

MWES News - Week of 11/12/18

NOVEMBER

12-16 - American Education Week (**DETAILS BELOW**)

12 - PTA Meeting 7 pm

13 - Math Night 6 pm (**DETAILS BELOW**)

14 - Quarter 1 Report Cards sent home

19 - Turkey Trot (*Rain Date 11/20)

19 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students; Parent/Teacher Conferences
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21 - Schools Closed for Students

22-23 - Schools and Offices CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!

27 - MWES Chorus Concert @ MRHS 7pm

DECEMBER

4 - CogAT Testing 10:05 am (Gr. 5) 1:05 pm (Gr. 3)

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7-14 - CogAT Makeups

A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD & MRS. BIALESKI

Dear MWES Families,

Next week we will be holding a "Family Math Night" event, implemented by our STEM Committee at Manor Woods. We know that as parents, you want to support your child's mathematical thinking, but sometimes it is hard to know what to do for your child and you don't want to just give them busy work. If you are looking for fun ways to engage your child in mathematical practices, Math Night is a great opportunity to learn about math related

games and activities. Family Math Night is Tuesday, November 13th! You won't want to miss it! Please register ASAP at <https://goo.gl/forms/O2d5xPd6DFZzJeye2>

We'd also like to encourage you to bring a deck of cards from home in order to participate in some of the math activities. We will have some decks available but want to make sure we have enough.

See you Tuesday!!

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Julia Bialeski, Assistant Principal

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 reasons for their absence.

MWESabsences@hcpss.org

PICK UP AND DROP OFF REMINDER

When picking up or dropping off your child before or after school, we encourage you to use the car-pool loop. If you choose to park in the lot to wait for your child in the pm, you **MUST** park in a designated spaces and walk to get greet them. They may not walk unaccompanied to your car. Also, please pull in the handicapped spot only if you have tags or a placard. We appreciate your help for the safety of our children.

SCHOOL NEWS

TURKEY TROT IS COMING SOON!

The Annual Manor Woods Turkey Trot will be on Monday, November 19th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during students Related Arts block. Volunteers are needed to guide students around the course and cheer them on as they cross the finish line. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Peksa at karyn_peksa@hcpss.org or Ms. Holocker at allison_holocker@hcpss.org.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

As partners in your child's education, we invite you to sign up for our yearly Parent Teacher Conferences. The HCPSS window for conferences is scheduled for [November 19th, 20th, and 21st](#).

Parents can log into [HCPSS Connect](#) beginning Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m through Friday, November 16th at 3:30 pm. Parents will be able to view and select from the time slots provided. Conferences for the fall will be Language Arts only unless your child is enrolled in 4th grade GT math program with Mrs. Broadhurst. GT conferences for all 5th grade GT students will be held in the Spring. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. DeBord or Mrs. Bialeski or your child's homeroom teacher. Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions to log in on 11/08/18.

[SYN073 Parent Conference Parent.pdf](#)

Here is an instructional video link: <https://youtu.be/QcMwkkIgkls>

**Please know that per the teacher's contract, they will not be able to accommodate conferences the week before or the week after the conference window.

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Veterans Day-Monday, November 12, 2018

Manor Woods will be observing Veterans Day on Monday, November 12, 2018. We value and appreciate the important role played by our veterans and service men and women. In honor of Veterans Day, Manor Woods would like to recognize these heroes who serve our country. To all those who have served or are currently serving, we thank you!

During our morning announcements, we will be sharing the name(s) of veterans and/or service men or women connected to our Manor Woods students who have served or are currently serving. Please use the following link to provide this information, including your child's name and grade, by Thursday, November 8th:

Link: [Veteran's and Service Member Recognition](#)

We will also have a spirit day in honor of Veterans Day on Monday, November 12. Students and staff are invited to wear red, white and blue to school on this day.

We'd truly appreciate your service to us!!

MWES 4TH AND 5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE

On Thursday, November 8th, students in 4th and 5th grades were given the Spelling Bee Pamphlet. Classroom Spelling Bees will take place from December 10th through December 14th. Every student in 4th and 5th Grade will get to participate in the Classroom Spelling Bee. Please encourage your 4th and 5th grade students to use the Spelling Bee pamphlet to practice for the Classroom Bees. The 4th and 5th Grade 1st and 2nd place winners from each class will participate in the MWES School Wide Spelling Bee on January 3rd. Winners of the 4th and 5th grade Classroom Bees will be shared the week of Dec. 17th. 1st and 2nd place winners will receive a letter and additional information from Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist who is the Spelling Bee Coordinator. Below is the link to the spelling. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher and/or Natalie Miskimins natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org.

[MWES-4th 5th Spelling Bee 2018-2019.pdf](#)

American Education Week—November 12-16, 2018—will present all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

The staff and administration of Manor Woods Elementary School cordially invites you to this year's American Education Week, Reach. Educate. Inspire. During the week of November 12-16, our school will be open to parents and community members that would like to observe the rigor and enthusiasm of our classrooms. We would like to share with you a snapshot into your child's daily routine. **We invite you to join us anytime between 9:15 am-2:30 pm throughout the week.** We are hoping with a flexible, open schedule, you will be able to find a time that is convenient during your day to visit us. As you know, parking is often an issue and spreading your visits throughout the week should lessen the crowded parking lot.

