

# **MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

**Week of October 6, 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 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 29	Barnes & Noble Night – PTA

## **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.

**5TH GRADE STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:** The Fifth Grade Student Council would like to invite all students and teachers to participate in the National Hat Day Parade on Friday, October 10, 2014 to benefit kids with cancer. The Student Council is asking for a dollar donation to wear your favorite hat to school to support the Heavenly Hats Foundation. The dollar donation helps to provide new hats to cancer patients nationwide. For more information about Heavenly Hats please visit [www.heavenlyhats.com](http://www.heavenlyhats.com). If you have any questions about this event please contact the Student Council organizers Natalie Miskimins [natalie\\_miskimins@hcpss.org](mailto:natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org) or Helen Mercer [helen\\_mercer@hcpss.org](mailto:helen_mercer@hcpss.org)

**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.)

**CHORUS:** Congratulations to the following students who auditioned and will represent Manor Woods in the Howard County Children's Chorus: 4th graders: Taylor Benning and Colin Wang; and 5th graders: Hashini Amarasinghe, Matthew Barbera, Eric Bennett, Savannah Duvall, and Alanna Hennessey-Loyo.

All Fourth and Fifth grade students were given a letter about participating in school chorus this year. It is not too late to join! Please sign and return the letter to Mrs. Rinaldi A.S.A.P.

**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.

**TECHNOLOGY VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** Mrs. Cohen is in need of a parent volunteer to help with kindergarten technology class from 1:05-2:05 on Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Cohen directly ([susan\\_cohen@hcpss.org](mailto:susan_cohen@hcpss.org)).

**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 IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Please visit the Manor Woods PTA website for important information about: Membership, Directory, Volunteers, Events, Afterschool Programs, and Community Service. The website address is: <http://mwespta.org/>

### **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) by October 10th.** This initial set of data will be included in our print directory! Please contact Aimee Randazzo at [alrandazzo@hotmail.com](mailto:alrandazzo@hotmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

**PTA MEETING OCTOBER 13TH - including budget discussion and approval.**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

**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 11 am 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).

**KID EMPOWERMENT SMASHING ANTS & LEADERSHIP FUN-DAMENTALS COMBO!** Grades 1-4 / 7 classes, start date below / \$119 + \$20 materials Empower your child with tools for success and happiness with Kid Empowerment, an activity-based, hands-on program! Smashing ANTs is a fun and enlightening experiential program that helps kids realize they have the power to create their own success and self-confidence through personal and group leadership skills. With a toolkit of strategies to recognize their own Automatic Non-Supportive Thoughts (ANTs), along with the empowerment skills to smash them, kids learn to lead and inspire themselves and others. Animated cartoon videos connect and resonate with kids, making learning these important life lessons engaging and fun. New and returning students feel right at home with our Intro/Review Team Building. Through enjoyable hands-on learning activities, we jump start your child on the path to success and happiness! Class meets for one hour each week. Info: [www.smashingants.com](http://www.smashingants.com); Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or [awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov). RP3333.105 Manor Woods ES Sep 30 3:25-4:25 PM Tuesdays

**CHESS CLUB AFTER SCHOOL:** with Silver Knights Chess Company Grades K-5 / 14 classes, starting Oct 2 / \$185 Learn how to play chess from highly rated professional chess instructors, who have coached many state and national champions! Time is evenly split between lesson and play. Lessons range from learning the rules to advanced tournament strategies. Open to all ES grades and experience levels. Play time is structured to pair against opponent of similar skill. All chess supplies provided. (No class 11/24-28, 12/24-31, 1/1-1/2, 1/22.) Info: Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or [awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov). RP3322.108 Manor Woods ES Oct 2 3:20-4:20 PM Thursdays

**ABRAKADOODLE ART EDUCATION AFTER SCHOOL:** Grades K-5 / 8 classes, start dates below / \$115 + \$24 materials Children discover their creative talents and abilities through painting, sculpting and additional media. All skill levels are welcome in Abrakadoodle. Classes bolster self-confidence and pride while teaching art history, techniques, vocabulary and socialization skills. This fall, we have new lessons and highlight many new artists; there are no repeats from past seasons. Material fee due at first class, payable to Abrakadoodle. (No class 10/17, 11/28.) Info: Melissa Calleri, 410-313-4721 or [mcalleri@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mcalleri@howardcountymd.gov). RP0136.105 Manor Woods ES Oct 3 3:20-4:20 PM Fridays

**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.