

**October 15th** - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

**October 25th** - Chillin in Autumn Week (see details below)

**October 28th** - Kindergarten Field Trip to Green Meadows Farm

**November 3rd** - End of Quarter 1

**November 4th** - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

**November 10th** - Report Cards Issued in Synergy

**November 22 - 23rd** - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences/**3-Hour Early Dismissal for students (12:15 pm)**

**November 24** - Schools closed for students

**November 25-28th** - Schools and Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

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

Dear Manor Woods Families and Friends,

**Save the date for the PTA's Second Annual BOO-Mazing Halloween Parade scheduled for Thursday, October 28th beginning at 5:00pm!** This will be the student's chance to celebrate Halloween as there are no Halloween activities planned in the school.

During the parade, Manny, The Mighty Duck, will be leading the drive-by parade throughout various neighborhoods with Mrs. DeBord, Mrs. Zinn, and some of the school staff following behind. Children and parents are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes and stand along the parade route. There will be no Halloween events taking place during the school day, so this is your child's opportunity to show off their costumes as Manny and staff drive by and greet the children!

Fondly,

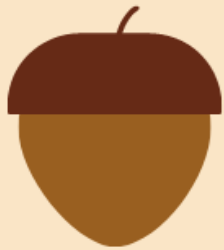
Carol DeBord and Jennifer Zinn

We are getting excited about our "Chillin' In Autumn" Week. We will be celebrating autumn all week long, ending out the week with more FUN! Each grade will be having individual parties on Friday, October 29th. Stay tuned for more information from your child's grade level team.



# MWES CHILLIN' IN AUTUMN

## OCTOBER 25 - 29, 2021



Let's celebrate Fall with a spirited week of *Fall FUN!*

**Monday - Fall Colors are so BOLD**

**Tuesday - Pick of the Patch**

**Wednesday - A Little Bit Corny**

**Thursday - A Football Frenzie**

**Friday - Falling into Fun**

### MONDAY, Oct. 25th

Wear your team Fall color!

**K - Yellow**

**1 - Red**

**2 - Brown**

**3 - Purple**

**4 - Green**

**5 - Wear any Fall color**



### TUESDAY, Oct. 26th

All students wear orange to create a school-wide pumpkin patch. (Add a little green around the collar if you'd like:)



### WED, Oct. 27th

Students can bring out their inner corny side by partaking in any of the following: crazy hair, funky socks, wacky glasses, and or mismatched shoes/clothes. Kids - write a riddle and put it in your pocket to share!



### THURS, Oct. 28th



Students can wear their personal football uniform (no cleats please) or cheer outfits, favorite team jersey, or Manor Woods Spirit wear.

### FRIDAY, Oct. 29th

Classroom Fall parties! Students can wear their wackiest, favorite party hat!



**ABSENT NOTE EMAIL REMINDER** When your child is absent, please send an email on the day your student returns to the following address: [MWESabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsence@hcpss.org)

**Please do not send changes in transportation to this email, as we will not see the changes. Any time there is a change in transportation, and any time your child has an after school activity, you must send a note into your child's homeroom teacher.**

## **FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

The [October School Counseling Newsletter](#) contains useful information & resources for the whole family.

[NAMI Howard County](#) is a local affiliate of The National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. All NAMI services and programs are free. Visit [Support and Education](#) for more information.

Please reach out to Ms. Heinlein (grades 1, 2, 4 & 5) or Mrs. Salapata (grades K & 3) if we can be of assistance to you or your child. [monica\\_heinlein@hcpss.org](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org); [christina\\_salapata@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_salapata@hcpss.org).

## **FROM OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

The following 5th grade students auditioned and were accepted into the **Howard County Children's Lyric Chorus**: *Adrian Bolisay, Julian Bolisay, Gleb Klimov, Emilie Serre, Anisha Shirgur, Madhavi Siva, and Nancy Wang.*

The following 2nd and 3rd grade students will participate in the **Howard County Children's Cantus Chorus**: *Boris Klimov, Sophie Serre, and Adithya Siva.*

Congratulations to all of you and thank you for representing Manor Woods!

Mr. Dobson & Ms. Rinaldi

## FROM OUR HEALTH ROOM

Thank you parents for keeping your children home when they are experiencing various illnesses. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact the health room, either calling 410-313-8326 or email school nurse at [laura\\_ruiz@hcpss.org](mailto:laura_ruiz@hcpss.org). If you want to test your child, please don't go to the ER unless their child is having difficulty breathing.

