

MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Week of April 3, 2017

CALENDAR

Now through April 7	MWES/Scholastic Book Fair (Media Center)
April 3	"Change Matters" (final day)
April 5	Grade 4 – Field Trip to Annapolis (8:45 am – 2:45 pm)
April 5	MWES/Scholastic Book Fair Night (Media Center 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
April 7	School closes at 12:15 p.m.
April 10 – April 17	Spring Break – schools closed
April 21	School Spirit Day: wear school colors teal and maroon
April 24,26,28, May 1	Grade 3 and Grade 5 PARCC Testing (additional May assessment dates: May 9, 11, 15)
April 25,26,27,28,	Grade 4 PARCC Testing (May assessment dates: May 10, 12, 17)
April 25	Hearing and Vision Screenings
April 25	Report Cards issued
April 25	Grade 5 – Field Trip to Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
April 26	International Night
April 27	Grade 5 – Field Trip to Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center
May 1	American Red Cross Bloodmobile at MWES
May 2	Chorus Concert (MRHS 7:00 p.m.)
May 5	Grade 3 Field Trip to Imagination Stage (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
May 5	Kindergarten Field Trip to Green Meadows Farm (9:15 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.)

SCHOOL NEWS (new or updated items in blue)

THE MWES/SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS HERE!!! Mark your calendars -- **March 30th – April 7th, 2017!** Students will browse the Fair during their media class and make a wish list of titles that they find interesting. Our **Family Event** will be held on **Wednesday, April 5th from 3:30 – 7:00 pm** to give everyone a chance to come as a family and see all of the wonderful items for sale. Volunteers are needed to help fill student orders and help students with their wish lists. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please email Lisa Flynn (lisa_flynn@hcpss.org) and we will sign you up!!! If you are unable to attend our book fair, you can order titles online! Visit our book fair website: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/manorwoodselemschool>.

PARCC ASSESSMENTS – THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE: Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) this spring. This computer-based assessment is taken by all students in grades 3-5 in the state of Maryland. Each testing session is 60-90 minutes in length. Additional details, links to sample test items, and parent resources are available at <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/parcc/>.

Testing dates are as follows:

Grade 3 & Grade 5: Mathematics - April 24, 26, 28, May 1
English/Language Arts - May 9, 11, 15

Grade 4: Mathematics - April 25, 26, 27, 28
English/Language Arts - May 10, 12, 17

*Please note that 4th graders are scheduled to test on April 27, Take Your Child to Work Day

There is nothing you need to do to prepare your child for this test, other than ensure he or she get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast on testing days. Please try not to schedule appointments on any of the testing dates. For students who are ill, makeup testing will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Bialeski.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL BE 5 YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1st --- IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN FOR THE '17-'18 SCHOOL YEAR! Please phone Mrs. Jacobs or Ms. Natoli (410-313-7165) in the school office to schedule an appointment for registration. Don't delay – parent meetings and new Kindergarten meet and greets are on the horizon. Additional information about the registration process and the documents needed may be found on the Howard County Public Schools website at <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/kindergarten-registration/>. Hope to hear from you soon!

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VISION AND HEARING SCREENING: Screening will be held for grades K-1st on Tuesday, April 25th. Please be certain your child wears his or her glasses on the screening day. Re-screening will be held Tuesday, May 2, 2017. **If you are interested in volunteering for our Vision and Hearing Screening on April 25th, please contact Lynnette Winde in the Health Room at (410) 313-8326 or email: lynnette_winde@hcpss.org.**

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE: Manor Woods is sponsoring the American Red Cross bloodmobile at MWES on Monday, May 1 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. 30 appointments are available; so don't wait to register to save lives. See flyer at end of newsletter.

TREX RECYCLING PROGRAM AT MWES: The total plastic collection so far is 656 pounds! Please note that our Trex recycling collection period ends next Friday, April 7. The winning school of the Trex bench will be announced on Earth Day. During spring break and afterwards, please continue to recycle your soft clean plastic at collection sites at your local stores.

MARKER RECYCLING: Manor Woods students and families have been collecting used, dried-out markers for recycling throughout the school year. We just shipped 17 pounds of markers to Crayola's Colorcycle program and are thrilled that our markers are staying out of landfills. Students can continue to drop off their old, dried up markers in the yellow boxes located in each grade level pod. For more info.: visit <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>.

HCPSS SPECIAL EDUCATION AND EARLY INTERVENTION FAMILY RESOURCES FAIR: Save the Date! Saturday May 6, 2017, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cedar Lane School, 11630 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, MD 20759 Get connected to: services, equipment; resources and tools available in the community and HCPSS; wellness and health-related activities and information; physical therapy and adapted PE activities and programs; camps and activities for kids with special needs; information about speech, hearing, vision, developmental and social disabilities; enjoy learning games, fun activities, and more! Local service providers are invited to participate. Sign up at: <http://hcpssne.ws/resr-fair-reg-17>.

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/>.

PTA NEWS

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

REDISTRICTING MEETING: April 5th at 7 pm at Terra Maria Community Center. No RSVP needed. Just show up!

SONIC RESTAURANT NIGHT: April 24th, 5 pm -9 pm, at Rt. 40 location, process to MWES PTA.

NEXT PTA MEETING: April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT: April 26th, 6 pm – 8 pm, MWES Cafeteria.

