

MWES NEWS WEEK OF MAY 11, 2020

MWES School-Wide Events Calendar

If you would link to sync your phone to our website calendar, please click on the subscribe link on the MWES [calendar page](#) on our [MWES website](#) and follow the prompts.

MAY

11 - Distance Learning A-Week

18 - Distance Learning B-Week

25 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

26 - Distance Learning A-Week

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn:

Dear Manor Woods!

I am going to keep this short for you, but the content of this message has some great reminders listed for both you and your student.

- When your child is working in Dreambox, they may be putting a lot of minutes into their learning, but please make sure they are not just "hanging out" in the arcade and that they are actually completing the lessons daily.
- If your child is sharing their computer with a sibling, please ensure each student logs out of their lessons daily to ensure that they are logging back in as the correct child.
- Each day, your child should be completing a Related Arts activity. Our PE, Art, Media, Tech, and Music teachers are offering lessons for your child. Please be sure these lessons are not overlooked daily.
- Starting this week, students were to indicate Canvas tasks complete by clicking on a green button labeled "I have completed this task". It is important that students do this once tasks are complete to get completion credit. Related arts will have similar buttons on their weekly tasks beginning next week.

On behalf of the staff at Manor Woods, we'd like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our families as we have transitioned to distance learning together. We realize it hasn't been easy every step of the way, but our students are working hard and continue to access their virtual lessons. Thank you so much for your support.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms!!!

Sincerely,

Carol B. DeBord
Principal

Jennifer Zinn
Assistant Principal

Please Fill Out Your Consideration Card!

With the school year soon drawing to a close, our staff is beginning the process of grouping students for the 2020-2021 school year. The administration and staff at Manor Woods Elementary recognize that parental input plays a significant part in decisions about individual students. As parents, you know your child's specific strengths and needs.

Because your input is valued, we invite you to provide us with information about your child. The link below will bring you to an electronic form of the Consideration Card. This link is being provided to families who have students entering grades 1-5. The purpose of the card is to give you the opportunity to write specific comments that would be reviewed by your child's current teacher as well as next year's teacher. You may include statements about learning style, special interests, social/emotional needs, and so forth. Please understand that this card is not intended to request a certain teacher.

The administration and teaching staff utilize a wide range of criteria when grouping students for the upcoming year. Our articulation process is thoughtful and detailed, and our decisions are made upon the best interest of each individual student. We ask that you respect our professionalism and trust that our placement recommendation is reflective of what is the best instructional match for your child.

Once again, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to provide helpful information about your child. Please use the link to complete the electronic consideration card on or before **Wednesday, May 27th**. If you have more than one child who will be attending MWES in September, you may complete a separate form for each of your children.

[Electronic Consideration Card](#)

TECH TIDBITS

For additional information about Parent Notification Preferences in Canvas, visit the link below.

<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/9495/pages/parents-notifications>

STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT

Counseling Connection Newsletter for Families

The [HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter](#) (Links to an external site.) is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in the School Counseling Connection newsletter are celebrations, activities for home as well as self-care ideas. Newsletters will be created and shared bi-monthly.

News from Ms. Heinlein

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Check out the linked calendar that contains a variety of fun & healthy activities that you & your family can do each day throughout the month. [Mental Health Awareness Month Calendar](#)

The [Mental Health Association of Maryland](#) provides a variety of free resources including virtual workshops & information to support families during this unprecedented time.

I want to remind all families that I'm here to support you. You can visit my Canvas page (accessible on each homeroom teacher's Lang. Arts page), contact me through Canvas Inbox or email monica_heinlein@hcpss.org if I can be of assistance. Take good care & be well!

From Our School Psychologist, Craig Cooper

Dear parents and students, You can schedule an 'appointment' with me to chat on Google Meet using the following link, from 9:30-10:30 each morning. Of course, you can email me at craig_cooper@hcpss.org and we can arrange to discuss/meet at other times. This link will take you to my calendar where you can sign up for a slot. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need to talk.

Sincerely,

Mr. Craig Cooper
School Psychologist, HCPSS
County Diagnostic Center M, T, W
Manor Woods Elementary R, F

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/selfsched?sstoken=UUFwMHpaY1VJaU13fGRIZmF>

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From Our School Psychologist Intern, Michal Boyars

Office Hours Message:

Dear Parents and Teachers,

I hope you are all safe and healthy. Beginning Monday the 20th, I will be holding daily office hours from 1:00-2:00pm. During this time I will have appointments available to meet virtually with parents and staff in order to answer questions or address other concerns about students. Meetings will take place via Google Meet or over the phone.

If you are interested in setting up an appointment, you can either fill out this [form](#) or email me directly at michal_boyars@hcpss.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

If you have an immediate need for help with depression, suicidal thoughts, or other serious mental health issues, please contact:

Grassroots Crisis Intervention at 410-531-6677

The Maryland Crisis Hotline: Dial 211 and then choose option 1

The Crisis Text Line: Text 741741 and a trained counselor will respond.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

INFORMATION FROM HCPSS

Click here for more information from HCPSS regarding updates during continuity of learning including new attendance and calendar changes. **There's a lot of new information this week embedded in the link below.**

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INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

Click here for more information about virtual learning, purchasing yearbooks and kindergarten registration.

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

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