



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 1-6-20

12/23 - 1/3, Mon – Fri: Winter Break

1/7, Tues: PTA Mtg. 7 p.m. WW Library

1/8, Wed: Worthington Speaker Series “Think Resilience” 6 – 8 p.m. TWHS

1/13, Mon: Map Testing Math

1/14, Tues: Map Testing ELA

1/20, Mon: No School - Martin Luther King Day

1/30, Thurs: Blaze Pizza Fundraiser 5:30 – 9 p.m.

Words Matter:

The Worthingway staff has talked a lot over the past two years about the importance of our words. Student words matter, as well. I feel strongly about building a culture that welcomes student feedback and creating an environment in which students feel comfortable talking to me or any other staff member about concerns.

To this end, we recently completed our Fall Panorama Survey. We do the Panorama Survey twice per year, once in the fall and once in the spring. The intent of the survey is to measure student social and emotional learning. In essence, our goal is to determine how students feel about our school. The survey asks questions related to student sense of belonging, teacher-student relationships, self-management, social awareness, and growth mindset. From these surveys, each building develops a goal or goals related to social/emotional learning. Our goal this year focuses on student sense of belonging. Questions in this area ask students how connected they feel to teachers at Worthingway. We implemented our Responsive Classroom initiative to improve in this area and to create stronger connections.

I recently read an article titled “Giving Teens a Place at the Table.” The article focused on involving students in school plans. I realize that we, as adult staff members, meet and plan for our students, but we do not include students in that planning. I saw our fall Panorama survey results as an opportunity. I asked each homeroom teacher to send two students to discuss the Panorama results. I chose two areas to focus on. Students indicated they do not feel as connected to the adults in our building as we would like them to and there is room for improvement in the way the students interact with each other.

I invited 36 students to attend, in two separate groups (7th and 8th grade). All 36 students came. I was impressed by the turnout, but more impressed with the dialogue. I simply asked the students about their reactions to our results and if they had any ideas on ways to improve. The clear and common theme from both groups was they enjoy and support our Responsive Classroom approach. Both groups hope by continuing and improving what we already do, connections between students and staff and students and students will improve. The 7th grade students would like our Responsive Classroom practices to appear in content area classes.

Students shared that Responsive Classroom has become a way to meet new people and show kindness to one another. The 8th grade students asked if they could meet with me more often, which will begin to happen.

We have remarkable students at Worthingway. I was proud of the way these groups both reflected on and shared ideas. I also observed that every student in the room knew every other student by name. Each time a student spoke, another student would state, "I agree with [student name]" or "To follow up on what [student name] said." Learning one another's name and acknowledging others by name is a strong focus in Responsive Classroom.

Have a safe break! Thank you all for a fantastic first semester.

Mr. Kellenberger

PTA News:

Basketball Concessions

We are looking for people to host the concession stand during home basketball games at Worthingway. This is a great fundraiser for the PTA and it helps fund projects for our student. We need your help running it so it can continue.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f0449ada62ca13-worthingway1>

Honey baked Ham Fundraiser

We'd love your help raising funds to support Ham it Up for Worthingway! Please check out our fundraising page at [https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Ham it Up for Worthingway](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Ham_it_Up_for_Worthingway).

Thanks for your support! This fundraiser ends 12/31/19.

Blaze Pizza Fundraiser

7166 N High St. from 5:30-9pm on January 30th. Blaze Pizza gives back 20% of the proceeds from your meal back to Worthingway.

Worthingway PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, January 7th at 7pm in the Worthingway Library. Hope you can join us.

Worthingway School Musical:

This year's musical is "Getting to Know: Once Upon a Mattress" If your student likes to act, sing or dance we hope they will come join the show!

Students interested in being part of cast should join the google classroom with code: 8cmobja - and register using the form posted there. Much more information is available in the google classroom. You can email Mr. Reed at jreed@wscloud.org if you have any questions.

Worthington Cares Speaker Series:

Our next Worthington Care Speaker Series features "Think Resilience". We all need it. So, how do we build it? Life can bring adversity. When we face adversity, we need to be able to cope in healthy ways. Resilience is a set of key skills that can be learned. This session will help adults know what key skills are needed to be resilient and ways to build resilience in youth.

Wednesday, January 8th, 2020

TWHS, 300 W. Granville Rd. Worthington, Oh.

Free dinner 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Speaker and youth activities 6:45 – 8 p.m.

RSVP: <http://www.drugsafeworthington.org/events>

Books and Bagels:

Our next *Books and Bagels* get-together will take place on January 14th at 8:00am in the library. The book selection for this month is *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds. Any interested students should read the story and join us for a lively discussion and delicious treats!

Ohio Dental Outreach:

Worthington Schools is happy to be partnering once again with Ohio Dental Outreach to offer in-school dental care. The date for Worthingway Students is Friday, February 21, 2020, and will take place at Worthington Estates Elementary (Worthingway students will walk over accompanied by school staff). Dental care includes a complete dental exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride and sealants when necessary, and in some cases, restorative care such as fillings. All insurance is accepted including Medicaid and CHIP. For those without insurance, a low cost self-pay option is available, or you may also request donated care to cover the cost.

Permission slips will go home in December. These need to be completed and returned as soon as possible, or you may complete the form online at www.MySchoolDentist.com. We need as many students as possible to complete permission slip by December 20, 2019, although students will be accepted after that date and through the date of the clinic 2/21/20.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Casey, our School Nurse at 614-450-4300 or jcasey@wscloud.org.

