MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Week of April 24, 2017

CALENDAR

April 24	PTA Meeting (MWES Media Center – 7:00 p.m.)
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 (MWES Cafeteria 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
April 27	Grade 5 – Field Trip to Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
May l	American Red Cross Bloodmobile at MWES (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm.)
May 2	Hearing and Vision Re-Screenings
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.)
May 12	Grade 1 – Field Trip to the Maryland Science Center (9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
May 12	PTA Fun Day (3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
May 16	Band Concert (MWES Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.)
May 18	Progress Reports issued
May 18	Incoming ('17-'18) Kindergarten Parent Meeting (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
May 19	Schools closed for students – Professional Learning Day
May 23	Grade 5 Middle School Visits
May 26	Field Day (8:45 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.)

SCHOOL NEWS (new or updated items in blue)

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

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.

<u>VISION AND HEARING SCREENING</u>: Screening will be held for grades K-1st on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 25th</u>. 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.

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

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THE EVENING OF EXCELLENCE: Come join us for the evening of excellence on May 23, 2017 from 6-7 p.m. in the Manor Woods Elementary cafeteria. Students who participated in a Curriculum Extension Unit, Instructional Seminar or GT Math program will have work on display and are eager to share what they've learned. Additionally, you will be serenaded by some of our very talented orchestra students. Come out and see what we've been doing all year!

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Field Day will be on Friday, May 26th. We are looking to have as many parents to help us as possible. This year, volunteers will be responsible for a station outside to assist different classes through the activity. Directions will be provided to help volunteers facilitate the station. If you are available to help us on the 26th, please go to the following link to sign up: http://www.tinyurl.com/mwesFD2017. Thanks for your help and we look forward to seeing you on May 27th. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Peksa karyn_peksa@hcpss.org or Ms. Holocker allison_holocker@hcpss.org.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN FOR THE '17-'18 SCHOOL YEAR! Families of children who will be five years old by September 1, 2017 are urged to register for Kindergarten as soon as possible! Staffing for Kindergarten for next school year is based on the number of registered Kindergarten students. 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 Kindergartner 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/.

CRAYOLA MARKER RECYCLING PROGRAM: Manor Woods students and families have been collecting used, dried-out markers for recycling throughout the school year. 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.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT MANOR WOODS: Remember to check out the classes available for after school enrichment this spring. Club STEM, Legos, Drama and more! Many are starting soon and classes are filling up! Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/mfxwezg. (see flyer at end of newsletter)

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/.

G/T SUMMER INSTITUTE ART! Mrs. Schroder will be teaching two 2-week sessions of Exploring Fiber Art through the Howard County GT Summer Institute for Talent Development for incoming 2nd and 3rd grade students. Students will learn different fiber art techniques including, sewing, felting, and weaving. These skills will be used to create fun functional art pieces like puppets and plush monsters! Please contact Mrs. Schroder if you are interested as soon as possible! Michele_Schroder@hcpss.org.

PTA NEWS

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

FUN DAY TEE SHIRTS: Please check your child's backpack, the end of the newsletter or the PTA website www.mwespta.org for a form to pre-order a tee shirt. You can also log on to our school store at http://mwespta.3dcartstores.com/ to place your order. Questions about t-shirts? Call Kelly Snow (443) 926-3602 or kesnow19@gmail.com. A flyer with additional information about Fun Day is at the end of the newsletter as well!

FUN DAY --- 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. Thirty One, Pampered Chef, Lularoe, or other wares are welcome! For more information, contact Jen Gallagher at IPERRY1228@gmail.com

PTA NEWS

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

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.

MWES INTERNATIONAL NIGHT: April 26th, 6 pm – 8 pm, MWES Cafeteria. Please join us on April 26th, at 6:00pm for an evening showcasing the international diversity and unity at Manor Woods. Please come to show and share and explore the rich international culture each of us bring to Manor Woods. We will immerse in international cultural display, food and talent performance. Please encourage your children to showcase their talents like singing, dancing, playing instruments, etc. You can sign your kids up to perform by Tuesday night by emailing Phillip Peng at ppeng08@gmail.com.

