



### IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/1: Tuition Due
- 1/4: School/CAS resumes
- 1/15: No School/No CAS

### FAMILY FUN

Check out this website for some great tips on where your family can go **sledding** this season! [Sledding in Worthington](#)

**Riverside Crossing Park Ice Rink:** A temporary ice rink will be open in the park through mid-March. Admission is \$12 per person and includes complimentary skate rental. Skaters are welcome to bring their own skates, but the admission rate remains the same.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Care After School is committed to providing the best quality program for our families. Staff members receive ongoing training regarding children's growth and development. So far this school year, our staff have attended workshops on social emotional learning, building relationships, teamwork, and technology programming with robots. We're looking forward to another training session later this month!

# JANUARY 2024

### TECHNOLOGY AND YOUR FAMILY:

Did your child get a new device as a holiday gift? Talk with your children about your expectations for acceptable use of technology.

- Incorporate technology into your discussions about your family values.
- Acknowledge all the benefits, convenience, and fun that digital technology provides.
- Be open and honest with your fears about allowing them to connect with others online. Let them know up front that you will be monitoring their activity, so it doesn't seem like an invasion of privacy.
- Remain calm so that when issues arise, they will feel comfortable bringing them to your attention.

### SCHOOL/CAS CLOSINGS

**EMERGENCY DELAYS, DISMISSALS & CLOSINGS:** Schools are sometimes closed for emergency conditions such as snowstorms, facility problems, etc. In these situations:

*o If Worthington Schools are closed for the day, CAS is closed.*

*o If the start of school is delayed, the CAS before school program is closed.*

*o If the elementary, middle, or high schools are dismissed early for an emergency, CAS is closed.*

Parents must make alternate arrangements for days when CAS is closed and ensure their child is aware of the plan. Please keep an eye and ear out for school closing information. If you haven't already, please complete the short survey sent from [info@careafterschool.com](mailto:info@careafterschool.com) regarding your family's emergency school closing plans.



### 2023 TUITION RECEIPTS

As a courtesy for current families, CAS will provide a year-end statement for all payments made during 2023. Receipts will be emailed to the address provided to CAS, no later than the end of January. Please email the CAS office at [info@careafterschool.com](mailto:info@careafterschool.com) if you need another copy.

# PROMOTING TOGETHERNESS: FAMILY FUN NIGHT

## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Get in the mood for the evening by making your own “King of the Wild Things” crown! It’s a simple craft using items you probably already have around the house. Check out this link for a quick tutorial.

[Wild Things Crown](#)

Next up, who can resist a delicious dinner of “Messy Monster Goulash?” (also known as Johnny Marzetti). If you’ve never made it before, here’s a link to the recipe. [Messy Monster Goulash](#) Cooking together is a great bonding activity!

While the goulash is in the oven, it’s time for a “Wild Rumpus.” Play your favorite music and dance! Every so often, stop the music and freeze into your favorite wild monster pose! When the music starts again, so does the dancing!

For the perfect after-dinner activity, go for a nice family walk and collect some leaves, twigs, pinecones, or anything else that might help you build your own “Wild Thing.” Once back indoors, grab the Play-Doh or clay, and make your vision come to life!



Finally, it’s time to relax. You can read [Where the Wild Things Are](#) by Maurice Sendak, Watch *Where the Wild Things Are*, or do both! You can stream the movie on YouTube TV, Apple TV, or Prime Video.