

HOOKER HAPPENINGS

APRIL 10-14

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 12 th 6:30 PM	PTA Meeting (Whitney Ave)
Thursday, April 13 th 12:50 PM	Early Dismissal
Friday, April 14 th	No School (Good Friday)
Mon-Fri April 17 th – 21 st	Spring Vacation
Mon-Fri April 24 th -28 th	Book Fair (Canner St)
Thursday, April 26 th 12:50 PM	Early Dismissal
Mon-Fri May 1 st - May 5 th	Book Fair (Whitney Ave)
Saturday, May 13 th 10 AM – 3 PM	Spring Fair
Sunday June 11 th Time TBD	8 th Grade Dance
Friday, June 23 rd 9 AM	8 th Grade Graduation (Auditorium)

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRINCIPALS

PICK UP & DROP OFF

It is extremely important that drop off and pick up times are observed. Please have your child to school on time.

All students must be picked up promptly at 2:50 PM everyday unless they are attending after school programs. For early dismissal all students must be picked up promptly at 12:50 PM.

REMINDER

At the beginning of the school year our team presented our school expectations to all students based on district policy in regards to food and technology use in class. I would like to remind everyone of the following:

FOOD POLICY

- We are a tree-nut/nut free school; if students bring their own snacks, please make sure you check all ingredients to ensure there aren't any nuts in the product.
- No candy is allowed, we have a list of healthy snacks available per request.

TECHNOLOGY

- Cell phones are to be out of sight and turned off. They are only to be used if the teacher allows it for class work. They should not be used to listen to music or play games while in class. If a student is using the phone during the day, it will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Please speak to your child about these reminders. As the end of the year is approaching, we must continue to ensure all students are focused on their learning. Our staff is dedicated to making sure students have a positive experience going into the end of the year and academic expectations for all are being reinforced.

Best regards, Dr. Evelyn Robles

FOUR WORTHINGTON HOOKER STUDENTS PERFORM WITH STATE-WIDE CHOIR



On Friday, March 31st, four students performed in the Elementary Honors Chorus at the Connecticut Music Educators Association Conference in Hartford. Magdalena Reed, Eunji Lee, John-Carlos Musser and Julian Lord rehearsed in a 250-member choral ensemble under the direction of Dr. Mary Ellen Junda from UConn. Later that afternoon, the students performed for a standing-room-only crowd of parents and music educators from throughout Connecticut.

The students began rehearsing in January in order to have a full repertoire of songs memorized for Friday morning - no easy feat! Concert selections included Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel, Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet, an arrangement of When the Saints Go Marching In featuring a sousaphone and New Orleans-style jazz ensemble, Cantate Domino arranged by Nancy Hill Cobb, and a musical portrayal of a thunderstorm through vocal sound-effects in a beautiful song called, Sing as the Prairie. Julian, John-Carlos, Eunji and Magdalena proudly represented Hooker's singing tradition, and Mr. Ross and Ms. Ankuda are very proud of their dedication to musical excellence.



FUND FOR TEACHERS

Congratulations to Ms. Cavanaugh & Ms. Ankuda for being selected by "FUND FOR TEACHERS"

MS. CAVANAUGH will travel to the Pacific Northwest to observe the art and culture of indigenous people to integrate arts and social studies curriculum.

MS. ANKUDA will attend the International Kodály Seminar in Kecskemet, Hungary to develop literacy-teaching skills.

K-2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING DROP OFF

All students should be **DROPPED OFF AT THE SIDE DOOR EACH MORNING**. Please be on time and have your child to school no later than 8:35 AM.

AFTER SCHOOL

After school program will be open on Thursday April 13th (early dismissal) from 12:50 PM – 4 PM.

MINI SUMMER CAMP

Camps dates have been changed to June 27th through July 7th (Excluding July 4th) from 8:30 AM – 4 PM
Openings are still available see office for applications.

PAW-SOME STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

AZALEA DEENER – 1A: Always the first one to follow directions when they are given.

ALEXANDRA COLON-WANG – 1B: Helped a student pick up their crayons and pencils when their pencil box dropped.

ALYSSA YANG – 1B: Offered to stay with a friend and comfort them when they were afraid.

MASSIMILLIANO ANGRITA – 1B: Is always respectful to teachers and classmates.

GAIA DANIEL – 1B: Finished her math and helped a fellow student that was having trouble.

GRACE SHAN – 1B: Grace finished her work and helped other students with their work.

IRIS BADEN EVERSMAAN – 1B: Finished her work and helped read words to an ESOL student.

SAMIA MOWAFI – 1B: Cleaned up the hallway after her peers left snack wrappers on the floor without being asked.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE – REPORT CARD NIGHT

Schedule your parent/teacher conference now! Each class has a **SIGN-UP SHEET** outside the classroom door near the *sign-out sheet*. Please be on time for your scheduled conference.

3-8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHMS LION KING, JR. TICKETS

Tickets are now available for the Worthington Hooker Middle School production of the Lion King, Jr. There will be two performances, one on Tuesday May 9th and one on Wednesday May 10th. There will be no standing room allowed during this production in order to accommodate student actors who will be using the isles during the show. Tickets are free, with a suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door. Below is the link to get your tickets. Thank you for supporting our students!

TICKETS: <https://worthingtonhookerschoollk.ticketleap.com/lion-king-jr-whms>

T-SHIRTS: <https://www.booster.com/worthington-hooker-8th-grade-fundraiser>

8TH GRADE SELLING T-SHIRTS

The 8th grade class is selling t-shirts to promote their upcoming musical THE LION KING in May. The proceeds from the t-shirt sale will help pay for their GRADUATION DINNER DANCE in June. Please follow the link to check out these fun t-shirts! The orders will be delivered to Hooker the week April and will be distributed in homerooms. The sale will END ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.booster.com/worthington-hooker-8th-grade-fundraiser#>

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES

Report card conferences are Wednesday, April 26, 2017! Once again, the 5th through 8th grade parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled online. Please follow the link below and follow the instructions. You will need to have a valid email address to complete the sign up. Please be on time for your scheduled conference. If you miss your time slot, you will need to reschedule for another day. You will not be able to sign up the day of the conferences. If you need to come in on an alternate day, please contact your child's teacher. If you do not have internet access, please send the teacher you would like to meet with a note with requested times.

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Worthington_Hooker_School

HAT DAY

Thursday, April 13th is Hat Day! Students and staff can wear their favorite hat for \$1.00 (please give to homeroom teachers).

CAR WASH

8th graders will be holding a car wash on Wednesday, April 26th from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. More details to come!

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK FAIR

Hooker Independent Forks and Pencils Book Fairs are scheduled for April 24th - 28th (Canner St.) as well as on May 1st - May 5th (Whitney Ave.).

Daily Hours: 8:15 am- 9:00 am and 2:30 pm-3:30 pm.

Special Openings: until 4:00 pm on April 26th and 2:30 pm- 8:30 pm on May 4th.

- Donate for Book Drive: Used Books will be sold during Book Fair in Used Book Section.
- A writer's workshop by author **Catherine Egan** will be held on May 4th (4:30- 6:00 pm) for Grade 3-8. RSVP required @ hookerbookfair@gmail.com.
- A special performance by author **Jake Halpern** on May 4th (6:15 pm- 7:30 pm) followed by Free Ice Cream (Courtesy of Jake).