

# **MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042**

**Week of October 13, 2014 and Week of October 20, 2014**

## **CALENDAR**

October 13	PTA Meeting
October 16	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Mt. Vernon Kindergarten field trip to Green Meadows Farm
October 17	Schools Closed – Professional Work Day
October 21	Barnes & Noble Night – PTA
October 23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade to Historic Ellicott City 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade to Toby's PBIS Parent Information Night, 6:30 p.m.
October 31	Halloween
November 3	Schools Closed – Professional Work Day

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

**STUDENTS' LUNCH ACCOUNTS:** If you are sending money with your child to put on his/her lunch account, please put the money in a sealed envelope with the following information: Child's name, grade, teacher, "Lunch Account Money", and the amount. This will help ensure that the money is placed into their account.

**LOBBYGUARD:** Our new security sign-in computer system is now activated. All visitors must bring a valid drivers' license to visit or volunteer in the school.

**PBIS PARENT INFORMATION MEETING:** Please join us for an informational meeting about the new Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program that we have adopted at Manor Woods. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23 in the Cafeteria. (Parents only, please! This meeting is not for children.)

**HALLOWEEN:** A letter will be sent home Thursday, 10/16, discussing the details of our Halloween celebration. Our families and special guests will be invited to join us for the parade that begins at 2:00 p.m. Please gather around the car loop to watch the parade. We ask that you leave the road and sidewalk area clear so that students have room to sit around the loop and to walk during the parade. If there is rain on that day, the parade will be cancelled. In order to maintain a safe and secure environment during the festivities, we will be unable to accommodate visitors within the building before or after the parade. Teams will coordinate volunteers to assist within the building during that time. These volunteers will be provided with a special identification tag that will be sent home prior to October 31. If you are bringing donations or costumes to the school, staff members will take items to the classroom areas for you. If your family does not wish to have your child(ren) participate in the Halloween parade and party, please notify Mrs. Summers, Principal's Secretary, so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child(ren) at school during the party/parade time.

**GIFTED AND TALENTED OFFICE:** The Gifted and Talented Office of Howard County is inviting all parents to The Gifted and Talented Parent Academy. It will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Hammond High and will provide an overview of G/T Program offerings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. After the general session, attendees will break out by level in order to address questions that they might have. For more information, please email [hcpssgtac@gmail.com](mailto:hcpssgtac@gmail.com) or [alyson\\_tommins@hcpss.org](mailto:alyson_tommins@hcpss.org) or call 410-313-6800.

**2013-14 MANOR WOODS YEARBOOKS FOR SALE:** Did you miss out on buying your yearbook at the end of last year? We have extra copies for sale in the front office. Cost is \$20 cash or check payable to Manor Woods Elementary School.

**PREVENT LOST ITEMS:** Please label ALL of your child's belongings – backpack, lunch boxes, coats....**EVERYTHING!!** If your child does misplace an item, please check the Lost and Found, located just inside the front doors of the school.

**SCHOOL ARRIVAL PROCEDURE:** The official start time for our school day is 8:45 a.m. We will only provide supervision of students before school from 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Because of supervision and security reasons, students and parents may not enter the building before 8:30 a.m. to wait in the lobby.

**LATE ARRIVALS:** When a child arrives late to school – **after the 8:45 a.m. bell has chimed** – a parent **MUST** accompany the child to the front office and sign him/her in on the Late Arrival Book. The digital clock in the front office determines the time, which is set according to Coordinated Universal Time.

**CHANGE IN PICK-UP:** Students often have after-school plans (sports, etc) that require a change in pick-up at dismissal time. A note should be sent to your child's teacher EVERY DAY that there is an alternate dismissal process. (This does not apply to PTA after school classes. You may send one note listing all classes for PTA.)

**PARKING:** Please **do not park** and leave your car unattended at the red curb – **THIS IS A FIRE LANE AND IS ILLEGAL**. Cars parked there may be ticketed. Also, unless you have a permit, **do not park in any handicap space**. We do have families with permits who must park in these spots; please be considerate of their needs.

**BUS ASSIGNMENTS:** Students must ride their assigned bus. Any bus change due to extenuating circumstances must be approved by Assistant Principal Nancy Richardson. Bus changes will be approved for **emergency situations only**.

## **PTA**

**PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM: 2014-15:** This year's theme is "The world would be a better place If..." Bring this year's theme to life through Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, & Visual Arts. There's an inner artist in all of us and this is a great opportunity for our children to express themselves artistically. **Art Entry submission due date: Friday, Nov. 7, 2014** and will be collected in school by your child's paraeducator. Digital copies of music, film, & dance choreography may be emailed to Reflections Chair at: [alexandracratin@gmail.com](mailto:alexandracratin@gmail.com) **Theme Search Contest Idea Entries due date: Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.** All student entry forms, submission guidelines & rules can be found on our PTA website at: [www.mwespta.org](http://www.mwespta.org) Contact Alexandra Cratin with questions: [443-996-4247](tel:443-996-4247)

**VARIETY SHOW:** The PTA Variety Show is on November 21<sup>st</sup>. **Variety Show deadline extended through Friday, October 10.** Come be part of the hottest kid-tastic event of the school year. Please email Ellen Virden @ [evirden@me.com](mailto:evirden@me.com) for more information or a sign up sheet.

