

MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

February 20, 2017

CALENDAR

February 20	Schools and Offices closed – President's Day
February 21	Schools closed for students – Professional Development Day
February 23	Grade 5 CogAT scores and placement letters mailed home
February 27-March 3	Kindergarten and New 1 st Grader Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year
March 2	PTA Reading Night and Ice Cream Social (6:00 p.m.)
March 3	PTA Spirit Day – wear school colors (maroon and teal)
March 6	Grade 3 CogAT scores and placement letters mailed home
March 8	Progress Reports Issued
March 9	Hoops for Heart
March 9	School closes at 12:15 p.m. - Parent Teacher Conferences (letter follows)
March 10	School closes at 12:15 p.m. - Parent Teacher Conferences (letter follows)
March 13	PTA Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
March 16	Blue Ribbon Assembly and visit from State Superintendent (9:00 a.m.)
March 20	PTA Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
March 22 & 23	Kindergarten Field Trip to Miller Library (3 classes each day) (9:30 a.m.)
March 23	Grade 4 – Art Field Trip to National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian
March 24	Grade 4 Conservancy Presentation (1:00 p.m.) at MWES
March 31	Junior Achievement Day

SCHOOL NEWS (new or updated items in blue)

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE HEALTH ROOM: All students must be fever free (98.6) without fever reducing medications (Tylenol, Advil or Motrin) for 24 hours before returning to school from an illness.

HOOPS FOR HEART: Manor Woods is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with heart conditions! Our Hoops For Heart event will take place on Thursday, March 9th for students in grades 2 –5 after school from 12:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Visit www.heart.org/hoops and click on 'Students Sign Up' to register today! Registration is due by Tuesday, March 7th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Holocker allison_holocker@hcpss.org or Mrs. Peksa karyn_peksa@hcpss.org.

KINDERGARTEN and NEW 1st GRADE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Walk-in registration for 2017-2018 Kindergarten and 1st Grade students will take place **February 27, 2017 through March 3, 2017 each day from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at school.** Early-bird morning walk-in registration hours are available **Tuesday, Feb. 28th – Friday, March 3rd from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.** **Please present the following documents at registration:** (1) child's evidence of birth (birth certificate); (2) an authorized record of immunizations for your child, (3) two proofs of residence for your home - a lease or deed **AND** a recent utility bill with service and mailing address; (4) photo ID for parent/guardian; (5) proof of custody (if applicable).

If the registration times listed above are not convenient please phone the school office (410-313-7165) to schedule an appointment.

Please note: Children must be 5 years old by September 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten. Every child who is 5 years old by September 1 must be enrolled in a kindergarten program this fall or have an approved waiver. Parents/guardians must register their child(ren) at the school serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Additional information about the registration process may be found on the Howard County Public Schools website at <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/kindergarten-registration/>.

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM – PRE-KINDERGARTEN: The Waverly Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool program will be accepting applications for classes for the 2017-2018 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be **3 by September 1 or 4 years of age by September 1** may pick up an application package in the school office beginning February 15, 2017. **All applications must be returned by Friday, March 31, 2017.** A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Whitehead at (410) 313-2819 or andrea_whitehead@hcpss.org.

SCHOOL NEWS

READING NIGHT - COME CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICAN DAY BY COMING TO MANOR WOODS' READING NIGHT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND FROM 6:15 - 8:00 PM. This year's theme is "Bedtime Stories"! Please wear your PJ's, come listen to stories, make simple crafts, learn about e-books, and enjoy some ICE CREAM! Information and the sign-up for student and parent readers will go home on Friday, February 17th. For this night to be a success, we are in need of volunteers to help greet, host reading rooms, help with crafts, and serve ice cream. Please copy, paste and go to the link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444a4ab2aa5fb6-family> to sign-up. If you have any questions about the Reading Night & Ice Cream Social please email mwesreading@gmail.com.

MWES JA IN A DAY - MARCH 31ST! JA in a Day is around the corner and we are in need of volunteers! This unique in-classroom event encompasses important elements of community and economy, financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Help students discern between needs and wants, understand expenses and banking, and why businesses and jobs are important to our community. Training and support will be provided to parents. Please consider volunteering for this important day so that our young students will be better equipped to make sound financial decisions in the future. Please email your name, contact phone number, and your child's grade and teacher. Your email can be sent to rachael_downes@hcpss.org. We would like every classroom to have the best experience on this day and this requires volunteer participation. This is a great opportunity to engage in the classroom in a very meaningful way and we hope that you will join us!