JOIN THE PTA BOARD NEXT YEAR! All positions available. Email mwesptapres@gmail.com for more info regarding time commitment, description of position, etc. NEED president, vice president (2 positions), recording secretary, treasurer, PTAC rep, corresponding secretary. PTA election night is May 15th.

THE WHEELER FARM'S CSA FOR PTA PROGRAM! The PTA is teaming up with **The Wheeler Farm's CSA** ! Buy fresh, local produce grown right here in Maryland. Purchase a season's share and receive a weekly box of the freshest harvest during the local growing season. (20 weeks: May 22nd - Oct 13th, no delivery July 4th week.) Half Shares are available too! Sign up on <http://www.thewheelerfarm.com>. Click "CSA" and then click "2017 CSA for PTA". Select "Manor Woods Elementary School" from the drop down box. Bon Appetite! Questions? Contact Jen Shea mwesptavpl@gmail.com.

SCHOOL SUPPLY FUNDRAISER! Coming Soon! The PTA will be selling SchoolKidz "Teacher Tailored School Supply Kits" for the 2017-18 school year. Information coming after Spring Break. Questions? Contact Jen Shea mwesptavpl@gmail.com.

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BJ'S QUARTERLY DISCOUNTS FOR RENEWING OR APPLYING (FOR) MEMBERSHIP: Renew or sign up through the PTA and receive a DISCOUNT – \$15 off the \$50 annual membership fee or \$25 off the \$100 Rewards membership fee, PLUS 1 additional month FREE! Applications are available on the PTA web site, www.mwespta.org.

CALLING ALL VENDORS! The PTA is looking for Manor Woods family members who may be interested in selling their wares at the "Fun Day Market" at the annual Manor Woods Fun Day event on May 12, 2017. "Buy" a table for \$75 and sell your items to a captive audience of Manor Woods parents and children. For more information, contact Jen Gallagher at JPerry1228@gmail.com.

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.

CALLING ALL 4TH AND 5TH GRADE BOYS!!! LET ME RUN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!! Let Me Run is a running program for 4th-8th grade boys. The spring season starts on Wednesday, April 3rd, and meets every Monday and Wednesdays after school at MWES (except ½ days or when afterschool activities are cancelled) for an hour and thirty minutes, and ends with a season ending 5K race on Sunday, June 4th, 2017. To learn more and to register, go to <http://www.letmerun.org/region/Howard-county-Maryland>. Questions? Please Email Volunteer LMR Coach, Girls On The Run Coach, and 3rd and 5th Grade Parent, Linda Mattes @ LindaRN78@yahoo.com.

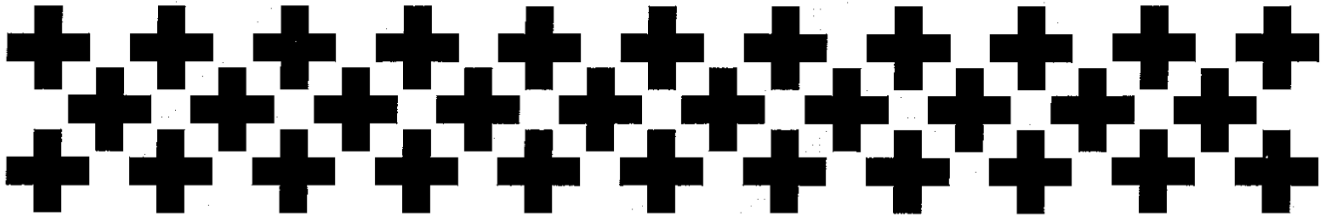
JAZZ AT THE RIDGE - APRIL 5TH: Marriotts Ridge High School Music Program will present our annual Jazz at the Ridge concert in the Marriotts Ridge High School Theater on Wednesday, April 5th, 2017 at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and can be ordered by sending an email to jazzattheridge@gmail.com

MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS SUMMER CAMP: MRHS Boosters sponsored summer camps with MRHS Athletic Coaches and Fine Arts Teachers take place each summer. We offer a complete selection of Sports and Music/Fine Arts Camps to choose from for students in 1st-12th grades. In addition to all our traditional sports and music camps, NEW THIS YEAR, we are offering Let's Get Cooking Culinary Camp and a Multi-Sport camp. Most camps run for 5 days with weekly sessions beginning June 9th and ending the week of July 31st. Early Bird Registration Special of \$140.00 a week ends 5/19/17 so sign up today to get the deal! To register and get more information including the camp descriptions and schedules, please go to the MRHS Booster's web page www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps or for questions, email summercamps@mrhs-boosters.com.

RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS SUMMER CAMP: Come out to Reservoir High School for sports camp the week of July 17-21. The camp is designed for rising 2nd-9th graders and features different sports everyday. Last year we played: flag football, soccer, capture the football, basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, tennis, modified softball, team handball, scooter games and many many others. The camp is designed so that each sport/activity lasts roughly 1 hour, so campers will have the opportunity to play many different sports each day. Phil Ranker runs the camp and teaches Physical Education at Lime Kiln middle school. Please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com/> or email phillip_ranker@hcpss.org for any questions. Please be sure to include the number of tickets needed and your contact information in the email.

American Red Cross

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**Blood Drive
Manor Woods
Elementary School**

**Bloodmobile
11575 Frederick Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042**

**Monday, May 1, 2017
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

Please visit redcrossblood.org and key in sponsor code: manorwoodselementary



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