**THE PTA BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR IS TUESDAY OCT 21<sup>ST</sup>:** Time is 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble at the Long Gate Shopping Center. Come join your friends and teachers for an evening of fun, listen to your favorite teachers read aloud with a special reading from Manny! There will be book raffles and trivia and prizes. All purchases made at B&N on this day will count towards our fundraiser which is 15% of sales. Just mention Manor Woods at check out – shop early during the day if you can't make it that night and be sure to tell family and friends as well. Also café sales count towards the fundraiser too and there are many options for kids for dinner if you are stuck running between activities. Hope to see you there!! There will even be a way to purchase on-line if you can't make it that night.

**PTA MEETING OCTOBER 13TH - INCLUDING BUDGET DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:** We plan to review the minutes for September's meeting, and discuss and approve our current year's budget at our next meeting, **Monday, October 13th.** *We are going green this year, and not planning to print reviewable items. Please follow the links below to review and print these items prior to the meeting.* Minutes: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9uyYhEycInoZjFzd1NwWmcwREk/edit?usp=sharing>  
Proposed Budget: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9uyYhEycInoV0VwNk11UHhzWjQ/edit?usp=sharing>  
**If you'd like to attend the meeting and need childcare, please let us know ASAP!**

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** There is still time to sign up! Spots are still available in the after school classes *Science Matters* and *Go Figure! Science Matters* will be conducting new experiments during this session along with some of the classic ones that the students love. Alka Seltzer Rockets and Mentos Explosions are always a blast! In *Go Figure*, come enjoy the fun of playing with numbers as the students learn how to be *Mathemagicians!* For registration forms, see the link below.  
<http://mwespta.org/docs/MWES%20Fall%202014%20After%20School%20Activities.pdf>

#### **DIRECTORY:**

If you've enrolled and paid for PTA membership online or by paper form, you should be receiving an email with the link to our DirectorySpot contact form this week. **Please complete the data entry (it's really simple, we promise) a.s.a.p** contact Aimee Randazzo at [alrandazzo@hotmail.com](mailto:alrandazzo@hotmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Additional announcements and PTA information may be found on our website at [www.mwespta.org](http://www.mwespta.org)

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** The Board of Education of Howard County regularly holds Coffee & Conversation sessions at schools throughout the county. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings. The next Coffee & Conversation with the Board of Education will be held: Saturday, October 25, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Clemens Crossing Elementary School Media Center, 10320 Quarterstaff Road in Columbia.

**US TAE KWON DO OPEN HOUSE: OCTOBER 11, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM** TKD Team & Instructor Demonstrations, Free Lunch and Moon Bounce! US Tae Kwon Do invites the community to their annual fall open house on Saturday, October 11 from 11am to 1 pm at their school in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center. Come cheer for your neighbors and friends performing with the US Tae Kwon Do Demo Team who just won Third Place at the National Competition this past July, as well as exciting demonstrations by the expert US Tae Kwon Do School instructors! The open house includes Free Lunch and a Moon Bounce! For more information, see our web site at <http://ustaekwondoschool.org>.

**MRHS MUSTANG STAMPEDE 5K AND 1 MILE PONY TROT: Where:** Marriotts Ridge High School **When:** Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 AM **Cost:** \$25 for 5K and \$15 for 1 Mile **Why:** All proceeds benefit the MRHS Boosters Club, which supports ALL student extracurricular activities, as well as school-wide initiatives, that enrich the high school experience for the entire student body.

**CENTENNIAL 5K RUN:** Come join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Centennial Boosters 5K Fun Run/Walk and 1K Kids Costume Run on Sunday, November 2nd at 9 am at Centennial High School. All proceeds will benefit the Centennial Boosters which funds CHS team sports, clubs and student organizations. The 5K trail run will be on Centennial's Cross Country course and the Kid's 1K costume run will take place on the track. Fun for the whole family- snacks, music, raffles and mascot race!! Long-sleeved t-shirts for all pre-registered 5K participants, plus medals and gift cards for top age-group finishers. Download a registration form or use Paypal to register at [CentennialBoostersOnline.com](http://CentennialBoostersOnline.com).

**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](mailto:glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com). Anyone that is interested in making a donation, we are accepting cash donations. Contact us by phone or email.

**WINTER CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION:** Saturday, October 11, 2014 at First United Methodist Church, 424 Main Street, Laurel from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. there is a FREE winter clothing distribution. It is open to everyone and they are giving away coats, hats, gloves, boots, shoes, sneakers, jeans, dress pants, shirts, sweatshirts, socks, and dresses.