

MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Week of May 8, 2017

CALENDAR

May 11	Rescheduled - Kindergarten Field Trip to Green Meadow Farms (9:15 a.m. – 1:30 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 (7:00 p.m. - MWES Cafeteria)
May 18	Grade 2 – Field Trip to The Maryland Zoo (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
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 at MWES (6:00 p.m.)
May 24	Progress Reports Issued
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)
June 2	PTA Spirit Day: Beach/Summer Theme
June 5	Grade 2 – “Going Buggy” play (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.), Picnic
June 6	Grade 5 – Simulated Congressional Hearings (SCH) (10:00 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.)
June 7	Grade 3 – Folktales Celebration (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.), Picnic
June 7	('17-'18) Kindergarten Families-“Popsicles on the Playground” (3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
June 8	Grade 5 Picnic
June 9	Grade 1 “Lovin Kindness” Play (9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.), Picnic
June 9	Grade 4 Picnic
June 12	Kindergarten End of Year Program (9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.), Picnic
June 13	Grade 5 – Promotion Ceremony (9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)
June 13	School closes 3 hours early (dismissal: 12:15 p.m.)
June 14	Flag Day Ceremony (8:50 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.)
June 14	Last day of School, school closes 3 hours early (dismissal: 12:15 p.m.)
June 14	Q4 Report Cards mailed home

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

BOWIE BAYSOX READING INCENTIVE NIGHT: Back by popular demand! “Read & Hit A Home Run” Reading Program! (see flyer at end of newsletter for details!) If your child reads at least 4 books during the reading incentive challenge then the Bowie Baysox wants to honor your child. Going home with child this week is a free ticket to attend the game on Saturday, May 20th at 6:35 p.m. Attached to the ticket are details for reduced price tickets for parents and families. If you have any questions regarding the reduced ticket prices please contact Chris Rogers at crogers@baysox.com. If you have questions regarding your child's free ticket to the game please email Natalie Miskimins at Natalie_Miskimins@hcpss.org. (flyer at end of newsletter)

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!

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FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Field Day is 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>. **We are also in need of 3 oz. paper/plastic cups for Field Day water stations. If you would like to donate a package please send in to your child's homeroom teacher.** Thanks for your help and we look forward to seeing you on May 26th. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Peksa karyn_pekسا@hcpss.org or Ms. Holocker allison_holocker@hcpss.org.

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/>.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE CHORUS MEMBERS FOR TWO WONDERFUL SPRING CONCERTS! Thank you for the beautiful cards, flowers and gift that were given to me at the evening concert. The singing was beautiful and I was extremely proud of you! Sincerely, Mrs. Rinaldi

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>.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th: The last day of school for students and teachers will be Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Manor Woods will close 3 hours early (at 12:15 p.m.) on June 13th and June 14th.

PTA NEWS

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

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

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 JPerry1228@gmail.com.

JOIN THE PTA BOARD NEXT YEAR! Email mwesptapres@gmail.com for more info regarding time commitment, description of position, etc. PTA election night is May 15th. Individuals running for positions are as follows:

President: Wendy Williams-Abrams and Phillip Peng

President Elect:

Treasurer: Rachael Gross

Corresponding Secretary: Shannon Simmis

PTAC: Roger Hermodsson

Recording Secretary: Ginger Burcham

VP1: Jen Shea

VP2: Jen Flury

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 NEWS

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? Does anyone that sells bricks, etc??? Please contact Aggie Wojdon at mwesptapres@gmail.com.

PTA 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 jygrams@gmail.com. Check their Facebook page, "Mobilize Manor Woods."

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS WHO WILL BE MOVING TO BURLEIGH MANOR MS NEXT YEAR: BMMS PTA- Do you want to get involved at Burleigh Manor MS and wonder how you can help? BMMS PTA is looking for volunteers for the 2017/18 school year! There are openings 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.

