A Word from Mr. Worthy:

Dear Parents,

Spring is approaching fast and students are learning every day! Thank you for all of the great effort with the cookie dough fundraiser! Please take time to read with your child and encourage him/her while they are reading. We are working extremely hard to improve student attendance and need for all parents to help make sure their child is present every day. Please stay in contact with your child’s teacher about academic progress and upcoming events. All parents and guardians are welcome at WCPS and encouraged to communicate with the teachers so the students can see we are all in this together.

It is our wish that you will feel wanted and welcome at Worth County Primary School, and that you will become involved in some of the many opportunities available to you while your child is a student here.

Sincerely,

Jared Worthy

Weather make-up days for Worth County School District:

The following days have been set up as weather make-up days for all Worth County schools:

- Monday, March 13, 2017
- Thursday, March 23, 2017 (Not an Early Release for Students/Regular Day)

Students and staff should make plans to attend school on these days.

Media Center News:

Read Across America Week February 27-March 3  2/27 = How the Grinch Stole Christmas Day (Wear Christmas clothes or green), 2/28 = The Sleep Book Day (Wear pajamas), 3/1 = Wacky Wednesday (Wear your hair as wacky as can be), 3/2 = Oh the Places You’ll Go Day (Wear your Dr. Seuss T-shirt), 3/3 = If I Ran the Zoo Day (Dress in animal print clothing or camouflage)

Happy Camper Scholastic Book Fair  You are invited to come have an adventurous time at the WCPS Happy Camper Scholastic Book Fair where it is S’more Fun with Books! The Book Fair will be at WCPS from March 17th until March 24th. You will be able to shop online by visiting http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/wcpslamb or by going to our school website at http://www.worthschools.net and clicking on the book fair link. (Online shopping dates are March 12th to March 31st.)

As always, thank you for supporting our school!  Mrs. Norman & Mrs. Edwards, WCPS Media Center

A Camping Adventure Reading Family Fun Event: All WCPS families are invited to Worth County Primary School’s A Camping Adventure Reading Family Fun Event on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Come check out the adventures of reading with your child! You can even wear your camping clothes to fit the part!! There will be special read alouds, an art project in the Art Room, cupcake walks in the Music Room, and other adventurous activities going on. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the Media Center for those who would like to do a little shopping, too! PTO will be providing a $3 pizza meal. Each meal will include one slice of pizza, a bag of chips, and a drink. Please fill out and return the slip that will be sent home if you plan to eat. Plan to join us for an afternoon of family fun and learning at WCPS!
Counselor’s Corner: The WCPS Career Day will be held on Friday, March 3rd, for 1st and 2nd graders. There will be many different participants this year who come and share about their jobs with the students. Prior to Career Day, 1st and 2nd grade students have been taught Career Lessons, a requirement for all students from 1st grade through 12th grade in the state of Georgia.

Next Month, WCPS will celebrate Military Child Appreciation Day/Purple Up! Day on Friday, April 21st. All WCPS students and staff are encouraged to wear purple to show their support for those children who have parents serving in our military. Mrs. Bartley, WCPS Counselor

WCPS Yearbook Information: Worth County Primary School 2016-2017 yearbooks are on sale!!! You can reserve your copy by filling out a yearbook order form and returning it to WCPS with your payment. Checks and money orders should be made out to Worth County Primary. You may order online, too!!! Go to https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/ to place your order online. (Our Yearbook ID Code is 9936517. You will need this code if ordering online.) THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017. Don’t miss out on purchasing a book full of your child’s school year memories!!! Order your copy today!!!

PTO Info: Your WCPS PTO hopes that all WCPS families will come out to enjoy a fun evening at A Camping Adventure Reading Family Fun Event on March 21st from 5:30 until 7:00 The WCPS PTO will be selling $3 pizza meals that will consist of 1 slice of pizza, 1 bag of chips, and 1 drink. Be sure to return the bottom portion of your Math Family Fun Night invitation if you plan to let WCPS PTO do the cooking for you and your family so you can relax and enjoy the evening!!!!!

WCPS School Store: Students may shop with Lamb Bucks earned for leveling up in Lexia, perfect attendance, exceptional behavior, and reading books each night on the following days from 7:30 to 8:05: Kindergarten = Mondays; 1st grade girls = Tuesdays; 1st grade boys = Wednesdays; 2nd grade girls = Thursdays; 2nd grade boys = Fridays. (Pre-K students shop with their teachers throughout the week.)

WCPS Cookie Dough Fundraiser A Success: Thank you to all of the WCPS families who bought and sold cookie dough! The fundraiser was a success! Cookie dough should be delivered to the school within 3 to 4 weeks. We will let all families know when it will be ready to be picked up. Thank you for supporting WCPS!!!

