

MWES News - Week of March 9, 2020

MARCH

6 - Quarter 3 interims sent home

9 - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

9-13 - Kindergarten Registration Week 9:30am-2:00pm (details below)

16 - Change Matters Campaign

18-20 - 5th Grade Puberty Education

19 - Kindergarten Field Trip to Toby's

23-24; 26-27 - 5th Grade Puberty Education

20 - PTA Culture Night at MRHS

23-24; 26- 27 - MISA Testing for 5th Grade (details below)

25 - April 2 - Scholastic Book Fair

APRIL

1 - Scholastic Book Fair Family Night and Ice Cream Social

3 - 3 hour early dismissal for students

6-13 - Spring Break Schools Closed

14 - SCH Kickoff for 5th Grade

17 - Spring Class and Individual Pictures

23 - Take Your Child to Work Day

28 - Primary Election Day Schools and Offices Closed

MISA Testing in 5th Grade

Students in grade 5 will be participating in the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) this month. MISA is a measure of student achievement in science in grade 5 (testing content from grades 4 and 5). MISA consists of four units lasting approximately one hour each. Students will be tested over four separate days. The best way to prepare your child for this assessment is to make sure they get a good night's sleep the night before and to eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. Should you have any questions regarding the MISA, please contact Mrs. Zinn at jennifer_zinn@hcpss.org.

Testing will take place on the following days:

Monday, March 23

Tuesday, March 24

Thursday, March 26

Friday, March 27

A note from Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Families,

Cell Phone Use & Social Media- What Parents Need to Know

For many parents, now is a time you may be discussing & deciding when to get your child a cell phone. Some of our students already own one. As a parent, it's critical to know how to teach your child responsible cellphone use, how to manage social media & how to stay safe online.

TikTok, Instagram & Snapchat are just a few of the social media applications teens & tweens are using. It can be overwhelming for parents to stay up-to-date with current social media trends & know how to help their children navigate the digital world.

Common Sense Media is an organization that can help. This nonprofit's mission is to ensure digital well-being for kids everywhere.

Use the links below to learn information that every parent should know regarding children's cell phone & social media use.

[Cell Phone Use Common Sense Media](#)

[Social Media Info. for Parents Common Sense Media](#)

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Carol DeBord, Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

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.

Change Matters is Coming to Manor Woods!

During the week of March 16-23, Manor Woods will participate in the Change Matters Campaign to support Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Howard County's only 24-hr homeless shelter & crisis center.

We'll be collecting change that goes directly to Grassroots to provide free services for those in need. Collection jars will be located in each grade level pod for students to donate their change throughout the week.

Please read the attached letter for more information about the Change Matters Campaign & how your family can make a difference. For more info. visit [Grassroots Website](#)

[Change Matters Letter](#)

Maryland School Survey

Maryland requires that all public schools survey students in grades 5-11 about school climate. Last year the Maryland School Survey was administered with great success and data has been shared with schools. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students in fifth grade will take the survey during regular school hours in technology classes between now and April 24th. The survey will take about 30 minutes and will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate his or her privacy.

The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district.

CogAT Score Information

Parents of Third and Fifth Graders,

Placement letters and CogAT score reports for fifth grade students were mailed home Friday, February 21st. By now, you should have received your child's information. Letters and reports for third grade students will be mailed home on Monday, March 9th. If you have any questions about your child's report or did not receive a report, please contact Mrs. Zinn at Jennifer_Zinn@hcpss.org.

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

March is National Youth Art Month

In celebration of March as National Youth Art Month, we will be holding art-themed spirit days each Friday throughout the month. Ideas were generated by some of our 5th grade students. We can't wait to see what you will be wearing each Friday!

Friday, March 6 – Animal Day - A common theme in art, wear animals or animal prints on your clothing, animal ear headbands, etc.

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Friday, March 13 – Cool Color Day - Wear as much blue, green and/or purple as you can.

Friday, March 20 – Monochromatic Color Day - Dress in tints and shades of all one color.

Friday, March 27 – Creativity Day - A day to let your creativity shine. What will you wear?

Let Me Run Starts April 15th

Become a Let Me Run athlete!

[Let Me Run Flier](#)

Congratulations From the Music Department to...