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, and 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: The PTA will be selling SchoolKidz "Teacher Tailored School Supply Kits" for the 2017-18 school year. Information coming soon! Questions? Contact Jen Shea mwesptavpl@gmail.com.

PTA IS CONSIDERING A 'BRICK' FUNDRAISER to be used to beautify the front walkway around the flagpole. Also, we can buy the first brick to thank Mr. Weisner for his dedication to HCPSS for all these years... 41, I think! Does anyone know a bricklayer? anyone that sells bricks, etc??? Please contact Aggie Wojdon at mwesptapres@gmail.com.

FROM THE PTA REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE: ASK THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GIVE MWES PORTABLES AND ADDITIONAL TEACHERS! Please go to the following website and sign the petition to have your voice heard. https://www.change.org/p/howard-county-board-of-education-ask-the-howard-county-board-of-education-to-give-mwesportables-and-additional-teachers.

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.

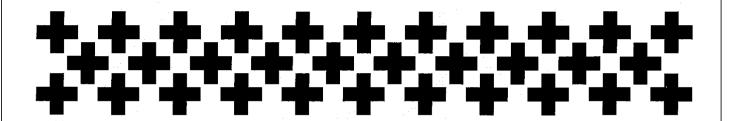
SPRING 2017 AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS & TRIPS AND TOURS SPRING-SUMMER: see attached flyers from Howard County Recreation and Parks at the end of newsletter.

<u>MARRIOTTS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS SUMMER CAMP:</u> To register and for more information including the camp descriptions and schedules, please go to the MRHS Booster's web page <u>www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps</u> or for questions, email summercamps@mrhs-boosters.com.

RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS SUMMER CAMP: Reservoir High School for sports camp - week of July 17-21. Please visit http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com/ or email phillip ranker@hcpss.org for any questions.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



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.rog and key in sponsor code: manorwoodselementary



Family Fun Day is Coming! Friday, May 12 r your Fun Day to Calling All Vendors

Don't forget to order your Fun Day to shirts.



Deadline to order is April 21. T-shirts are \$8 for students and parents (\$10 for XXL). Order yours today! Download order form at http://www.mwespta.com

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JPerry1228@gmail.com.

New this year!! MWES Raffle

Kids, this year you have your chance to win raffle items supplied by your very own teachers! Buy raffle tickets to enter and win one of several teacher experiences and prizes including...

Breakfast with 2nd grade Sculpture making with Mrs. Hoskins Ice Cream Party with Team 1 Recess monitor for the day Lunch Bunch for you and friends

Stay tuned for more information about getting your tickets!

Get excited for the games!!

Astrojump Obstacle Course Minute to Win It Face Painting Balloon Artists Bubble Soccer Water Balloons Laser Tag Carnival Games

And don't forget the food: Pizza and food from Town Grill!

FUN DAY T-SHIRTS ON SALE NOW

FUN DAY is Friday May 12, 2017 3:30-7:00pm

Enjoy carnival style games, food and fun for the whole family!!

Commemorate this end of year celebration with a FUN DAY T-SHIRT



Pre-orders are Due by Friday, April 21, 2016
Limited amount of shirts available day of the event

Fun Day T-Shirt - ONLY \$8.00

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Spring 2017 After-School Classes and other programs held at

Manor Woods Elementary

Register early, programs fill quickly!



Crafts & Fine Arts

• Info: Melissa Calleri, 410-313-4721 or mcalleri@howardcountymd.gov.

KidzArt After School **flick**r

Enjoy a fun, unique, confidence-building art experience. Our drawing-based curriculum delivers highly engaging and educationally rich creative experiences that amaze and delight. Create a masterpiece each week. Explore artist-grade mediums such as Prismacolor ArtStix, Oil Pastels, Chalk Pastels, Charcoal, Watercolor, Clay, Copper, Textured Papers and more! Bring a nut-free snack to be eaten while supervised between school dismissal and class. Materials included in registration fee. Grades K-5 Classes: 8

RP0113.308 Apr 20 3:35-4:35pm Th \$144

Theater Arts

• Info: Melissa Calleri, 410-313-4721 or mcalleri@howardcountymd.gov.

