

Oriole News

Worthing Elementary

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9/2/2026

Our school hours are:
8:00 AM - 3:10 PM.

***Students will be counted Tardy if they enter their classroom after the 8:05 tardy bell.

***Students should not arrive at school before 7:45am.

We had a GREAT week! Thank you for your support in starting our school year off right!

School Visitors – For the safety of all students, parents and visitors will NOT be allowed to enter the hallways.

- ALL doors are locked at all times. If you come to the elementary school during the school day you will need to enter into the Elementary office.
- Unless you have scheduled with your student's classroom teacher ahead of time, visitors will not be able to enter the hallways of the school after 8:00 am.
- Deliveries of treats or forgotten items must be delivered and left in the Elementary office. Mrs. Klenner will let the student's teacher know that they have a delivery.
- When bringing a student to school late you will need to drop them off at the office. The student will be expected say goodbye in the office and walk to their classroom. Staff will be sure that they find their class and welcome them for the day.
- If you'd like to have lunch with your child at school, please let the school know to expect you (and if you'd like a tray from the cafeteria – adult lunches are \$5.35 – please bring exact change). You and your child will have a special lunch in the library together.

PICTURE MAKE UP/RETAKE DAY IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2026.

Consistent attendance at school is important to academic achievement and social growth. Please have your child(ren) in school as much as possible. There is a lot of learning that happens every day that cannot be made up at home.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

If you need to pick up your student earlier than 3:10pm please call the office ahead of time so we can have your student's belongings prepared.

Homecoming is Friday, September 18th. The parade will begin at 1:30 with students being dismissed after the parade. Buses will run normal routes but may be slightly earlier than normal.

Homecoming Dress Up Days



ELEMENTARY HOMECOMING DRESS-UP DAYS



MONDAY
Jungle Safari
Dress as a jungle tourist or wear jungle animal prints!



TUESDAY
Cowboys & Cowgirls



WEDNESDAY
Pirates & Mermaids

THURSDAY
Class Color Day

●	Preschool/EC —	RED
●	JrK/K —	GREEN
●	1st Grade —	BLUE
●	2nd Grade —	YELLOW
●	3rd Grade —	PURPLE
●	4th Grade —	BLACK





FRIDAY
Oriole Spirit Day
Wear orange & black from head to toe!

To help make dismissing at the end of the day less chaotic and stressful for everyone, we are asking the following things of parents:

1. If your student is doing something other than normal after school please notify **Samantha Klenner, elementary secretary, and your student's teacher, via email, Rooms, or phone call as early as possible**- paper notes tend to get lost in transit between home and school. When in doubt we will have your student(s) do what they normally do.
2. If your student rides the bus, **please notify your bus driver as well** as the school anytime your student will not be riding or if they will be having a friend with them.
3. **Please understand that if the school is not notified, we will have your students do what is their "normal" routine** at the end of the day- we cannot take their word for it that they are doing something different. **WE NEED A CALL OR EMAIL** informing us of the change.
4. **Please make sure Totally Kids has a correct attendance information EACH DAY** for your student so they know when to expect your student- if it changes, please notify TK and the school. If we are in doubt we will have the student attend Totally Kids where we know they are safe and have supervision.
5. **Students being picked up after school MUST be picked up by 3:15.** Students cannot be left unattended on school property while waiting to be picked up at the end of the day and will be brought to Totally Kids afterschool program where parents will need to pay for that service upon pickup. Town kids who walk home are instructed to leave the school grounds right when the bell rings.

Please take time to talk about bike and road safety if your students walk to ride bike to school. It's a very busy time of the day when they are coming and going from school.



If you are sending money to school for any reason, please put it in an envelope labeled with the student's name and what the money is for.

Please do not send party invitations to school to be handed out. Per our handbook it is not allowed and if noticed by a teacher they will be returned home to be distributed another way. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have not been receiving DONOTREPLY@k12.sd.us emails please let Samantha Klenner know ASAP. We have sent a few out containing important information and want to make sure everyone is getting them. Call or email at 605-372-4114 or Samantha.Klenner@k12.sd.us. This is the only week this newsletter will be printed; it will be emailed from here on out.

