



Worth County Primary School



## The Lamb's Yarn September 2016

Jared Worthy, Principal

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### A Word from Mr. Worthy:

Dear parents,

The year is going great, and our students are the best! There are many upcoming events that we hope to see you attend. The faculty and staff are working diligently to reach every child. Attendance plays a very important role in student achievement. This year students who are present all day during the nine week period will receive 50 Lamb Bucks and have a chance to win a bicycle and helmet. Students who meet the attendance criteria will be placed in a box, and we will draw one student per grade, Pre-K– 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The four winning students will get to ride the bikes around the school while all our students are cheering for them for their perfect attendance. We are encouraging all students to be present every day. Please make sure you are familiar with the new attendance protocol. Parents are doing an awesome job of having students here by 8:00 a.m.! THANK YOU!

WCPS is dedicated to utilizing instructional time during the school day. If you want to meet with your student's teacher please contact them to set up a time that will not interfere with instructional time. 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



### Attendance Reminders:

- If a student is absent for more than 1.5 hours but less than 4 hours, he/she is marked absent for a half day.
- If a student is absent for 4 or more hours, he/she will be marked absent the whole day.
- Students are tardy if they come in after 8 a.m.



### Car Pool Line Reminders:

#### Morning Drop offs

Please make sure your student is on the passenger side of the vehicle and ready to get out when the adult on duty comes to open the door. Remember, all students must be in the building by 8:00am or they are tardy.

#### Afternoon Pickups

Please make sure that you have your student's school issued car pickup tag displayed in your window on the driver side during pickups. If someone else comes to pick your child up, please make sure they have a car pickup tag. If you need additional copies of your student's tag, please let us know. Without the pickup tag, you will have to come into the school and show identification before your child is released to you. (The name of the person picking up the student should be on the student's information sheet.) This is a safety feature put in place to protect your child. Also, remember that we do not allow left hand turns from Isabella Street into WCPS during afternoon dismissal.



**WCPS PTO Info:** The WCPS PTO is ready for an exciting year! You may contact Tonya Singletary at (229)776-8660 (Ext.

1554), (229)463-3128 or [tsingletary@worthschools.net](mailto:tsingletary@worthschools.net) if you would like a PTO Membership Form to be sent home with your child.

When you fill out a PTO Membership Form, it lets us know that you are interested in helping and that it is alright to contact you for help when PTO events and activities are scheduled.



**WCPS PTO Fall iPad Giveaway Fundraiser:** The WCPS PTO will kick off the iPad Giveaway

Fundraiser on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. It will run through Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will each receive 10 iPad Giveaway Tickets that can be sold for \$1 each. (Parents/guardians of Pre-K students will need to request tickets if they choose to participate.) Please help our PTO raise funds by asking family and friends to purchase a

ticket or several tickets to go into a giveaway for an iPad. Additional tickets to sell may be requested by parents/guardians. The student who sells the most iPad Giveaway Tickets will win an iPad!!! The WCPS PTO will be using these funds to help support activities for the students, families, and staff of WCPS. Thank you for supporting our school!



**Drive 4 UR School:** Please make plans to come out to Sunbelt Ford on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, anytime from 9:00 until 1:00 to Drive 4 UR School!!! WCPS will earn cash for each car that is driven!!! We would love to see one representative from each of our WCPS families come out and drive a Ford automobile to earn funds for our school. The driver must be 18 or older with a valid driver's license, and each household can only be represented one time during this time. There will be no pressure to make a purchase. All you have to do is show up, drive, take a survey and leave. Hope to see you Drive 4 UR School!!!



**News from Mrs. Singletary, WCPS Parent Involvement Coordinator:** If you have any questions about events going on at WCPS, becoming a volunteer, or would like some information to help provide academic support, please feel free to give me a call at (229)776-8660 (Ext. 1554) or (229)463-3128, stop by the school for a visit, or drop me an email at [tsingletary@worthschools.net](mailto:tsingletary@worthschools.net). My office is located in the Parent Resource Center and is open from 8:15 until 3:00 Monday through Friday.



### **Worth County School District Parent Involvement Policy Input Needed:**

Worth County School District would like to invite all parents to a meeting on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 9:00am** to help revise the **Worth County School District Parental Involvement Policy**. The meeting will take place at the Worth County Board of Education located at 103 Eldridge St., Sylvester. The District Parent Involvement Policy outlines how the district will implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in Title I programs. If you have questions regarding this meeting please contact Mrs. Christie Foerster, Federal Programs Director at [229-776-8600](tel:229-776-8600) or via email at [christie@worthschools.net](mailto:christie@worthschools.net). Please RSVP your attendance at [229.776.8600](tel:229-776-8600).



**Parent Input Needed:** Parent input is needed and appreciated here at WCPS. Your input is needed as to how funds reserved for Title I Parent Involvement are allocated for parent involvement activities. Currently these reserved funds are used to pay the salaries and benefits for the parent involvement coordinator 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](mailto:christie@worthschools.net).



### **Title II, Part A Guidance - Right to Know**

#### **Parent's Right to Request a Teacher's and a Paraprofessional's Qualifications:**

By law, WCSD is required to notify parents that they may request information regarding the teacher's or the paraprofessional's qualifications, including the following:

- Whether the teacher/paraprofessional has met the Georgia Professionals Standards Commission's certification requirements for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Georgia qualifications or certification criteria have been waived;
- The college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.



**Reading with Grandparents at WCPS:** To celebrate Grandparents Day and to let our WCPS grandparents know how important we know they are, all grandparents of WCPS students are invited to visit their grandchild's classroom. **Grandparents of Kindergarten and First Grade students are invited to visit on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00.** **Grandparents of Pre-K and Second Grade students are invited to visit on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15.** Invitations will be sent home with all students. Please fill out the form and return to your child's teacher by Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> if a grandparent will be visiting on one of these special days.



