

# MWES NEWS-WEEK OF 12/16/19

## DECEMBER

**13** - Quarter 2 Interims sent home

**23 - January 1st (returning January 2nd)** - Winter Break Schools Closed

## JANUARY

**3** - 5th Grade Chorus Cluster Concert Field Trip

Cluster Concert @MRHS 7 pm

**6** - Vision/Hearing Screening

**6-10** - Grade Level Spelling Bees 1st-3rd grades

**13** - MVMS Parent Information Night at MVMS cafe 6 pm

**17** - School Wide Spelling Bee 4th-5th grades

**16** - Orchestra Concert @MRHS 7 pm

**20** - Schools and Offices Closed for MLK Birthday

**23** - SJLES incoming transfer student orientation 6:30 pm

**27** - Schools Closed for students - Professional Work Day

## **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.

## **A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn**

Dear Manor Woods Community,

The past few weeks have been a time of Thanksgiving and kindness throughout our school community. Many parents and family members attended our wonderful winter concerts presented by Mrs. Rinaldi, Mrs. Phelps, and our fourth and fifth graders. The musical selections were perfect and hearing children sing just warms the heart. Ms. Kalivretenos and the band students presented their winter music with joy and great enthusiasm. It is wonderful to see our band participation growing.

A special thank you goes out to all of our families that sent in food for the Howard County food bank. Mrs. Heinlein and the leadership team worked to advertise for the collection and gathered cans and other non-perishable items throughout the month of November. We had a larger amount of participation this year than our previous year. The children were thrilled to give and were very motivated to see the food mound up in our foyer.

I would also like to take a minute to thank the staff and students at Manor Woods for their hard work during the first and second marking periods. I'd like to thank all the parents that visited our school during American Education Week, and we had one of our largest attendance of parents during conference week. I'd also like to give a special THANK YOU to all the students for doing a wonderful job over the last few weeks earning "Duck Moves" for positive behavior. They have been responsible, ready, and respectful. I am looking forward to our first school-wide celebration that should be occurring in the upcoming week. We only have 2 moves to go! The staff is ready and waiting to celebrate with the children.

As part of our MWES tradition, we will have our winter sing-a-long when all students are together, singing songs taught to them over the school year during their music class. We will sing a variety of songs that are popular during the year and winter months. We are especially excited to sing, "You've Got A Friend In Me," from Toy Story!!!

On behalf of the staff and students at Manor Woods, we wish you the very best break and holiday season. We look forward to the upcoming new year.

Fondly,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

Manor Woods Elementary School

## **NEW SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Young Authors' Contest Winners**

Congratulations to our Manor Woods ES Grade Level Short Story and Poetry winners and to all students who participated in the Young Authors' Writing Contest this year! The short Stories and Poems were excellent, and we are so proud of all of you!!

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### **Health Room News**

Hearing and Vision Screening this year is scheduled for Monday Jan. 6th. The Health Room staff is in need of a few volunteers that morning. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Health Room directly at (410) 313-8326. Thank you!

### **Music Department News**

Congratulations to Fifth Graders **Tyler Curtis and Courtney Springfield** who were invited to play with and recognized by the Mount View Middle School Symphonic Band for their outstanding performance during the Fall Concert at MVMS.

### **Art Department News**

Congratulations to Fourth Grader Ellie Qin whose family portrait is one of 30 Howard County School System student works currently on display at The Nonprofit Collaborative of Howard County.

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Congratulations also goes out to Second Graders Stanley Guschin and Jose Rodriguez-Bosques whose Illuminated Letter paintings are on display at the Walters Art Museum.

### **INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS**

#### **Read With Me Program**

Read With Me is a program that provides free books to children from birth to 5 yrs. It is an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and is sponsored by the Bright Minds Foundation, Howard County Public School System, and the Howard County Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Click on the link below to register your child(ren) to get a free book each month from birth to age 5.

[https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/find-my-program/?fbclid=IwAR1IxZ\\_AGcOea0rbZMnliclugYwdeXoTnLMN2HXEas2neczaqk3Gp1iv2xU](https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/find-my-program/?fbclid=IwAR1IxZ_AGcOea0rbZMnliclugYwdeXoTnLMN2HXEas2neczaqk3Gp1iv2xU)

#### **Trex Recycling Challenge**

Tired of throwing away all the soft plastic packaging and plastic bags in the trash because it can't be recycled? Send that clean, dry plastic to school! MWES is participating in the Trex recycling program.