Yearbook:

You are now able to order your yearbook online! Please visit ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter the school code: 13560720 to get yours now!

News from the Staff:

ELA

Ms. Beasley

All students have submitted their final argument writing essay of the quarter on Tuesday over the topic of whether or not college athletes should be paid. I hope everyone enjoys their break and reads a book or two :)

Mrs. Perkins

Grade 7: We will start reading *Marley Dias Gets it Done*, researching a young activist, and compare/contrast the two. Look to ask your student who they are researching. We will focus on the *why* and *how* they became a young activist. It is my hopes that the kids realize that they can change the world *NOW*.

Global Languages

Spanish

Sra. Newcomb

Sra. Newcomb would like to encourage everyone to relax and enjoy a true break over the next couple of weeks. Rest up and enjoy family and friends but then get out those Spanish binders and review a little bit in January before school resumes on January 6th. :-) Also, parents- please check in with your student regarding schools supplies especially pencils!!

Ms. Fellows

Spanish 1a students have continued their learning about describing themselves and others. In order to maintain their skills, it is essential they read their old stories in Spanish verbally and translate into English verbally over break. To enhance their skills, I will be posting readings about Víctor and su gemelo Vicente in Google Classroom which will preview new grammar and vocabulary for when we return from break. There will be activities they can do with the new information. This would also be a great time to stock up on pencils and writing utensils for the start of 2020!

Spanish 1b students have wrapped up discussion (in Spanish) of making plans to go a movie. In order to maintain their skills, it is essential they read their old stories in Spanish verbally and translate into English verbally over break. To enhance their skills, I will post some items to preview what will be upcoming for 3rd quarter (food, restaurant) and I add in etiquette. This would also be a great time to stock up on pencils and writing utensils for the start of 2020!

*****Worthingway is proud to announce a new trial program for native and heritage speakers of Spanish. Students enrolled in Spanish 1b whose fluency surpasses 1b curriculum will be developing and enhancing their literacy skills by reading a choice book in Spanish and writing in Spanish about their book. We desire to honor the knowledge our students come to us with and to provide the opportunity to practice and improve their Spanish with these popular titles. Worthingway teachers Dana Fellows and Keri Newcomb have received a grant from the Worthington Education Foundation to be used to acquire new Spanish language books in a variety of Lexile levels. Ben Berens, Joy Nieto and Sue Cready graciously consulted to develop the list of titles for our bibliotequita (little library.) The reading enrichment program will be implemented during the third nine weeks of this school year through the students' regular Spanish class period.*

Guidance Office

Mrs. Fei

I am excited to share that I will be out on maternity leave January through early April of 2020. While I am out, Mrs. Kathy Scott will be here as my sub, and she can be reached at kscott1@wscloud.org. Additionally, Ms. Roe—school counseling intern—will still be leading classroom lessons and groups while I am out. If you have any questions or concerns arise during this time, please don't hesitate to contact Kathy, or Mr. Kellenberger or Mr. Mosca at 614-450-4300. I look forward to seeing your students again in the spring!

School Office

Ms. Debernardi

Mrs Swarengen

Student Absence Reporting:

If your student will be absent from school, please call 614-450-4300 to report the student name, grade and reason for the absence. This allows us to document the absence in our attendance system. If we do not hear from you, we do our best to make parent/guardian contact via phone and/or email by 10:15am to account for the student and document the absence. If your student has a medical appointment during the school day, we need a doctor's note/excuse in order to mark the absence time excused in the attendance system. If your student will be absent for an extended period of time, please have the student visit the office and ask for an Extended Absence Form. We appreciate being informed of student absences. Thank you for your support with this process.

For more information regarding attendance regulations and absences, please refer to pages 9-11 in the Worthington City Schools Middle School Handbook, which can be found on the Worthingway Website / Our School / School Handbook.

Student Check-Out Procedure:

If you need to check your student out of school, we need the parent/guardian/approved adult who will picking the student up to enter the school with their driver's license (or digital pass on their phone) in order to complete the student sign-out process in the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Check-In Procedure:

If your student is checking into school late, after an appointment or after a time away from school, they may enter the school on their own to check-in at the office. They may bring a doctor's note to the office if returning from an appointment and we will mark the time out excused. Thank you.

Café

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Clouse

Mrs. Wucinich

(614-450-4350)

Breakfast Menu 2019-2020				
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
1 Mini Pancake	1 Apple Frudel Pastry	1 Mini Chocolate Chip French Toast	Ultimate Breakfast Round	1 Mini Maple Waffles
or	or	or	or	or
1 Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Bar	1 Cocoa Puff Cereal Bar	1 Golden Graham Cereal Bar	1 Cinnamon Toast Crunch	1 Super Donut
1 Orange Juice	1 Orange Juice	1 Orange Juice	1 Orange juice	1 Orange Juice
or	or	or	or	or
1 Apple Juice	1 Apple Juice	1 Apple Juice	1 Apple Juice	1 Apple Juice
1 additional fruit/fruit cup	1 additional fruit/fruit cup	1 additional fruit/fruit cup	1 additional fruit/fruit cup	1 additional fruit/fruit cup

Si requiere ayuda en Español, favor de mandar un texto a Sarah Pettigrew al teléfono 614-359-9050 o al email spettigrew@wscloud.org

Para receber assistência em português, por favor chamar a Raul Arias ao numero do telefone 614-450-7804 ou email riarias@wscloud.org

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For assistance in other languages, please contact your child's school and ask for the EL teacher.

