

MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2015

CALENDAR

February 16	Schools closed (Presidents' Day)
February 20	Club Picture Day (Rescheduled)
March 2 – 6	5 th Grade PARCC testing (10:05 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.) Kindergarten Registration

SCHOOL NEWS

PARCC ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE: Manor Woods students in grades 3-5 will be participating in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing this March. Please see below for specific testing dates and times:

March 2-March 6	5 th grade	8:55 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
March 9-March 13	4 th grade	10:05 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
March 16-March 20	3 rd grade	11:05 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.

We ask that parents make every attempt to avoid scheduling travel or appointments during these testing times. Thank you!

G/T SUMMER OFFERINGS: The G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development course catalog is now available online at <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/gifted-and-talented/>

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN—Registration for students entering Kindergarten in August 2015 starts on Mon., March 2nd and runs through Fri., March 6th from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Manor Woods Elementary. Parents or guardians are to register students at the school serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Information on neighborhood schools can be found through School Locator (<https://hcpss2.securesites.net/SchoolLocator/index.jsp>) on the school system web site or by calling the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682.

The following documents are needed for registration:

- Child's evidence of birth
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a lease or deed and a utility bill
- Photo ID of parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/kindergarten-registration/> to see a complete list of documents required for registration. If you have any questions about Kindergarten Registration, please call Manor Woods Elementary at 410-313-7165.

If you have a child currently attending an HCPSS PreK program, ***there is no need to reregister your student for Kindergarten.***

Pre-K Application & Registration—The Howard County Public School System offers a Pre-K program for income eligible children who will be *four years old* by September 1, 2015. Applications for the 2015-16 school year will be available beginning Mon., March 2nd. Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/pre-k-programs/> for more information.

Prekindergarten registration is a two-step process:

- Interested families must first submit an **application** with proof of income for review; income guidelines are similar to those used to determine Free and Reduced Meal status. This application must be reviewed by school administration.
- Once approved, students can be **registered** using the same list of documents required for Kindergarten registration.

MWES TOGETHER IN EDUCATION: Have you linked your Harris Teeter VIC Card to the **Manor Woods** Together in Education code, **1993**? Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of all HT brand purchases to the **Manor Woods TIE** account when your VIC card is linked to our school. Here are two easy ways to link your VIC card:

- visit your Harris Teeter store and ask your cashier to link your card to **1993**.
- visit www.HarrisTeeter.com, Community, Together in Education and link your card online.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: \$1,100 has been earned through **Box Tops for Education** so far this year. Keep sending them in! The next submission deadline is February 28. Funds are used to support programs for the children.

PTA

FAMILY READING NIGHT - We are gearing up for the first of our Spring events, scheduled for March 18th, and would welcome your planning assistance! Contact mwesvolunteers@gmail.com to let us know you're interested!

BOARD POSITIONS & COMMITTEES 2015-16 - It's the time of year when we need to start thinking about what we'd like our organization to look like *next* year. We are currently seeking ideas and interest for committees and board positions in the coming school year. If you have input or interest, please let us know: attend our meeting Monday, or send a message to mwesptapres@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT: *** Save the date*** This year's International Night will be held on Wednesday, April 15th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at MWES. If you would like to participate, please contact Adila Baig at adilabaig@gmail.com. More information and a sign up sheet will be sent home in this week's Friday Folder.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Take advantage of the opportunities PTA offers in exciting after school activities for Winter starting this month. More information on courses and registration available on our website. Please contact Michelle Yeh (myeh.michelle@gmail.com) with any questions. Also, please remember to *send in a permission slip with ALL THE DATES* your child will be attending an activity after school (dates may be found in the information packet). Make-up dates for activities missed for snow cancellations will be noted as they are available.

UPCOMING EVENTS VOLUNTEERS: Some of our best-loved Family events are just around the corner: Family Reading Night and Ice Cream Social, International Night and Fun Day! If you would like to be involved, on ANY level, please log on to our VolunteerSpot signup page at <http://vols.pt/bSnrXp>(case sensitive) and let us know what you're interested in. We're looking for folks to take on, or SHARE, chairmanship of a few events. Also, look for our event signup portal, coming soon!

