

MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Week of May 1, 2017

CALENDAR

May 1	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	PTA Spirit Day: Celebrate Sports and Fitness
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 (4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
May 15	PTA Meeting (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 23	Evening of Excellence (6:00 p.m. at MWES)
May 26	Field Day (8:45 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.)
May 29	Schools closed, Memorial Day
June 1	Orchestra Concert (7:00 p.m. at Marriotts Ridge High School)

SCHOOL NEWS (new or updated items in blue)

CONGRATULATIONS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PARTICIPANTS! On Friday, April 21, over 50 of our 5th grade students participated in this exciting and challenging literature competition sponsored by the Howard County Library System. We're proud of all our 5th grade students & their coaches who participated and a special shout out to our 1st place winners, Nihal Madirala, Alex Yang, Brandon Li, Jason Li and Thiru Sethuraman and their team coaches, Jun Li and Bo Yang. Congratulations to all for their hard work!

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 - May 1; English/Language Arts - May 9, 11, 15
Grade 4: English/Language Arts - May 10, 12, 17

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. Only 13 appointments still available; so don't wait to register to save lives. For more information and to register see flyer at end of newsletter or go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass>.

VISION AND HEARING RESCREENING: Re-screening will be held Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

THE EVENING OF EXCELLENCE: Come join us for the evening of excellence on May 23, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 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_pekسا@hcpss.org or Ms. Hollocker allison_hollocker@hcpss.org.

SCHOOL NEWS

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 the MWES school office at 410-313-7165 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/>.

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/mfxwezq>.

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

Additional information available on the PTA website www.mwespta.org.

SONIC RESTAURANT NIGHT: May 3rd, 5 pm -9 pm, at Rt. 40 location, proceeds go to MWES PTA.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK – Week of May 1st! The PTA will be hosting a luncheon on Wednesday, May 3 for teachers and staff. Please use the link below for the Google Doc Signup. We need lots of food items, and a few volunteers. We are also collecting monetary donations towards the luncheon. If you would like to make a contribution, please send money in an envelope marked "Monica Parsons / MWES PTA HOSPITALITY." Please have all food items in the teacher's workroom by 10:15 am on Wednesday and use disposable containers if you can! Please contact Monica Parsons 410-903-1714 with any questions. Please use the Google link signup:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1if6_2hBY4cZL0qw1F3wwpho8cYp9DTxCFTaBCL_EJXM/edit?usp=sharing.

SPIRIT WEAR DAY: Friday May 5th. Celebrate Sports and Fitness Day! (in recognition of National Celebration of Sports and PE)

FUN DAY IS FRIDAY MAY 12th FROM 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.. The later start time is to give kids a chance to go home first before coming to Fun Day. Please do not pick up your child at the end of the school day then wait for Fun Day to begin as this makes pick up very chaotic and unsafe and makes it difficult for buses to leave on time.

- **Fun Day needs many volunteers** to be a great day - please volunteer. Sign up to volunteer on the sign up genius <http://bit.ly/funday17>, or with the flyer found at the PTA website www.mwespta.org or in your child's Friday Folder.
- **Purchase tickets and raffle tickets** at <http://mwespta.3dcartstores.com> or complete and return the form found in your child's take home folder or PTA website.
- **Donations of baked goods for our bake sale are welcomed too!** Just let Amy Hanna know if you can donate a treat - anbrewster@live.com.

PTA NEWS

FUN DAY - FRIDAY MAY 12th FROM 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Fun Day old favorites are returning this year at including face-painting, balloon twisters, laser tag, bubble soccer, minute to win it, photo booth, Kona Ice, Mother's Day shop, carnival games and much more. We have cool new stuff too - including an inflatable obstacle course, balloon blaster game, multiple magic shows, raffles for awesome teacher prizes and experiences (tickets separate from regular Fun Day tickets), and delicious food at our concession stand including food sales from Town Grill, pizza and a yummy baked goods at our bake sale. This year is sure to be the best Fun Day ever - don't miss out on what has become a Manor Woods tradition so loved that our MWES alumni return year after year to volunteer and participate!!!
Any questions or concerns about Fun Day contact lisadelmonte@verizon.net.

CALLING ALL VENDORS FOR FUN DAY! 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. Contact Jen Gallagher at JPerry1228@gmail.com.

NEXT PTA MEETING: May 15th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

JOIN THE PTA BOARD NEXT YEAR! Email mwesptapres@gmail.com for more info regarding time commitment, description of position, etc. NEED President Elect, recording secretary, PTAC rep, and corresponding secretary. PTA election night is May 2nd before the chorus concert.

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 mwesptavp1@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 mwesptavp1@gmail.com.

PTA IS CONSIDERING A 'BRICK' FUNDRAISER to be used to beautify the front walkway around the flagpole. Please contact Aggie Wojdon at mwesptapres@gmail.com for details.

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.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS WHO WILL BE MOVING TO BURLEIGH MANOR MS NEXT YEAR: BMMS PTA- BMMS PTA is looking for volunteers for the 2017/18 school year in many areas including: Membership VP, Fundraising, Staff Appreciation, Reflections Arts Program, Back to School Bash and Battle of the Books. To volunteer or to get more information, please contact Margaret Glyder at glyders@comcast.net.

FROM THE PTA REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE:

- **FROM THE PTA REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE:** ACT NOW! On May 4th we will present a petition to the Howard County Board of Education requesting portable classrooms and additional teachers for next year. Please go to the following website and sign the petition by May 1st to have your voice heard: <https://goo.gl/BnSQ7E>
- **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>.
- **REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE CONTACT:** Jen Grams will now be our lead contact person for our redistricting committee. If you have any questions or would like to join the redistricting committee please feel free to contact her at jjgrams@gmail.com. Or check out there Facebook page Mobilize Manor Woods.

COMMUNITY NEWS

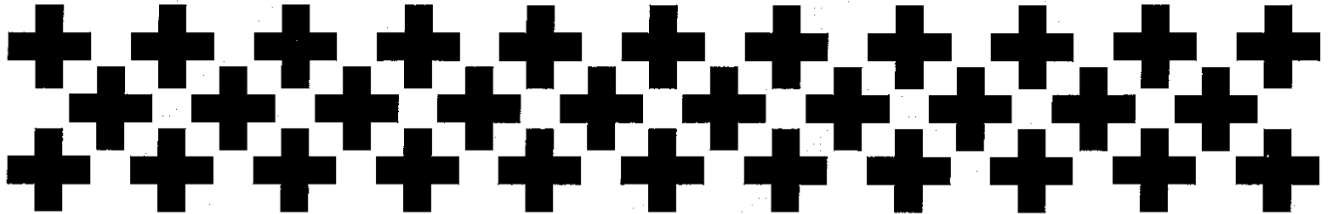
Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for additional announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS SUMMER CAMP: To register and for 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: 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.org and key in sponsor code: manorwoodselementary



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