During your visit, you will see children in action. Teachers will not be creating special activities or events but will continue with their daily instruction. During this visit, younger siblings should not attend. This is a special time to see your elementary student shine.

A few last reminders: This is an educational time for your student. Our daily instruction will continue while you visit. Therefore, please limit any interaction you may have with your child and understand that teachers will not be able to hold personal conversations at this time. We also ask that you keep your cell phones off out of respect for the classroom environment. Taking pictures is very distracting to the students and we would like to ask that you refrain from taking photos during your visit. Please be sure that when you visit, you stop by the sign in at the table in the lobby. There will be sign in sheets and visitor stickers available at the table. We hope to see you during American Education Week, 2018!

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

We are so happy that many students are taking advantage of our new “Little Free Library” located at the front of our school. One of our former students was nice enough to not only build it, but he also provided us with a starter collection. Sadly, we are running very low on books and it seems that many students are borrowing, but not returning the books. If you

have any gently used books that you would like to donate, please have your child bring them to the media center and label them “Little Free Library”. If you know your child has borrowed books from the box, please encourage them to return them when finished. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dear MWES Families,

Please consider volunteering your time to help with labeling, filing, and organizing our NEW nonfiction guided reading materials for classroom teachers. Volunteers can come to school anytime during the day and I will leave directions and etc. If you are able to help please reach out to me at natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org. Happy Reading!

Thank you,
Natalie Miskimins
Reading Specialist

YOUNG AUTHORS' WRITING CONTEST 2018-2019

Students in Grades 2nd through 5th are invited to participate in the State of Maryland Literacy Association SoMLA - Young Authors' Writing Contest. In this writing contest, students submit an original poem or short story or both. **Each writing entry requires its own cover sheet.** Parents, students, and homeroom teacher are required to sign the cover sheet. Student work must be typed on the computer and saved. If a student does not have access to a computer to type their entry please let Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist know to arrange for the student to type their entry. **The cover sheet and original writing entry is due on or before Friday, December 14, 2018.** Students can pick-up forms for the writing contest from their classroom teacher, off of Mrs. Miskimins' Reading Board, or on the MWES website. All cover sheets and original work are to be turned into Mrs. Miskimins' Reading Board where there are folders for each grade level to turn in writing contest

submissions. Please reach out to Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist at natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org if any questions! Happy Writing!!

[CORRECT DATE YA Poster Announcing Contest Elementary 2018 .pdf](#)

[YA Student Cover Sheet 2018\[1\].pdf](#)

[YA Writing Rubric.pdf](#)

REPORT CARD COMMENT INFORMATION

[Comments for 18-19 Elementary Grading and Reporting Dates - Based on New Calendar-1 copy-1-1.pdf](#)

PTA NEWS

Please see the www.mwespta.org for details and additional news.

Amazon Smile

Help support Manor Wood's PTA by shopping on Amazon through Amazon Smile. You get the same great deals and benefits offered by Amazon while supporting your children's school! Just go smile.amazon.com, and login to Amazon using your regular username and password. Search for Manor Woods under charitable organization, and you are ready to shop! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon Sammis at mwesptavp1@gmail.com.

Restaurant Nights

Tuesday, November 27 (5pm-9pm) at **Chick Fil A** (4905 Executive Park Dr, Columbia, MD 21045)

FALL 2018 AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES

The NEW flier is out and Parks and Rec has lots to offer for After School Enrichment activities. Check out the new session of Club STEM class that offers an exciting hands-on science experience, stretch your creativity with KidsArt or build with Legos! Classes fill up fast!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y84h3jqe>

IMPORTANT THINGS FOR PARENTS TO REMEMBER

PARENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

In order to volunteer in the building or on field trips, **both the confidentiality and child abuse training must be completed**, and the printed certificates turned into the front office.

Please click the following link to complete volunteer (**data confidentiality**) training:

www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information

Child Abuse Training: https://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MRHS PRODUCTION OF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Marriotts Ridge High School is proud to present our fall production, You Can't Take It With You, a whimsical comedy that follows the romance of Alice Sycamore and Tony Kirby as they explore what can only be described as the "madness of sanity" when allowing their very different families to get acquainted. A heartfelt story about the importance of acceptance and living life to the fullest, this production is sure to resonate with a 21st-century audience.

The show runs November 15-17th at 7 PM and November 18th at 3 PM. Tickets will be priced \$8 in advance [Order Tickets Here](#) and \$10 at the door. Enjoy the show!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

In alignment with Howard County Board of Education [Policy 10010, Distribution and Display of Materials and Announcements](#), the following announcements have been approved by the Public Information Office for distribution. Please visit [Distributing Community Information through the School System](#) or contact the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682 if you have any questions.

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<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>