FUN DAY IS FRIDAY MAY 12th. This year the event is 4:00 - 7:30. The later start time is to give kids a chance to go home first before coming to Fun Day. Please do not arrange to pick up your child from the school and wait until Fun Day starts as this makes pick up very chaotic and unsafe and also makes it difficult for buses to leave on-time. Flyers went home with Friday Folders last week with forms for ordering Fun Day tickets and Raffle tickets as well as signing up to volunteer. Fun Day needs many volunteers to be a great day - please please please volunteer. Copies of the forms that were sent home may be found on our website at mwespta.org Here is a link to buy tickets online <http://mwespta.3dcartstores.com> Here is a link to sign up to volunteer on sign up genius <http://bit.ly/funday17> And we can always use donations to the bake sale as well - just let Amy Hanna know if you can donate a treat - anbrewster@live.com

We have old favorites returning this year like face-painting (hey parents - we have 4 face painters this year!), balloon twisters, laser tag, bubble soccer, minute to win it, photo booth, Kona Ice, Mother's Day shop, carnival games and so much more. We have cool new stuff including an inflatable obstacle course, balloon blaster game, multiple magic shows (each with different tricks so you can see more than one), raffles for awesome teacher prizes and experiences (these tickets are separate from regular Fun Day tickets), and food sales from Town Grill which just opened at the old Foster's store next to Pink Cabbage. They have awesome BBQ if you are getting sick of pizza (no worries we still have pizza etc. at our concession stand as well as our bake sale for extra yummy treats). 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.

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.

HOW GIRLS CODE: HowGirlsCode is proud to partner with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and the National Security Agency to offer another year of Mind, Body & Coding camp for girls entering grades 3-9. Girls will challenge their minds through coding and robotics and will nurture their bodies and well being through yoga, meditation, and self-empowerment exercises all while focusing on the arts and creative dance expression. Session 1 runs July 10-14 and Session 2 runs July 17-21. The camp day is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with supervised drop-off beginning at 8:30 a.m. and pick-up ending at 4:00 p.m. Discount code available for HowGirlsCode class alumni and generous scholarships are given for FARMS students. For more information and registration, [visit our website](#).

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.



Dear Families:

Mark your calendars! **Back By Popular Demand!** It's time for the 2017 Bowie Baysox **"Read & Hit a Home Run" Reading Program** and you are invited

This year marks the 21st year that the Bowie Baysox (Class AA Minor League Baseball Affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles) has worked with local schools to promote student reading and to recognize those who successfully complete this program. Your child has been invited to read four books inside or outside of the classroom to meet our program requirement. Each student who reads the required four books will receive one **FREE ticket** to attend YOUR school's Reading Night at the Bowie Baysox game. Students from Anne Arundel, Howard & Queen Anne's Counties will be recognized!

If your child reads the four books, they will receive a ticket for our **Saturday, May 20, 2017** game at **6:35pm**. Students should arrive an hour before game time for the on-field parade for **YOUR** child that starts at 5:50pm. Also, stay after the game to watch a spectacular **FIREWORKS** show!

You will have a chance to purchase discounted tickets for the special night at a later time so you, too, can recognize your child's achievement. You can purchase these tickets either on the phone at 301-464-4880, or on the Baysox ticket purchase page for Saturday, May 20 at **BAYSOX.com**. To order on **BAYSOX.com**, click Tickets & Promotions in upper left corner of home page, then click Individual Game Tickets, then click Buy Tickets for May 20 and use Special Offer Code **READING6** or via mail with the ticket flyer your teachers will be distributing with the free ticket. Tickets start at only \$5.50 each. Your child's teacher or program coordinator will have more information in April.

The Baysox hope to see you when we celebrate the achievements of the 2017 Reading Program participants at the ballpark! Great schools, and great students like your child, have helped make this program one of the most successful reading programs in the state.

Our best to you and your child during this busy school year!

Sincerely,

Matt Wilson
Communications & Community Programs Manager
Bowie Baysox Baseball Club
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