School News:

Change of Clothes: Please be sure to pack a full change of clothes in your child’s book bag to prevent having to take off work to bring your child a change of clothes in case of an accident or a spill.

Clothes Closet Needs: Shorts & Pants (size 5 or larger please)
NEW Girl’s and Boy’s Underwear

We appreciate any and all donations! Thank you! Nurse Cooper, WCPS School Nurse

News from Mrs. Singletary, WCPS Parent Engagement Coordinator: Do you have suggestions about activities or workshops you would like to see the school try to provide? Do you have questions about our school? Do you feel like your child may need some extra resources to help them with math or reading skills? If so, please take a minute to contact me, Mrs. Singletary, your Parent Involvement Coordinator. I will be glad to listen to suggestions, find answers to your questions, and make a packet especially for your child that will reinforce skills taught in the classroom. Just give me a call at (229)776-8660 Ext. 1554, drop me an email at tsingletary@worthschools.net, or stop by the school for a visit with me in the WCPS Parent Resource Center from 8:15 until 3:00, Monday through Friday.

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GET GEORGIA READING At this time, it is known that two-thirds of Georgia’s third graders are not reading on grade level. The time to change this fact is now. The process of teaching our children to read must begin at birth. Check out getgeorgiareading.org to find out how parents, educators, health care providers, community leaders, business leaders, and legislators can work together to make sure our children are reading proficiently and on grade level by the time they are leaving 3rd grade.
Parent Input Needed: Parent input is needed and appreciated year round here at WCPS. If you have anything that you would like to share to help improve the services we provide to our students and families, please email me, Tonya Singletary, at tSingleton@worthschools.net, telephone me at (229)776-8660, send me a note via your child’s agenda, or stop by to talk. Please take a moment to fill out the WCPS Parent Input form attached to the last page of this newsletter and return it to WCPS. Thank you!

Your input is also needed as to how funds reserved for Title I Parent Engagement are allocated for parent engagement activities. Currently these reserved funds are used for supplies for the parent engagement program at WCPS. If you have any ideas on using reserved funds, please contact Christie Foerster at (229)776-8600 or via email at christie@worthschools.net.

Thank you to Dr. Sauls, DMD LLC, of Sylvester for sponsoring our February 2017 Good Citizen Breakfast!!!! If you know of a business or person that would like to sponsor or help sponsor a Good Citizen Breakfast in 2017, please notify me, Mrs. Tonya Singletary, at (229)776-8660 Ext. 1554. I will be glad to provide information and answer questions.

How Can You Help Your Child’s School in 2016-2017?

News from the Music Department: Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and the Tyson Project A+ Program are three programs that Mrs. Patricia Welch and the WCPS Music Department sponsor. These programs help our school collect monies and supplies for music classes. Each program only requires that certain labels be collected throughout the year and then sent in. Please visit the following links for a list of items that have Box Tops and Labels for Education labels:

http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn-points/participating-products
You can find details online at ProjectAPlus.tyson.com. Please look for these labels on the packaging of Tyson foods:

Mrs. Welch will be happy to answer any questions you have about these programs. (Contact Information: 229-776-8660 or phwelch@worthschools.net) We hope you will join us in collecting these labels this year and spread the word to your friends and relatives. It’s such an easy way to raise much needed funds for our music department!

News from the Art Department: My Coke Rewards for Schools is a program that Mr. Seth Bridges, WCPS Art Teacher, sponsors. This program helps Worth County Primary School collect monies to purchase art supplies to be used in art class. It involves collecting plastic bottle caps from participating Coke brands and the Coke Reward labels located inside the cardboard coke can packages. Participating brands include the following: Barq’s, Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, DASANI, Fanta, Fresca, FUZE, Mello Yello, Minute Maid, Pibb, POWERADE, Sprite, & TaB. Coke Rewards bottle caps and labels can be turned in all year long to Mr. Seth Bridges. Mr. Bridges would like to thank all students, parents, and faculty who send in My Coke Rewards caps and labels.

Ways to Stay Informed About WCPS

Updated Phone Numbers: WCPS sends call-outs to primary phone numbers to keep families up to date on what is happening at WCPS. If your phone number(s) change, please be sure to update this information with your child’s teacher and the school’s front office so that you continue to get these informing phone calls. You may call the school at (229)776-8660 to leave your new phone number(s), or you may send a note in your child’s agenda. Being able to contact parents and guardians of our students is very important. Thank you for your help!