Shirley Gwak and Ayden Klein who represented Manor Woods in the outstanding Howard County Honors Orchestra concert on Saturday!

INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

We are looking for a business or community member to donate 750 river rocks to our school for our PBIS project. If you are interested or able, please contact Mrs. DeBord at carol_debord@hcpss.org.

2020-2021 Kindergarten and New Family Registration (Not Current Students)

Please make certain you are in the screen for 20-21 if registering for the next school year. Please read this message in its entirety.

Registration for students entering Kindergarten in Fall 2020 - starts on Monday, March 9th and runs through Friday, March 13th from 9:30 am-2:00 pm at Manor Woods Elementary. [Kindergarten enrollment information](#) is now available online. Additionally, [Early admission to Pre-K](#) and [Early Admission to First Grade](#) opens March 1st. Those webpages will be updated immediately prior to the application open date. The [Pre-K application](#) period opens March 16th. **MWES is not a Pre-K location. If your child is already enrolled at MWES, please do not re-enroll!!**

Step 1: Register Online Here: https://sisparents.hcpss.org/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx

Step 2: Complete registration in person by providing the documents listed below. *The registration process is easier if you bring copies of the documents for us to keep or upload them during online registration.*

The following documents are needed for registration:

- Child's evidence of birth

- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a signed lease or deed including signature pages
- Current utility bill
- Photo ID of parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

If you have a child currently attending an HCPSS PreK program, there is no need to re-register your student for Kindergarten. Also, if your child is a current HCPSS student at MWES or any other HCPSS school, please DO NOT re-register your student.

If you have a multi-family living arrangement, an appointment with our PPW, Jeanine Smith is required. A representative of the host family and guest family must be present for the appointment. Email [Jeanine Smith@hcpss.org](mailto:Jeanine_Smith@hcpss.org) for more information.

Screening for Students at Risk for Reading Difficulties

In accordance with Maryland's Ready to Read Act (2019), all HCPSS kindergarten students* will be administered a screener assessment that includes a battery of four one-minute reading measures (DIBELS 8th Edition) to examine their letter naming, decoding, and word reading skills. The assessments will occur throughout winter, 2020. Parents and guardians will be notified if assessment results indicate that your child would benefit from an intervention. Testing will be administered by our Reading Specialist, Natalie Miskimins natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org and our Reading Support Specialist, Elizabeth Shaffer elizabeth_shaffer@hcpss.org.

*This includes kindergarten students who do not have a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) with reading foundational skills goals.

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.

[READ MORE](#)

[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](#)

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

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

Addams Family at Marriotts Ridge HS

Event Information:

They're creepy and they're kooky, and they're singing and dancing their way to Marriotts Ridge High School. Join us for The Addams Family, a musical like no other. You'll die laughing!

March 19-21 @ 7pm

March 22 @ 3pm

Tickets:

\$10 online in advance. Use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MRHS-ADDAMS>

\$13 at the door.

Sunday Show Luncheon (Catered by Eggspectation):

Have lunch with The Addams Family on Sunday before the show! Cast members will be available during the luncheon for photos, and you'll get priority entrance to the theatre. 1:00-2:30 before the Sunday, March 22nd show.

Tickets for the luncheon must be paid for IN ADVANCE - \$10 per person, children under 5 - \$5 (Show tickets must be purchased separately).

Purchase Online: <https://tinyurl.com/MRHS-AFLunch>

If you wish to pay by check, please contact slbless@verizon.net

Marriotts Ridge Softball Clinic

[Softball Flier](#)

Hammond High School Baseball Clinics

[HHS baseball flier](#)

Summer Sports Camp at Reservoir HS

[Summer Sports Flier](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

Columbia Association A Story Called Kindness Poster Contest

Design a poster illustrating acts of kindness.

[2020 Poster Contest Flier](#)

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.

[READ MORE](#)

Summer School Program Information

Each summer, HCPSS offers learning experiences and educational opportunities through a variety of programs and classes. Contact Information for Summer Institute is available through the following links.

[Summer School Programs 2020](#)

[Summer School Preview 2020](#)

Columbia Association Summer Camps

[CLICK HERE FOR FLIER](#)

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

[WinterClasses](#)