Superheroes On Stage Drama Showcase by Drama Learning Center

Bring a pencil and binder to class. Please also bring a nut-free snack to be eaten while supervised between school dismissal and when class begins. Session culminates in a short showcase performance at the end of the last class, complete with superhero flair! Visit www.howardcountymd.gov/drama for complete schedule. Grades K-5 Classes: 6

RP1040.303 May 10 3:35-5:35pm W \$85





















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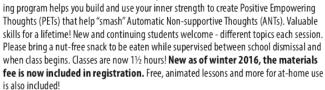


Personal Development

• Info: Scott Corning, 410-313-4622 or scorning@howardcountymd.gov.

P.E.T. Club Kid Empowerment

Empowering you to successfully navigate life's inevitable challenges is our mission! Through a variety of engaging games, activities and motivational cartoon lessons, this fun and entertain-



Grades 2-3 Classes: 6 RP3333.310 Apr 26 3:25-4:55pm W \$159

Classes continued on the back...

Registration: 410-313-7275 (voice/relay), www.howardcountymd.gov/rap or 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046

Financial Aid: Limited financial assistance available for Howard County residents that qualify. Information: 410-313-4659.

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Science & Technology

• Info: Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Bricks4Kidz LEGO® After School Everglades/Life Science

This 6-class session covers both topics - Exploring the Everglades and Life Science! Everglades: Build an alligator with a mouth that opens and closes, an airboat to speed across the water, a bird with wings that flap and imagine yourself on a journey through the Everglades! This unique and fragile ecosystem is the only sub-tropical preserve in North America, and you learn what makes it a special place, without the mosquito bites! Also learn why mosquitos are actually very important pests! Shrink down to mini-figure size and climb aboard our LEGO® airboat tour through one of our country's largest national parks! Life Science: Explore the fascinating science of living things while building models of creatures from caterpillars to dinosaurs! Topics include: how the human body stays cool, the amazing life cycle of a butterfly, and the Venus Fly Trap - a plant that eats bugs! If you love creatures - this class is for you! Bricks4kidz is a STEM-based program that teaches science and technology concepts using LEGO® bricks. (No class 5/29.) Info: www.bricks4kidz.com/ellicottcity-md.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6

RP3329.305 Apr 24 3:30-4:30pm M \$99

Club STEM After School with Ms. Holly Walker

Now open to grades 1-5! Get ready for the messiest, yummiest, and loudest Club STEM ever!! For this session we will break out the most favorite experiments of the year. Some of the investigations will include soda explosions, Alka-selter rockets, screaming balloons, and making ice cream (who doesn't like ice cream?). Come join us and have a blast (literally) as we investigate, question, and hypothesize. You won't want to miss the best Club STEM of the year! Please bring a nut-free snack to be eaten while supervised between school dismissal and when class begins. \$40 materials fee due at first class.

Grades 1-5 Classes: 6

RP3344.301 Apr 27 3:30-4:30 Th \$99

Minecraft Animation After School with C3 Cyber Club

Do you want to become an animator? Using Mine-imator software, enjoy learning basic animation techniques with Minecraft characters and stages! Expand your observation skills and imagination by studying motion in reality and how it influences motion in animation. Create various short animation exercises and projects by applying basic acting theories and animation principles to scenes they create.

Grades 1-3 Classes: 6

RP3328.303 Apr 25 3:30-4:30pm Tu \$145

NEW! Robot Rumble After School with Club SciKid

Have you ever wondered how robots think? With Robot Rumble, students become an engineer and learn the true definition of a robot.

Learn how programming is used to control robotic functions when you build and program simple robots. Robots come home with students! (No class 5/19.) Info: www.clubscikidz.com.