**Counselor's Corner:** Guidance during the month of September will be about Bullying. We will be talking about how bullying is wrong and hurtful to others. We will also be talking about how the State of Georgia and Worth County School System have Bullying Policies to deal with those who bully. Parents, please speak with your children about how bullying is not acceptable and how we should all get along with others. Be sure to ask your child to tell you what they learn in Guidance about bullying. Thanks for sharing your children with us at WCPS! Laura Bartley, WCPS Counselor



**First Grade Vision Screenings:** All first grade homerooms will have vision screenings done between now and Christmas break. A note will be sent home in the agenda ONLY if your child has difficulty passing the vision screening at school. If your child does receive a letter stating he/she did not pass, there will be a form attached to the letter that must be filled out by an Eye Doctor and returned to the school.



**Media Center News:** Thank you for supporting the “Book”aneer Scholastic Book Fair!!!



**WCPS School Store:** The WCPS School Store is now open! Students may shop with Lamb Bucks earned for leveling up in Lexia, perfect attendance, exceptional behavior, and reading books each night. Store hours are 7:30-8:05. Kindergarten students may shop on Mondays; 1st grade girls on Tuesdays; 1st grade boys on Wednesdays; 2nd grade girls on Thursdays; 2nd grade boys on Fridays. Pre-K students will shop with their teachers throughout the week.



**Thank you to WCPS PTO for sponsoring our August 2016 Good Citizen Breakfast!!!!**



**Good Citizen Breakfast Sponsors Needed:** If you know of a business or an organization that would like to sponsor or help sponsor one of the WCPS Good Citizen Breakfasts this year, please notify Mrs. Tonya Singletary at (229)463-3128 or at (229)776-8660 (Ext. 1554). She will be glad to provide information about what the Good Citizen Breakfast is all about and dates of our upcoming breakfasts.

**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.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=12042>



<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn-points/participating-products>



You can find details online at [ProjectAPlus.tyson.com](http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com). Please look for these labels on the packaging of Tyson foods:

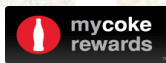


Mrs. Welch will be happy to answer any questions you have about these program. (Contact Information: 229-776-8660 or [phwelch@worthschools.net](mailto:phwelch@worthschools.net)) We hope you will join us in collecting these labels this year and spread the word to your friends and relatives. It’s such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

**Thank you for supporting these programs last year!!! Because of your support, Mrs. Welch was able to purchase a portable PA system (pictured below) for WCPS and the 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.

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**WCPS NEWS Remind Texts:** Be in the know about WCPS by signing up for WCPS NEWS Remind Texts. Simply text @wcpn 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. Singletary at (229)776-8660 (Ext. 1554).



**Email Information Requested:** If you would like to receive WCPS NEWS 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](mailto: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 (Ext. 1554).



**Dates to Remember:**

- 9/1-2 = WCPS Scholastic Book Fair (Media Center)
- 9/5 = Labor Day (No School)
- 9/7 = WCPS PTO Fundraiser Begins
- 9/8 = Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 @ WCBE
- 9/9 = WCPS School Council Meeting 12:00
- 9/13 = Worth County School District Parent Involvement Policy Input Meeting @ Worth County Board of Education 9:00
- 9/14 = Reading with Grandparents: K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 10:00-11:00
- 9/15 = Reading with Grandparents: Pre-K & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 9:15-10:15
- 9/21 = Good Citizen Breakfast (By Invitation Only)
- 9/21 = WCPS PTO Fundraiser Ends
- 9/28-30 = Fall Holidays (No School)

- 10/6 = Fall Picture Day
- 10/7 = Transportation Day (Pre-K & Kindergarten)
- 10/10 = Teacher Planning Day (No School for Students)
- 10/12 = Report Cards (K, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 10/13 = Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 @ WCBE
- 10/17-21 = Homecoming Week
- 10/18 = Parent/Teacher Conferences (K, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
\*Students will be released early on this day.
- 10/21 = Homecoming Parade
- 10/26 = Good Citizen Breakfast (By Invitation Only)
- 10/28 = Fall Parties

**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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August 28</b> 	<b>August 29</b> Fall Book Fair	<b>August 30</b> Fall Book Fair	<b>August 31</b> Fall Book Fair ***** Good Citizen Breakfast (By Invitation Only) ***** Progress Reports	<b>1</b> Fall Book Fair 	<b>2</b> Fall Book Fair Ends	<b>3</b> 
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Labor Day (No School) 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> WCPS PTO Fundraiser Began	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> WCPS School Council Meeting 12:00	<b>10</b> Drive 4 UR School @ Sunbelt Ford 9:00-1:00 
<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> Worth County School District Parent Involvement Policy Input Meeting @ Worth County Board of Ed 9:00	<b>14</b> Reading with Grandparents *K & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 10:00-11:00	<b>15</b> Reading with Grandparents *Pre-K & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 9:15-10:15	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Good Citizen Breakfast (By Invitation Only) ***** WCPS PTO Fundraiser Ends	<b>22</b> First Day of Fall 	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Fall Break (No School)	<b>29</b> Fall Break (No School)	<b>30</b> Fall Break (No School)	<b>October 1</b> 
<b>October 2</b> 	<b>October 3</b> Back to School	<b>October 4</b>	<b>October 5</b> 	<b>October 6</b> Fall Picture Day	<b>October 7</b> Transportation Day (Pre-K & Kindergarten)	<b>October 8</b> 


**WCPS 2016-2017 Email Sign-Up**


If you would like to receive emails about WCPS, please fill out this slip and return it in your child's agenda.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_