G/T SUMMER INSTITUTES: The G/T Summer Institutes provide interested students with advanced-level instruction and enrichment experiences not regularly available during the academic school year. The curriculum is focused on talent development and provides academically and artistically rigorous activities. Teaching strategies represent best practices in the fields of gifted and talented and arts education. The deadline for registration is May 1, 2017. The G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development brochure and registration forms are available at <http://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>.

TREX RECYCLING PROGRAM AT MWES: **MWES has collected 400 pounds of plastic so far! Amazing!** MWES is participating in the *Trex Recycling Program/Competition* running through April 2017. Instead of taking your recycling of clean, dry, empty bread, grocery, newspaper plastic bags, plastic overwrap and/or bubble wrap to your local store, please send it in to MWES to help us win the competition (including a bench made from Trex decking material) and win at saving space in our landfills. The recycling can be placed in specially marked boxes at MWES. The plastic that is collected will be weighed weekly, and the data sent to Trex (who recycles the plastic into Trex decking supplies). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sorkin at alison_sorkin@hcpss.org.

CRAYOLA COLORCYCLE: As part of our Green School Program, Manor Woods is participating in the Crayola Colorcycle program again this school year. Students can drop off their old, dried up markers in the yellow boxes located in each grade level pod. The markers will be repurposed by Crayola. For more info.: visit <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>.

FOOD PANTRY FRIDAYS: We will continue to collect non-perishable food throughout the school year. Donations will go to the Howard County Food Bank for residents in need. 5th grade Student Leaders box the food and prepare it for pick up. Thank you to everyone who has donated food this school year. Your generosity is appreciated!

PTA NEWS

Please see the PTA website at www.mwespta.org for more news and details.

PIE 5 PIZZA CO. RESTAURANT NIGHT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND FROM 5 – 9 PM: Pie 5 Pizza Co. is located at 9525 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City. See you there!

NEXT PTA MEETING: March 20th at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for additional announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPT. FLEA MARKET: Come shop! SATURDAY FEB. 25, 2017 - 8AM TO 1 PM. MRHS cafeteria, 12100 Woodford Dr., Marriottsville, Md. 21104. For additional info. go to: <http://www.mrhsmusic.net>.

GRADES 3-5 -- GIRLS ON THE RUN®: The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The girls will meet after-school twice a week for 10 weeks with the season ending 5k to be held on June 3rd in Howard County, MD. Our school will be starting the week of March 19th. Registration opens on Sunday, February 12th at 12:00 noon. Visit www.gotrcentralmd.org to register. ***The content is neither sponsored nor endorsed by HCPSS.**

FOLLY QUARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY INDOOR YARD SALE: Sat. March 25, 8:00am -12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Rd. Ellicott City. Get your spring-cleaning done early! Space available/\$20 per table. Vendors keep their profits. Space available on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve a space go to <http://www.follyquarterpta.org/>.

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February 10, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our second parent teacher conferences are scheduled for March 9-10. As you may have noticed on the Howard County Public School calendar, the window for the March parent teacher conferences is shorter than the fall conference window. Since there are limited time slots on the calendar available for conferencing, your child's teacher will contact you by Friday, February 17 if they feel there is a need to schedule a conference. Therefore, if your child's teacher has not contacted you, a conference is not necessary at this time. However, if you would like to schedule a conference with your child's classroom teacher, remaining conference slots will open through Synergy on Tuesday, February 21.

Manor Woods Elementary will be using Synergy Conference Management to schedule parent-teacher conferences. Synergy Conference Management provides a simple user interface and easy navigation. Starting Tuesday, February 21 at 9:00am, parents can log into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teacher for the conference. On-line conference scheduling will close at 10am on March 8. If you are unable to schedule a conference online or need further assistance, please call the front office staff (410-313-7165).

Conference Details:

- Kindergarten conferences will be with the child's homeroom teacher.
- Math will be the focus area for conferences in grades 1-3.
- Grade 4 conferences will be with the PM Math/Science or the PM Language Arts/Social Studies teacher.
- Grade 5 conferences will be with the AM Math or the AM Language Arts teacher.
- Although it is not necessary, you will also be able to use Synergy Conference Management to schedule a conference with any of the following teachers: Special Education, Reading Specialist, ESOL. If you wish to conference with a related arts teacher, you will need to email or call the particular teacher to schedule the conference.
- Conferences with Special Education teachers should be scheduled as a separate conference from the focus area teacher unless you request for the focus area teacher and the Special Education teacher to be present together at your parent/teacher conference. In order to request that both teachers be present together, you will need to contact your child's special education teacher to attempt to schedule a 30-minute block of time.
- Conferences should not be scheduled back-to-back because transition time between classrooms may cut into conference meeting times. Therefore, please allow for at least 15 minutes between conferences.

Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions.

Sincerely,

James Weisner

Julia Bialeski