Grades K-3 Classes: 6

RP3345.306 Apr 21 3:30-4:45pm F \$119

What to Do When Schools Are Closed

www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool

April 10-14

Bricks4Kidz LEGO® Schools Out Programs Bricks4Kidz LEGO® Spring Break Camp Chess Spring Break Camp with Silver Knights Chess Creative Engineering Spring Break Mini-Camp Instrument Explorers Spring Break Camp Jr. Development Tennis Spring Break Camp Jr. USA Team Tennis Spring Break Camp with Shantha Chandra KidzArt Spring Break Camp: Around the World Let's Dance Spring Break Camp Let There Be Rock! Spring Break Camp Planet Recreation Spring Break Camp Spring Break Cooking Camp Spring Break Drama Camp Spring Break Volleyball Academy STEM Fundamentals: Mine, Craft, Build with LEGO® Spring Break Camp U. K. Sports Week Spring Break Camp Ultimate Sports & Games Spring Break Camp

April 12

NEW! Amazing 4-in-1 Robot Spring Break Mini-Camp

April 17

Kidz Sing at Olenka School of Music NEW! LEGO® Engineering School's Out Workshop School's Out Archery, Fishing & Kayaking School's Out Drama Workshop

May 19

NEW! LEGO® Engineering School's Out Workshop Meadowbrook School's Out Basketball School's Out Archery, Fishing & Kayaking School's Out Drama Workshop



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APRIL 10

The Smithsonian National Zoo

Get ready to see some of the most exotic and unique animals at the nearby National Zoo. Founded in 1889, the Zoo is part of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum and research complex. Today, the Zoo sits on 163 acres in the heart of Washington, D.C.'s Rock Creek Park and is home to more than 1,500 animals across 300 different species. All exhibits are wheelchair accessible. Visitors are welcome to bring their own food and snacks; additionally, the National Zoo offers a wide variety of dining options including six restaurants and numerous food carts, stands, and kiosks located throughout the park. All Ages \$35

RP4506.301 9am-4:30pm M

APRIL 30

Hershey Theater -Riverdance

The international Irish dance phenomenon is back by popular demand at Hershey Theater in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Drawing on Irish traditions, the combined talents of the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day, capturing the imagination of audiences across all ages and cultures in an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music and song. Of all the performances to emerge from Ireland - nothing has carried the energy and the spectacle of Riverdance. Lunch and snacks are self-provided. Food and small personal coolers are allowed on the motorcoach. Registration deadline is March 31. 13 yrs + \$100

RP4507.301 10am-6:30pm Sun

JUNE 1

Summer of Spectacle at Longwood Gardens!

A beautiful setting for everyone to see in Kennet Square, Pennsylvania! Longwood Gardens is a living expression of all that founder Pierre S. du Pont found inspiring, meaningful, and beautiful. From the intricate fountain systems to the meticulous gardens to the architectural grandeur, awe-inspiring discoveries await at every turn. Experience the Main Fountain Garden—the jewel of the most significant fountain collection in the United States on this trip! The facility offers a variety of dining options and also includes a dedicated picnic area for guests to enjoy their own foods and snacks. The property is wheelchair accessible.

<u>6 yrs + \$80</u> RP4507.401 9am-6pm Th

JUNE 6

New York City -**Times Square**

Spend the day on your own in the Big Apple. Experience Times Square, see a Broadway Show, visit a museum, shop, or take a walk through Central Park. Get dropped off in the heart of downtown and spend the day your way. Plenty to see and lots to do on our one day bus trip to NYC from Maryland, Wear comfortable walking shoes and explore the city that never sleeps! Motor coach has a restroom on board. You may bring food and small personal coolers on the bus. 6 yrs + \$75

RP4508.401 8am-10pm Tu

There are two pick-up and drop-off locations for your convenience. Locations: The Bain Center in Columbia and Long Gate Park & Ride in Ellicott City.



Howard County













Registration: 410-313-7275, www.howardcountymd.gov/rap, or 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046.

Information: Tracy Adkins, 410-313-7279 or

tadkins@howardcountymd.gov.