For more information and news, please visit our website at www.mwespta.org, or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mwespta/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

KARAOKE & PIZZA NIGHT! The MVMS PTA Community Outreach Committee cordially invites you to join us for Karoake and Pizza!

Date: Friday, March 6th

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Where: MVMS Cafeteria

\$2.00 per slice (cheese or pepperoni)

Purchase of pizza includes **FREE** bottomless Caesar salad *and* drinks and refills (lemonade and iced tea)

Dessert: baked goods will be provided by the Community Outreach Committee student members and sold for \$1.00. **Proceeds to support Operation Smile** (<http://www.operationssmile.org>). Operation Smile provides free surgeries to repair cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities for children around the globe. *Every three minutes a child is born with a cleft. A child with a cleft has twice the odds of dying before their first birthday. Children with cleft conditions who survive may have difficulty eating, speaking, hearing or breathing properly. In some places, they are shunned and rejected. And in too many cases, their parents can't afford the surgeries they need to live a productive life.*

Questions? Contact: Theresa Yodzis at tbonell19@comcast.net, Chele

Ruetsch at chelediello@yahoo.com or Mrs. Parson at Nicole_Parson@hcpss.org.

THE MARRIOTT'S RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL TUTORING NIGHT: **Tri-M Music Honor Society will be holding its first annual Tutoring Night on Tuesday, February 24th, 2015.** Our outstanding musicians in the MRHS Tri-M organization will be providing free one-on-one tutoring to elementary and middle school students participating in choir, band, and orchestra. The tutoring will take place in 30-minute sessions from 4:00-8:00 pm at Marriotts Ridge High School. To sign up for a lesson or to ask questions, please email marrriottsridgetrim@gmail.com. Tri-M will reply with your assigned time based on first-come first-served basis. Further details will be sent out to participating students and parents upon the approach of the date. This is a great opportunity for students to prepare for the Solo & Ensemble festival! Don't let students miss out on the chance to be meet and mentored by experienced high school musicians!

MRHS MUSIC FLEA MARKET: The 7th Annual Mustang Flea Market to benefit the MRHS Music Department will be held on Saturday, March 7, 8 AM – 1 PM in the Cafeteria and Commons!

PLEASE SAVE YOUR "STUFF" AND DONATE ITEMS FOR THIS TREMENDOUSLY WORTHY CAUSE. Gently used items can be dropped off at the storage units that will be located in the parking lot behind the cafeteria.

Drop off times are:

Saturday, February 21: 9 AM - NOON

Friday, February 27: 5-8 PM

Saturday, February 28: 9 AM-NOON

THE WAVERLY REGIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (RECC): Preschool programs are now accepting applications for classes for the 2015-2016 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 and 4 years of age for the 2015-2016 school year may obtain an application package in the front office beginning February 17, 2015. All applications must be returned by March 20, 2015. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Shoemaker or Andrea Whitehead at (410) 313-2819. They can also be reached at heidi_shoemaker@hcpss.org and andrea_whitehead@hcpss.org.

iEngineer@UMD: iEngineer@UMD is a summer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp for rising 4th and 5th grade girls. This one-week commuter day camp is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn more about STEM through a variety of fun, hands-on activities. Campers will work with current University of Maryland engineering students to gain a better understanding of engineering concepts and real-world applications. Summer has never been this much fun! iEngineer@UMD is a camp that's exciting, challenging and rewarding – all at the same time. Explore the world around you! Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10, 2015 9:00 am - 3:00 pm For more information and to apply, visit <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/iengineer>

ATTENTION RUNNERS: Do you have a daughter in 3rd - 5th grade and would like to get involved in a great running program that is more than just running? We are looking for coaches for the Spring season of Girls on the Run. Contact Linda Stewart at lmstewart2@gmail.com if are interested or have any questions.

THE GLENELG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (GUMC) FOOD PANTRY: The Glenelg United Methodist Church is open every third Saturday of the Month 9 – 11 a.m. to serve those in need of grocery assistance, GUMC is located at 13900 Burntwoods Road, Glenelg. Call 410-489-7260 or email glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com. Anyone that is interested in making a donation, we are accepting cash donations. Contact us by phone or email.