarten**: Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open! Families of children who will be five years old by September 1, 2023 should enroll their child in kindergarten or submit a kindergarten waiver. Families can find more information about enrolling children in kindergarten, as well as resources to support kindergarten readiness, the kindergarten waiver, and more on the HCPSS website.

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 by May 31. 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.

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Attention! Important News from the Nurse: End of Year Medication Pick-up:
If your child has medication in the Health Room, it will need to be picked up by an adult by Wednesday, June 14th. Medications are not to be transported by students. Any medication that is not picked up by June 14th will be disposed of per HCPSS
policy. This includes all medications (daily medications, over-the-counter medications, inhalers, Epi Pens, etc.).

Medication orders are only valid for the current school year. New orders will be needed at the start of next year dated after July 1st. The links to the order forms are below. If you have any questions, please contact the School Nurse at jackie_brewer@hcpss.org.


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**FROM THE PTA**

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**Crazy Mason - 5/31**
Our final Restaurant Night at Crazy Mason in Old Ellicott is just days away! Join us on Wednesday, May 31st between 4 and 7 pm to help our Worthington PTA earn 10% of all sales AND leave with a souvenir Worthington Mason jar. We can’t wait to see you there.

**End of the Year Spring Party: June 2 5:30–7:30pm** Join the PTA and the entire WoES community for a free event on the WoES blacktop.
- DJ, Bubble artist, lawn games, food trucks, and, special for this year: inflatable obstacle courses!
- Come to see all your friends, and enjoy food from these food trucks: Bmore Mochichi, Blowfish Poke, and Antojitos Express. We hope to see everyone there!

**Spring Party volunteers needed!**
We need parent volunteers to watch over the entrances and exits for the inflatables. Please help us keep all the kids happy and make sure nobody gets hurt! We also need parents to supervise the lawn games. The games are way more fun for the kids when
a parent explains the rules, and structures the kids taking turns. When you arrive you can pick out which specific game you will organize, and we will email details for all the games before the event.

Please sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44A9AB22AAF85-volunteers

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

**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.

Provide Feedback on Inclement Weather Asynchronous Instruction Plan
For the 2023-2024 school year, HCPSS again will repurpose up to three inclement weather days as asynchronous instruction days, which will be used at the discretion of the Superintendent. All parents, students, staff and community members are invited to provide feedback on the plan by emailing InclementWeatherPlan@hcpss.org through June 9, 2023.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Scrolling Safely
Empowering Teens to Recognize Behavioral Health and Human Trafficking Myths on Social Media
Thursday, June 8 • 6:00 to 7:15 pm
ESPECIALLY FOCUSED ON YOUTH 13-18 YEARS

VIRTUALLY OFFERED VIA WEBEX. JOIN WITH THE LINK OR QR CODE.

Don’t miss this opportunity on how NOT to be a victim of online MISINFORMATION, SCAM ARTISTS and other PERPETRATORS preying on YOUth!

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If you have questions or need additional information, contact Caroline Ball at comball@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-6502 (voice).