WCPS NEWS Remind Texts: Be in the know about WCPS by signing up for WCPS NEWS Remind texts. Simply text @wcpsn to 81010. Messages about WCPS will be sent out periodically to keep you informed. If you have any questions about WCPS NEWS Remind texts, please contact Mrs. Singleton at (229)776-8660 (Ext. 1554). If you change your phone number, please be sure to sign back up for Remind texts.
**Email Information Requested:** Stay in the know about WCPS by signing up for WCPS NEWS emails. To receive emails, please send Mrs. Singletary a note in your child’s agenda including your name, child’s name, and email address. If you prefer, you may email Mrs. Singletary at tsingletary@worthschools.net to let her know that you would like to receive emails from WCPS. Please reply with WCPS EMAIL in the subject line and include your name and child’s name in the message box. If you have any questions about the WCPS email system, please give Mrs. Singletary a call at (229)776-8660.

**Worth County Schools on Facebook:** Check out Worth County School System’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/worthcountyschools, Check out Worth County Primary School’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/worthprimary.

**Dates to Remember:**
- 2/27-3/1 = Read Across America Week at WCPS
- 3/3 = WCPS Career Day for 1st & 2nd Grades
- 3/12-3/14 = Happy Camper Scholastic Book Fair – S’more Fun with Books!
- 3/12 = Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring forward 1 hour.)
- 3/13 = Weather Make-Up Day
- 3/15 = Report Cards
- 3/16 = St. Patrick’s Day (Wear green)
- 3/20 = Spring Begins
- 3/21 = A Camping Adventure Reading Fun Event 5:30-7:00
- 3/22 = Good Citizen Breakfast (By Invitation Only)
- 3/23 = Weather Make-Up Day (No Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- 3/27-3/31 = Spring Holidays (No School)
- 4/5 = Pre-K Registration Begins

**Happy St. Patrick’s Day**

Worth County Primary School is a Title I Schoolwide School.

**School Purpose:**

To ensure a quality education for all students leading to graduation and productive citizenship.

**Worth County School District Direction:**

- Our direction for the Worth County School District is for our graduation rate to reach 80% or above, and for students to meet or exceed established accountability measures.
- We will achieve this direction by providing high expectations, a relevant and rigorous curriculum, data driven standards-based instructional practices,
- appropriate interventions, and celebrations of success as we move forward.
- As a result of our success we will attract and retain high quality teachers, provide a foundation for community economic growth, and prepare graduates for post-secondary success

**Worth County School District Beliefs:**

- All students can learn and are unique learners;
- Education is a shared responsibility of the student, home, school and community;
- Schools should maintain a safe and structured learning environment;
- All students should meet or exceed educational standards provided by a rigorous and relevant curriculum;
- All decisions should be driven by accurate and relevant data;
- College and career readiness activities prepare students for the future workforce;
- Students engaged in co- and extra-curricular activities perform better;
- Readily accessible technology resources improve teaching and learning;
- The system should employ and retain highly qualified personnel who demonstrate a high degree of professionalism;
- Job embedded professional learning results in improved instruction and increased student achievement;
- Prompt and regular attendance by all leads to improved performance;
- Effective and open communication is essential for the achievement of educational goals.
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### March 2017

**Worth County’s School Nutrition Program**

#### Menu Options

**Monday, March 6**
- **Breakfast**: Breakfast Pizza
- **Lunch**: Chicken & Cheese Sandwich

**Tuesday, March 7**
- **Breakfast**: Mini Pancakes w/ Sausage
- **Lunch**: Chicken Tenders w/ Waffle

**Wednesday, March 8**
- **Breakfast**: Mini Omelet w/ Sausage
- **Lunch**: Beef & Cheese Wraps w/ Sour Cream & Salsa

**Thursday, March 9**
- **Breakfast**: Chicken & Waffles
- **Lunch**: Beef & Cheese Wraps w/ Cream & Salsa

**Friday, March 10**
- **Breakfast**: Fried Eggs w/ Ham
- **Lunch**: Chicken Parmesan

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### Spring Break

- **Breakfast**: Managers’ Choice
- **Lunch**: Managers’ Choice

**Break begins at the end of classes!**

**Friday, March 24**

Classes resume on **Monday, April 3**
2016-2017 WCPS Parent Input

What type of parent workshops would you like for WCPS to provide in the future?

_____ Helping Students Succeed in School

_____ What to Expect in Pre-K, K, 1st & 2nd Grades

_____ Attendance Importance

_____ Homework Help

_____ Math & Reading Skills

_____ Volunteer Process & Info

_____ Technology Assistance

_____ Make & Take

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Teacher: ___________________________________________________________

*Please return to Mrs. Singletary at WCPS by April 7, 2017.