[mobile covid testing sites](#)

## New Information

### Young Authors' Contest

The Howard County Literacy Association invites students in grades 1-5 to submit their original poems and/or short stories to the annual writing contest called The Young Authors' Contest . Please see the attached [YAC](#)

[Flyer](#) Announcing Contest for information about the rules and guidelines. All entries must have a completed [YAC Cover Sheet](#) sent as a PDF. Submissions may be emailed to Mrs. Moy by January 24, 2022. Contact Mrs. Moy [maria\\_moy@hcpss.org](mailto:maria_moy@hcpss.org) with any questions.

Young Authors' Contest information can be found on the [HCLA website](#) Howard County Literacy Association welcomes parents as members. Visit the [HCLA Welcome Page](#) for information about joining.

## Ready to Read Act Notification

[click here for info.](#)

[Parent notification - Spanish](#)

[Parent notification - Chinese](#)

[Parent notification - Korean](#)

## Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

## Parent Information Resources [Fridge Fact Sheet](#)

- *To opt-in to HCPSS Text messages, text "YES" to 67587 from the device on which you would like to receive messages.*
- *Be sure to click on the "Calendar" link at the top of our website for important dates throughout the school year.*
- *View the breakfast and lunch menus [here](#). Please keep in mind that items on the menus are subject to availability.*

## SpeakUp HoCo!

[SpeakUp HoCo!](#) invites high school students to “talk about what matters to you,” discuss difficult social topics, create caring communities and more. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday each month, beginning Monday, October 11, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Pre-register to attend the meeting by emailing Rebecca Dietz at [speakup.hoco@gmail.com](mailto:speakup.hoco@gmail.com).

## Update for Food and Nutrition Services

Due to national food supply chain shortages and delays, HCPSS Food and Nutrition Service currently faces a number of food and paper product delivery shortfalls. These supply chain issues force our suppliers to make unanticipated substitutions, which may result in HCPSS menu changes on little to no notice.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to meet these challenges in order to provide healthy and nutritious meals each day.

## MAP Testing

During the week of October 18-22, students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student’s academic progress and drive instruction in the classroom. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. Students will take the MAP assessment for reading and math. Testing dates for Manor Woods is below. **Please do your best to not schedule appointments on testing days.** To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>



**Grade 1**

**Math - Teachers will communicate schedule.**

**Reading - Teachers will communicate schedule.**

**Grade 2**

**Math - October 19**

**Reading - October 20**

**Grade 3**

**Math - October 21**

**Reading - October 19**

**Grade 4**

**Math - October 21**

**Reading - October 20**

**Grade 5**

**Math - October 18**

**Reading October 22**

## Community News

### [Free Cold Weather Gear Giveaway](#)

The Howard County MultiService Center is hosting a free cold weather gear giveaway (coats, hats, gloves, scarves) on Saturday, October 16 1pm-3pm at the North Laurel Community Center. See [flyer](#) for more details.

### **Please support the MRHS PTSA Little Caesar Pizza Kit Fundraiser!**

#### [Bit.ly/MRHS-Pizza](https://bit.ly/MRHS-Pizza)

These kits are delivered to your doorstep via Fed-Ex (kits arrive cold - NOT hot and ready to eat.)

This fundraiser benefits our entire community by supporting programs such as:

1. Mental health guest speakers
2. After Prom. The After Prom is a substance free event for students to go to after attending their prom. This event helps keeps our entire community safe.
3. Stock up on pizza for Halloween. This will help cut down on the amount of traffic while our young ones are trick-or-treating.

### **Don't delay and place your order today! Sale Ends October 27th.**

\*Shipping Tip - they ship 2 kits to a box. To get the most out of shipping costs, order in quantities of two.

### **Mental Health Resources**

- [Foreign-Born Support Services/Bilingual Support Services](#) - **Updated Resources**

- Bilingual Mental Health Professionals
  - [Asian American Health Initiative \(AAHI\) Mental Health Providers Youth](#)
  - [Chinese](#)
- **[Grief & Loss](#) - New Resource**
  - [Stella Maris \(Links to an external site.\)](#) - Individual and family grief counseling services are available to anyone in the community (including Howard County) and they are offering both in-person or telehealth sessions. To request counseling, please contact us at 410-252-4500 ext. 7291. Free "Grieving During the Holidays" (virtual presentation) for older teens and adults on Monday, November 15, 2021. 7-8:30 p.m. To register or for more information, please call Stella Maris directly or email [hbenassi@stellamaris.org](mailto:hbenassi@stellamaris.org). New [Fall Calendar \(Links to an external site.\)](#) of Grief support programs also available online.

**Stay up-to-date on vaccine clinics, Covid testing and more.**

[Link to the Howard County Health Department](#)

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations."

Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit [community-programs.hcpss.org](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).

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

[Flier Attached](#)

