Oriole News

Worthing Elementary
605-372-4114
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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.



Upcoming Performances:

-3rd Grade Folk Dance Concert in the Worthing Elementary Gym on November 2nd at 6:30

-1st and 2nd grade Christmas concert at the PAC on Thursday, Dec 3rd at 6:30pm

Friday, October 23 was the last day to wear short pants, sandals, and crocs to school. Starting on Monday, October 26, students will need to wear pants that go all the way down to their ankles, socks, and closed shoes.





You're welcome to join us on Friday, October 30 for a Halloween Parade! Students will dress up in their costumes and walk around the school block at 2:45!

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.

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 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.

Looking Ahead:

Friday, October 30 - Halloween Parade @ 2:45
Monday, November 2 - 3rd Grade Folk Dance Performance - 6:30 pm - Worthing Elementary Gym
Wednesday, November 4 - 12:10 dismissal for Teacher Common Planning
Tuesday, November 17 - Title Reading Night - 4-6 pm
Wednesday, November 25 - 12:10 dismissal
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 - No 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 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.**

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.