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Alliance News



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Advocating and providing support for students and families throughout their time in Worthington Schools. WABFE welcomes any families with Black children enrolled in the Worthington Schools District, and also provides the chance to collaborate with and learn from Black educators within the district.



Summer Break

WABFE monthly meetings will be taking a break for the summer, but your WABFE officers and volunteers will continue planning events and helpful content for when meetings resume in the fall. If you have a topic you would like us to cover, [email us!](#)

Support Our Work

The March Chipotle night out raised more than \$400 for WABFE. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Join us for **WABFE's Food Truck & Small Business Festival** June 11 from noon to 6 p.m. at Thomas Worthington High School. There will be food, music and fun. Check out the [flyer](#), and [RSVP on Facebook](#).

Volunteers needed for one- and two-hour shifts on June 11 to assist with the festival. Children and adults both are welcome to help out with a variety of tasks. [Contact Brishundra McGrier at WABFE](#) and let her know what time you are available.

Kroger Community Rewards: Help us raise funds by connecting your Kroger card. [Instructions can be found here](#). Search for Worthington Alliance Black Families or use number EG295.



Resource Links

- [f Worthington Alliance of Black Families & Educators on Facebook](#)
- Worthington Schools [Mentoring](#) and [Parent Resources](#)
- [Worthington Schools Mental Health Resources](#)
- [Worthington Schools Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)



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April Meeting Summary

Assistant Superintendent for Academics Angie Adrean and WKHS English teacher Marly Hittepole joined to discuss a "novel approach" to diversifying the reading list for high school English. Adrean created a year-long class for district English teachers (grades 9-12) to audit current texts and examine alternatives so that students, including students of color who have not been represented in required reading, can begin to see themselves in literature. Working with OSU, they screened young adult and other novels using special rubrics to identify appropriate grade-level reading. While the current focus is on grades 9-12, they hope to expand to 7th grade and eventually cover K-12. The "novel approach" is based on educational research by Kate Roberts. The group had robust conversation about *To Kill a Mockingbird's* long-held reputation as a "diverse" text, for example, with Adrean and Hittepole offering alternative or supplemental texts that actually portray the Black experience. The group's work has already led to pilot efforts and changes coming this fall.

WABFE membership is \$25/family for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. Funds collected will be used to support student scholarships. Payment can be made at www.PayPal.me/wabfe (or use QR code at right) and contact information can be provided [here](#). WABFE is a registered Ohio nonprofit.



Coming Up

WABFE will pause its monthly meetings until school resumes in the fall.

[District calendars](#)

May 25

Last Day of School

June 11, Noon—6 p.m.

[Food Truck & Small Business Festival](#), TWHS



August 17

First day of 2022-23 school year

Have a great summer!

Summer Offerings

- North/Central YMCA [Day Camps](#)
- [Columbus Rec & Parks](#)
- [Worthington Libraries](#)
- Worthington Schools [Programs](#)