

MANOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11575 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Week of September 2, 2014

CALENDAR

September 3	Back to School Picnic 5:30 P.M.
September 8	PTA Meeting 7:00 P.M. Media Center
September 10	New Parent Orientation 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Media Center
September 15	Grade 1 - Back to School Night 6:00 P.M.
	G/T Overview for All Grades 7:00 P.M.
September 18	Individual Picture Day

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK FROM MR. WEISNER AND MISS RICHARDSON: Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful and happy summer and is ready for a new school year. A warm welcome to all of our new Manor Woods families – ours is a wonderful community and we value our conscientious parents who prepare their children to be eager to learn from our talented and dedicated teachers. We look forward to meeting you!

GRADE LEVEL STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2013 - 2014:

KINDERGARTEN: Anne Varlotta (Team Leader), Christa Jacobson, Bonnie Dorsey, Julie Kastner

FIRST GRADE: Deb Mathews (Team Leader), Pam Fields, Rachael Downes, Susan Rooner, Katelyn Lozupone, Mary Jane Davila

SECOND GRADE: Lee Ann Tanis (Team Leader), Lorraine Ridge, Bethany Warder, Kristen Erbe, Suzie Keelan, Matthew Seiger

THIRD GRADE: Sang Kim (Team Leader), Melissa Martin, Terri Edwards, Bonnie Kaczorowski, Christine Machado

FOURTH GRADE: Michelle Lynch (Team Leader), Linda Wilson, Lauri Hornicek, Al Packan, Alison Sorkin

FIFTH GRADE: Ginger Thomas (Team Leader), Sally Ebare, Debbie Livak, Margaret Lewis, Brad Weaver

HCPSS—EMERGENCY PROCEDURE CARD: The Howard County Public School System has implemented a new process for parents/guardians to complete Emergency Procedure Card (ER Card) information. Please complete this form as soon as possible so that we can contact you in case of an emergency. Go to this website: <https://epstudentinfo.hcpss.org>. Use your Family Portal username and password to login. Select a student. You will complete each student's ER Card separately. You will have the option to copy information from one student to another when you submit. Follow prompts accordingly.

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.

G/T NOMINATIONS FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS: Gifted and Talented (G/T) NOMINATION FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES: Howard County Public Schools are in the process of accepting nominations for fourth and fifth grade students NEW to Howard County Public Schools for possible inclusion in the GT Mathematics Program. If you have a child NEW to Howard County in grade four or five whom you wish to nominate for GT math testing, please submit your request in writing to Amy Parker or Kimberly Broadhurst by Wednesday, September 3, 2014. If you have already received an invitation for testing, you do not need to make an additional request. For any questions, you can reach Mrs. Parker at amy_parker@hcpss.org or Mrs. Broadhurst at kimberly_broadhurst@hcpss.org.

HCPSS NEWS ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER: **GO GREEN** and save paper by signing up for **HCPSSNEWS** to receive information regarding school events, news, and emergency closings; go to hcpssnews.com to register. Once registered, you will receive your child's weekly school newsletter via email, cell, or pager. We will not be sending home hard copies this year. **Our new website is up and running. Check it out at <http://mwes.hcpss.org>.** Over the next few weeks we will be transitioning our newsletter over to the website.

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.**

ORCHESTRA- 3rd, 4th AND 5th GRADE STUDENTS: It's enrollment time for Manor Woods' wonderful orchestra! This year student enrollment will be online. Please visit the orchestra website: <http://mwesorchestra.weebly.com> and complete the short form to sign your child up for a fun and musical year today! Contact Mrs. Zeitler at bonnie_zeitler@hcpss.org for any questions.

BAND – 4th and 5th GRADE STUDENTS: – **It's time to join the Manor Woods Band!!** Soon all 4th Grade students will be attending a presentation that will include a demonstration of band instruments. Students will have an opportunity to choose an instrument that they would like to play. At a later date, they will try the instrument of their choice, and information about renting the instrument, and a schedule for lessons will follow.

All 5th grade band students will receive a letter with information about the band program, and a schedule for lessons. The first band rehearsal will be announced, and students will need to bring their instrument, music, and a pencil.

PTA

Welcome Quack Manor Woods Families! We're looking forward to a great year here, and are off to a rocketing start with MWES PTA! We hope you and your family had a great summer and are settling in to the new year easily. We're excited about the response we've had to our new online signup drive; the portals will make all of our work together much easier to accomplish – which we have demonstrated already! Thank you to all who've already gone online or sent in your forms to join PTA and sign up for Volunteer Committees; your participation means the world to us! If you've had difficulty signing up online or making a payment, please let us know at mwesvolunteers@gmail.com

Our online signup pages currently available are:

- Membership & Duck Patron Donations: <http://vols.pt/yUH3BS>
- Volunteer Committee selection: <http://vols.pt/bSnrXp>
- Back to School Picnic: <http://vols.pt/BJX5Dq>
- PTA Meeting Attendance: <http://vols.pt/J2zoBB>

Please be sure to check out the new Manor Woods PTA website @ www.mwespta.org. You can also join our Facebook page via the website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

WOODSTOC ROC ZACHING AGAINST CANCER 5K: Former MWES student, Zachary Lederer lost his battle with brain cancer this past March. On Saturday, September 20 at 9:00AM, the Woodstoc Roc and Taste of Maryland Festival are combining forces to benefit the Zaching Against Cancer Foundation. Please visit: www.zachingagaincancer.com for more registration and information.

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.