

MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Week of December 26, 2016 - January 2, 21017

CALENDAR

December 24 - Jan 1	Winter Break
January 2	School Back in Session
January 5	Schoolwide Spelling Bee (1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)
January 6	MRHS Cluster Chorus Concert (at MRHS 7:00 p.m.)
January 9	Burleigh Manor Middle School – Parent Info. Night for Incoming 6 th graders at Burleigh Manor Middle School – 6:30 p.m.
January 10	Mt. View Middle School – Parent Info. Night for Incoming 6 th graders at Mt. View Middle School – 6:30 p.m.
January 12	Club/Team Pictures
January 13	PTA Spirit Day - Decades Day! 70's, 80's, or 90's
January 16	Schools and Offices Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19	Orchestra Concert (7:00 p.m. at Marriotts Ridge High School)
January 23	PTA Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
January 24	Band Concert (7:00 p.m. at MWES)
January 25	3 rd grade Field Trip to UMBC (9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
January 26	PBIS Celebration – Pajama and Movie Day!
January 27	Schools closed for students – Professional Development Day
January 31	FIT Family Night (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at MWES)

SCHOOL NEWS

(new or updated items in blue)

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS: Please stop by the front lobby at school and take a look at the lost and found items (clothes, umbrellas, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, just to name a few) turned in so far this school year. See if anything looks familiar! **Any item not claimed after January 6th will donated to the Homewood School.**

GUIDELINES FOR OUTSIDE RECESS: Children are expected to wear warm clothing to protect them during cold weather when participating in recess or outside activities. **The decision to go outside or stay inside for recess is the decision of the administrator at individual schools.**

The following are to be considered in determining if recess is to be held outside:

- **Temperature and humidity**
- **Wind chill**
- **Heat index and air quality**
- **Age of students**
- **Length of time outdoors**
- **Adequacy of the children's clothing**
- **Condition of the playground**
- **Falling precipitation (more than a sprinkle or mist)**
- **Thunder and lightning**

Generally, it is assumed that students will be outside for recess when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit or the heat index reading is less than 95.

Important: Children with certain health conditions may need special accommodations during extremely hot or cold weather. Parents of those children are to provide medical documentation and/or be consulted for determining if other arrangements are necessary. During hot weather, teachers should provide students a water break before and after recess. Additionally, any student who shows signs of heat exhaustion or overheating should be allowed a water break during the recess period.

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JOIN THE FIFTH GRADE CHORUS AT THE MRHS CLUSTER CHORUS CONCERT: The Manor Woods Fifth Grade Chorus will perform in the *Seventh Annual Marriotts Ridge Cluster Chorus Concert* on Friday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the MRHS auditorium. We will perform with choruses from Waverly ES, West Friendship ES, Burleigh Manor MS, Mt. View MS and Marriotts Ridge HS. It will be a grand night for choral music! Come cheer us on!

ATTENTION 5th GRADE PARENTS: MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS FOR PARENTS OF INCOMING 6th GRADERS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED: As part of the ES to MS transition, all middle schools will be holding Parent Information Nights for incoming 6th grade students during the month of January.

January 9 Burleigh Manor Middle School - 6:30 p.m.

January 10 Mt. View Middle School - 6:30 p.m.

These meetings will include general information about the school as well as the 6th grade program of study. A portion of the presentation will be dedicated to the G/T program and 6th grade world language instruction at middle schools that have world language in 6th grade.

FIT FAMILY NIGHT: FIT Family Night will be January 31st, 2017 from 6-8 pm. **Save the date for this FREE family wellness event!** Highlights include participating in **Boot Camp, Karate, Zumba, and Yoga** in addition to Wellness Tables and a Parent Nutritional Workshop. To register for the event, go to <http://bit.ly/2bWkEMl>. On the registration form, please also click "add additional registrant" to include all family members attending. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karyn Peksa at karyn_pekسا@hcpss.org.

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TREX RECYCLING PROGRAM AT MWES: So far in the month of December we have collected 105 pounds of plastic! Manor Woods is participating in the Trex Recycling Program. Please send in clean, dry, empty plastic bags, film packaging or wrap. The plastic can be placed in specially marked boxes at MWES. The plastic that is collected will be weighed weekly, and the data is sent to Trex. MWES is in competition with other schools in the region, and can win a bench made from Trex decking material. The plastic collection program runs through April. Instead of recycling your bread bags, plastic overwrap or bubble wrap at your local store, please send it to MWES to help us win the competition and win at saving space in our landfills. The plastic will be made into Trex decking supplies. If you are willing to help with this project by picking up the plastic weekly at MWES and delivering it to Safeway, Food Lion or Giant, please contact Mrs. Sorkin at alison_sorkin@hcpss.org.

FOOD PANTRY FRIDAYS: Thank you to all those who've donated non-perishable food for our Food Pantry Fridays initiative. 5th grade Student Leaders have packed 20 boxes of food for Howard County residents in need. It's not too late to donate! We'll continue collecting non-perishable food throughout the school year. Students can drop off donations in the shopping cart in the front lobby. Thank you again for your generous support.

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>.

PTA NEWS

Please see the PTA website at www.mwespta.org for the following, plus more news and details!

PTA MEMBERSHIP: Did you know the cost of **your PTA membership is tax deductible?** A contribution letter will be sent home in January (via your child's take home folder) for all PTA family memberships and duck patrons. If you have a single membership and would like a contribution letter, please email Marna Schacknies at mwesptatreas@gmail.com.

NEXT PTA MEETING WILL BE 1/23/17!!!

ATTENDANCE AREA COMMITTEE: Consider applying! When redistricting is planned, an Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is appointed by the Superintendent. The AAC reviews and comments on the attendance area plans. The AAC is comprised of no more than 12 members, and may include residents from each of Howard County Public School's planning areas and one student representative. More info to follow, or search "ACC Process" on www.HCPSS.org.

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.

MRHS THE MUSIC MAN AUDITIONS: Marriotts Ridge High School seeks middle and elementary aged children to audition for their production of Meredith Wilson's **THE MUSIC MAN**. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4bada62fa6fe3-themusic1>.

