



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 3-2-20

3/2, Mon: PTA Mtg. 7 p.m. WW Library

3/6, Fri: No School – Professional Day

Words Matter:

February is Black History Month, as such, I am always excited to see the creative ways our teachers increase their celebration of diversity in their classrooms. Case in point, I was walking by our library yesterday, 9th period, and heard quite a bit of excitement and could see a good deal of movement. Intrigued, I had to see what was going on. After all, 9th period is usually not a time we see an increase in excitement.

I walked in and found students in small groups, with Chromebooks, speaking to one another excitedly. I overheard great conversations:

- Student 1 to Student 2: “I know #1 is Harriett Tubman.” Student 2 Response: “No, it’s Sojourner Truth.”
- Student 3 to Student 4: “Look up ‘I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings’.” Student 4 Response: “Look at the picture, it’s Maya Angelou. Help me look for the first African American Joint Chiefs of Staff.”

I approached the teacher (Ms. Speicher) to learn more. Students were engaged in an “Escape Room” activity. Their goal was to “escape” a room by collaborating with others to solve a variety of riddles. Their reward for “escaping?” Three pieces of salt water taffy. I was struck by the complexity of the activity, the focus on collaboration, and the clear engagement among students, all within the goal of learning more about important historical figures and events.

We often use complex rubrics or data to measure success. My best measure in this case? As I left, a young lady called out, “Ms. Speicher, this is so much fun!”

Mrs. Baker then asked me to visit her and Ms. Hill’s classroom. They were taking part in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) National African American Read-In. Students shared excerpts of books written by African American authors. I stopped in to share one of my favorites, Leon’s Story, by Leon Walter Tillage. It was amazing to see all of our students share and learn about great authors!

Have a great weekend! Go Cards!

PTA News:

Concessions

We're looking for people to host the concession stand during home lacrosse games and track meets at Worthingway this spring. This is a great fundraiser for the PTA and it helps fund projects for our students and staff. Please consider helping and be on the lookout for a sign up genius soon.

Worthingway PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd at 7pm in the Worthingway Library. Hope you can join us.

Tissues please!!!!

Our tissue/Kleenex supply is very low. If families are able to send a few boxes with their student to the office, we would greatly appreciate it.

Linworth:

Linworth visits are happening for the next few weeks! Talk to (your School Counselor) to schedule a tour.

MCore:

The MCore Foundation to Provide Cardiac Screening Opportunity for Worthingway Middle School on *April 17, 2020* Why Preventative Heart Screenings for Youth Ages 12-22? Worthingway Middle School Parents and Community, Each year over 400,000 people are affected by sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is not a heart attack but an electrical malfunction of the heart that causes it to stop suddenly. Sudden cardiac arrest is often called the silent killer as you or your child could have an abnormality that goes undetected and without any recognizable symptoms until it is too late. The mission of the MCore Foundation is providing communities with education about sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), symptoms and family history in hopes to prevent these tragedies from happening in our communities. Our education program works in conjunction with a high level mobile cardiac unit that provides preventative baseline heart screenings for children ages 12-22. Our mobile screening unit partners with schools, hospitals and foundations to provide convenient and dependable heart screenings that otherwise would not be available. Our mobile cardiac unit will be at *Worthingway Middle School on Friday, April 17, 2020*. All MCore Foundation screenings include: • An ECG and limited Echo test performed by registered cardiac sonographers • Results read by our team of pediatric and general cardiologists • Images stored within your secured account for future access or to send to your medical provider. Each test is approximately 10-12 minutes and you may use your healthcare spending account or flex care spending account for payment. *Should you require financial assistance please contact us. To learn more about the MCore Foundation, get involved with our mission, or to donate please visit us at:

www.mcorefoundation.org Worthingway Middle School Heart Screening Screening Location will be in the Conference Room Time: 8am – 4pm When: Friday, April 17, 2020 Donation: \$79 To schedule your screening time please click mcore or www.mcorefoundation.org, create an account and choose Worthingway Middle School. If you have questions or need help registering please contact MCore Foundation: 866-382-2319.

TWHS Girls Basketball Camp 2020:

June 9th, 10th and 11th

TWHS

\$70

Drills for skills, games and instruction by TWHS coaches.

Session 1: Girls entering grades 3, 4 and 5 4 – 6 p.m.

Session 2: Girls entering grades 6, 7 and 8 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Forms in the school office.

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

Mrs. Adolph

2nd and 9th periods will continue reading *Boys in the Boat*, studying expository writing and learning about the literary device: juxtaposition. 4th, 6th, and 7th periods will finish sharing their final projects on their independent novels and then will begin building background for our next text, *Discovering Wes Moore* by Wes Moore.

Ms. Hill

Mrs. Baker

CHillBaker will give students class time to finish their literature circle slides and work on their passion projects. Their projects are due Thursday, 3/5.

Ms. Beasley

EPP: Students are working on theme this week as our focus standard. Students are continuing to read their choice fiction books with their weekly slides due every Tuesday by midnight.

REG: Students are working on theme this week as our focus standard. We have read Aesop's fables to practice and will start applying this skill to longer, more complex texts.

Guidance Office

Mrs. Fei

It is hard to believe, but High School Registration is around the corner for 8th grade students!

An important date to get on your radar now is:

Friday, 3/27/2020 @ 4p: Linworth Application Deadline

Please see visit the Worthingway website, then go to "Guidance", then to "High School Registration" for more information.

School Office

Ms. Debernardi

Mrs. Swearengen

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.

WorthingWay Cafe'

Breakfast Menu:

Tuesday- Apple or Cherry Frudel or Cocoa Puff Cereal Bar

Wednesday- Mini Choc Chip French Toast or Golden Graham Cereal Bar

Thursday- UBR or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Bar

Friday- Powdered or Chocolate Covered Donuts or Mini Maple Waffles

** Breakfast will include milk, juice, cheese stick and fruit.

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 rarias@wscloud.org

للحصول على المساعدة باللغة العربية ، يرجى الاتصال بـ نهى أحمد على الرقم -614-450-7808 أو البريد الإلكتروني nahmed@wscloud.org

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