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT arrive at SCHOOL BEFORE 7:45AM UNLESS YOU HAVE PAID FOR THEM TO ATTEND THE TOTALLY KIDS PROGRAM. IF THEY WALK TO SCHOOL, PLEASE HELP STUDENTS ADJUST THEIR DEPARTURE TIME FROM HOME TO arrive at THE RIGHT TIME, IF YOU DROP THEM OFF PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THAT TIME AS WELL. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING FOR BREAKFAST OR ON THE PLAYGROUND UNTIL 8AM. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Looking Ahead:

- Friday, September 4 - No School
- Monday, September 1 - No School - Labor Day
- September 8-17 - Interim Comprehensive Assessment for third and fourth grade (students will test for approximately an hour each day until they are finished)
- Thursday, September 17 - picture retakes
- Friday, September 18 - Homecoming, parade in Lennox @ 1:30
- Wednesday, September 23 - 12:10 dismissal for Common Planning

Student Handbook Policy Highlights

Personal Items

The school provides the necessary equipment for classroom and school day activities. Students should not bring items such as athletic equipment, electronic devices, toys, or other similar personal items to school unless they have the prior permission of their classroom teacher or a school administrator. The school is not responsible for damaged or lost personal items or equipment.

Parties

Invitations for private parties and non-school-sponsored events may not be distributed at school.

Home Activities Guidelines

As a reminder, all students are expected to be in the bleachers watching the games. Please do not drop off your elementary, intermediate, or junior high child and leave him or her unsupervised. Students will not be allowed to run and jump up and down the bleachers, congregate during the game underneath the grandstand, or run around the facility at any point during the contest. We will address student behavior one time, and the second time we will be asking parents/guardians to take their child home.

When dropping off or picking up your student(s), please pull into a parking spot. Do not pull into the area with diagonal lines directly outside of the elementary entrance.



Please follow our illness policy when determining when your child can return to school:

Temperature of 100 F (37.8 C) or greater (with no other symptoms) within the past 24 hours. Child should remain at home until their temperature has returned to normal for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Motrin).

Students with COVID-19 Symptoms

Students that have COVID-19 symptoms (Temp 100 or higher, diarrhea, vomiting, sore throat, cough, runny nose, headache, muscle aches, loss of taste/smell) **and have a known exposure** to COVID-19 should contact their doctor for guidance/ COVID testing.

Returning to School if Tested Positive for COVID-19

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to isolate at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, there is improvement of all symptoms, and 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. The CDC recommends masking days 6-10 (but not it's not mandatory).

Identified as a Close Contact and Attending School

Students identified as a close contact may elect to continue to come to school providing they remain asymptomatic. The use of mask is recommended during the quarantine period (10 days from date of last exposure), but not mandatory. We will no longer be contact tracing at school when a positive COVID-19 case is identified.

If a student becomes symptomatic during their quarantine period, they will need a negative COVID-19 test or a doctor's note medically clearing them to return to school/work. If untested/no doctor's note, then they will isolate at home for 5 days since symptoms onset (and 24 hours without fever and symptoms improved).

Flu like symptoms – a fever accompanied by any one of the following: cough, runny nose, headache or sore throat. Current recommendations from the CDC are a student diagnosed with H1N1 or Seasonal Influenza may return to school when they have been temperature free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medication. A normal temperature is below 99 F.

Hand/Foot Mouth Disease- May return to school after being fever free without fever reducing medications for 24 hours and they are feeling well enough to participate in school activities.

Strep Throat – child may return to school after being on antibiotic medication for 24 hours.

Vomiting or Diarrhea- child may return to school 24 hours after the last episode.

Undiagnosed Rash that may be suspicious of infectious disease. The child should be examined by a doctor before coming to school.

Head lice – The child may return to school 24 hours after treatment. The Lennox School District has a NO NIT POLICY and the child will not be allowed back into the classroom until all the nits have been removed. If you find head lice on your child at any time during the school year, please notify the school so their classmates can be checked as well.

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), Ringworm or Impetigo – either suspected or diagnosed. Must be treated with medication for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child has been diagnosed with viral pink eye, they may return to school when they no longer experience excessive tearing or matted eyes.

Scabies- the child may return to school after treatment has been given.

Chickenpox-exclude until rash or lesions have crusted over (usually 7 days).

Shingles- Exclude if rash cannot be covered. If rash cannot be covered, exclude until lesions or rash have crusted over.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) - exclude until completion of five days of appropriate antibiotic treatment. If appropriate antibiotic treatment is not received, exclude until 21 days after onset of symptoms.

Mononucleosis (Mono)- exclude until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

Please remember it is an extremely long day for a child who is sent to school ill. Remaining at home will help minimize the spread of the infections and viruses in the classroom. Thank you for doing your part in keeping our school a healthy environment.