



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 3-9-20

- 3/12, Thurs.: Orchestra Concert WKHS 7:30 p.m.**
3/26, Thurs.: Blaze Pizza Fundraiser
3/27, Fri: Linworth Application Deadline 4 p.m.
3/31, Tue: Chipotle Fundraiser Campus View location 5 - 9 p.m.

Words Matter:

This week in our Responsive Classroom Homerooms we focused on Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT). CRT is teaching that takes the experiences and assets of students and staff, and uses them to enrich our curriculum. Lessons and discussions in homeroom focused on the image of a tree. The leaves of a tree are what we see, our physical traits we carry daily; the roots are those unseen, deep connections that make us who we are, our experiences and our relationships. Our roots shape us.

We started the week by sharing a video of staff members discussing artifacts related to their surface level or deep, root level cultural experiences. One staff member shared a picture of her grandmother, while another shared a ring that she wears daily representing the strong females who have shaped her life. The videos were a strong way for students to get to know our staff members better.

Throughout the week, students engaged in a number of conversations around their personal cultural experiences. Each homeroom crafted a tree with the leaves representing each student and their experiences. The week culminated with a student Artifact Day. Students were invited to share their own cultural artifact and if they chose, to be featured in a video, similar to what was created by our staff. Next week we will celebrate our culture week with a gallery walk of our trees and an opportunity to view the student videos.

Hopefully our students learned more about each other. We consistently seek ways to create a strong culture of empathy and support. I am proud of the stories I heard throughout the week. The next time you visit Worthingway, you will see a number of small trees throughout the building and now you know what they represent. Have a great three day weekend and Go Cards!

Student of the Month

Student of the month recipients exhibit excellence in many categories, such as Academic Performance, Character, Behavior, Attendance, and Honesty. Each month our teachers nominate students who exemplify these qualities. We are pleased to announce our February Student of the Month winners!

7th Grade

Sophie Newsom
Wesley Konadu
Love Deer
Talia Cortijo
Hailey Brooner
Kaviraj Brannon

8th Grade

Khoa Dinh

Rida Khan

Isabel Novak

Adeline Patchen

Lilyana Stentz

Maria Stewart

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. If you're interested in volunteering please email worthingwaypta@gmail.com

Blaze Pizza Fundraiser

Worthingway fundraiser at Blaze Pizza (7166 N High St) on March 26th. Go enjoy a pizza and mention you're there to support Worthingway!

Chipotle Fundraiser

Go in to the Chipotle at 191 E Campus View Blvd on Tuesday, March 31st between 5:00 and 9:00 pm and tell the cashier your there supporting Worthingway and they will give 33% of the proceeds to Worthingway PTA!

Thank you to all the parents who donated food for the teachers during parent teacher conferences. The teachers truly appreciated it!

Worthingway PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, April 14th at 7pm in the Worthingway Library. Hope you can join us.

Linworth:

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

Orchestra Concert:

The 7th and 8th grade orchestras will be joining forces with the McCord and Phoenix middle school orchestras on Thursday, March 12, 7:30pm at Worthington Kilbourne High School. The students have been working very hard on a variety of musical selections that are sure to please everyone! We are looking forward to our performances

Be Wise Camp:

Worthington Branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) have decided to give out two scholarships for \$250.00 to Worthington girl students for Be WISE Camp. This camp is a Residential Camp for girls going into 6th or 7th grade in the fall of 2020. Our camp is a STEM camp at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio June 7-11, 2020. Girls will need to apply and AAUW will decide the winners.

Be Wise is a Stem (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) camp designed to engage and challenge girls entering grades 7 and 8 in the fall of 2020. The camp is held at Kenyon College. Camp fees are \$550 which includes room, board and educational materials. Transportation to and from is not provided. Camp application deadline is April 1st.

Questions? Contact Jessica Kuhner (330) 472-2269. Apply online at www.bewisecamp.org.

Books and Bagels:

Our next Books and Bagels get-together will take place on Thursday, April 2nd at 8:00am in the library. The book selection for this month is *Schooled* by Gordon Korman. Any interested students should read the story and join us for a lively discussion and delicious treats!

Dream It, Be It, Career Support for girls:

We are holding our 3rd annual Dream It, Be It event for girls in grades 6-8 this year on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Worthington Educational Center, 200 E. Wilson Bridge Road. This program, sponsored by Worthington Schools and Soroptimist International of Columbus & Franklin Co. provides professional role models and resources to help girls grow to be strong, successful and happy and to help live your dreams! Be inspired by women through hands-on projects, mentoring (Lawyer, Book Author, Firefighter, X-ray Technician, Physician's Assistant and more), dream boards, plus fun! There will be breakfast snacks to start the day off and a free lunch. We have prizes and goodies to hand out. New this year, we have free T-shirts to hand out.

Register [Dream](#) by Friday, April 10th. Questions? Contact Paula Dimmick pdimmick@wscloud.org.

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 finish the novel, *Boys in the Boat* and will complete a final project of their choice. Periods, 4, 6, and 7 will begin reading the nonfiction novel, *Discovering Wes Moore* by Wes Moore.

Ms. Hill

Mrs. Baker

CHillBaker will begin our new figurative language and poetry unit with a book study of *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Students will no longer have bellwork homework, but will be given 2 resources a week to engage with our text. These resources will require some out of class work, and they will have hard copies!

Ms. Beasley

EPP: Students will be beginning *The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells on Monday!

REG: Students will be comparing traditional fairy tales with the Grimm versions.

Mrs. Perkins

The students are working on personification & onomatopoeia. We will also focus on text structure, point of view, inferences, and central idea. They will continue reviewing for their SLO, slated to take place on 3/20. There is a Quizlet on my Google Classroom Page that they can use to review the terms for this assessment.

Global Languages

Spanish

Mrs. Newcomb

The Spanish 1b students will be testing out their Unit 7 skills by going to a restaurant so they can place food and drink orders and problem-solve in Spanish on March 10, 11 or 12. Please help your student remember to dress up and remember their money on the day of their trip. :-) We'd like to give a shout out to Casa Hacienda Grille in Gahanna for hosting over 100 middle school students over the course of three days.

Students in Spanish 1a will be learning about Puerto Rico, the culture, the US connections and the flavors. Homework will be light but the in class learning will be rich! :-)

Science

Now that we understand pedigrees, can we take a pedigree back in time to figure out how early organisms turned into the variety of species we see today? In 8th grade science we will be exploring the ideas that Mendel, Lamarck and Darwin presented. We will also do some exploring on our own with dandelions, rock pocket mice and bird

School Office

Ms. Debernardi

Mrs. Swarengen

THANK YOU for your very generous donations of Kleenex to the office... Our cabinet is now FULL again and we should be set for the remainder of the school year!

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 be 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.

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

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