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[trexrecyclingposter](#)

[trexrecyclingchallenge](#)

The plastic then needs to be taken to a collection site nearby - one of the grocery stores on the [list](#). We need assistance from some parents or PTA members to help collect, weigh and transport the plastic. If you are available to help, please sign up through the link below.

[SignUpLink](#)

### **MWES 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade Bumble Bee Spelling Bee**

All students in grades first through third have an exciting opportunity to participate in the Classroom Bumble Bee Spelling Bee unless your child is absent. Grade Level Bees will be conducted the week of December 9, 2019.

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### **MWES 4th and 5th Grade Spelling Bee**

Classroom Spelling Bees will take place from sometime between December 9th through December 13th. Every student in 4th and 5th Grade will get to participate in the Classroom Spelling Bee unless your child is absent.

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### **Reporting Absences**

Please use the following link to report your child's absence. Your child needs a note to return to school each time they are absent. Please be sure to state the reason for their absence. If a reason is not included, the absence will be recorded as unlawful. [MWESabsences@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsences@hcpss.org)

### **Impact Aid Forms**

At HCPSS, Impact Aid supplements the operating budget to enhance the teaching and learning that takes place in Howard County classrooms.

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## **INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD**

**Boundary Review Update:** Updates and information can be found at the [Boundary Review](#) page.

**Board Approves 2020–2021 Academic Calendar:** The [next school year](#) will begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, for students and on Monday, August 17, 2020, for school staff. Winter break will be December 24–January 1, with schools reopening on Monday, January 4, 2021. Spring Break will run from April 2–9, 2021. The last day of school is scheduled for June 10, 2021.

## **[COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS](#)**

**MRHS Spring Musical Audition Announcement - Addams Family**

Auditions for the character of **Pugsley** will be held on **Monday, December 16th between 2:30 pm - 4:15 pm.**

This role is open to boys in grades 5 through 8 with unchanged voices.

Call backs will be: **Thursday, December 19th**

If casted, your child must be available for ALL show dates: **March 19th - 22nd, 2020.**

Auditions will take place in the Choir Room at Marriotts Ridge High School (12100 Woodford Dr. Marriottsville, MD 21104). Please enter at the front office for check-in.

Readings will be provided during the audition.

**Use this link to access the SignUpGenius to schedule your audition time:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caaaf2da6ff2-addams>

### **Concerts at BMMS**

The Burleigh Manor Music Program is excited to present their three annual December concerts to the Burleigh Manor community. All are welcome to experience and celebrate the hard work of our talented young musicians! All of the concerts are free of charge and will be held in the Centennial High School auditorium with a start time of 7pm. Please see the information below for specifics regarding each concert.

**Thursday, December 12 - BMMS Winter Band Concert: 7pm - CHS Auditorium**

**Monday, December 16 - BMMS Winter Orchestra Concert: 7pm - CHS Auditorium**

**Tuesday, December 17 - BMMS Winter Choir Concert: 7pm - CHS Auditorium**

### **Holiday Jazz Cabaret**

Donations & Volunteers Needed!

The Marriotts Ridge High School Annual Holiday Jazz Cabaret will be held Tuesday, December 17th at 7pm. Join friends and family for a relaxing and joyful evening. Enjoy fabulous treats (including a chocolate fountain!), appetizers and beverages while listening to some amazing

holiday music performed by the MRHS Jazz Band, Women's Choir, Madrigals and several amazing soloists.

Tickets are \$12 and sold at the door.

Donations and Volunteers (parents and students) are needed to make Jazz Cabaret a success!

Jazz Cabaret donations:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49AEAA2FA5FC1-holiday2>

Jazz Cabaret volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49AEAA2FA5FC1-holiday3>

## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS**

Find out what is going on within Howard County and surrounding areas. Notices are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

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### **Columbia Association Summer Camps**

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## **AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES WITH HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS**

For Complete information on these Before & After School classes, including how to Register, please go to [www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool)