

# MWES News - Week of 11/18/19

## NOVEMBER

**15** - PTA Movie Night 6:30 pm

**18** - PTA Restaurant Night @ Chipotle (Route 40 Location)

**18-22** - American Education Week **\*\*Please no visits 9am-10am on 11/19.\*\***

**19** - 3rd Grade to Ellicott City

**19** - Chorus Concert @ MRHS 7 pm

**21** - Picture Re-Take Day 8:45am-9:45am

**25** - Turkey Trot and 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (dismiss at 12:15 pm Fall Conferences)

**26** - Young Authors' Entries Due!

**26** - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (dismiss at 12:15 pm Fall Conferences)

**27-29** - Schools Closed for Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

**3-5** - CogAT Testing for 3rd and 5th grade (see details below)

**9-13** - Classroom Spelling Bees

**10** - 7 PM Winter Band Concert

**13** - Quarter 2 Interims sent home

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

### **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.

### **Food Drive to Benefit the Howard County Food Bank:**

During the month of November, Manor Woods will hold our annual food drive. A food collection container will be located in our front lobby, near the front office. Types of nonperishable food we'll collect include: beans, canned meat or fish, canned vegetables & fruit, cereal, crackers, granola bars, jelly, juice, pasta, peanut butter, rice & soup. Thank you for your support & for helping others in need.

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

The staff and administration of Manor Woods Elementary School cordially invites you to this year's American Education Week. During the week of November 18th-22nd, 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 respectfully ask for no visits from 9am-10am on 11/19 due to the student chorus concert. Third grade will also be on a field trip on 11/19.**

To keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, please adhere to the following:

- Only adult family members are permitted to visit during the school day.

- For safety and security purposes, please sign in at the front office.
- Silence cell phones.
- Food and drinks are not permitted in the classrooms.
- The HCPSS Student and Parent Handbook prohibits visitors from photographing students during the school day.
- Unless invited to do so by the teacher, please do not try to have a conversation with the teacher or students.
- Limit your conversations with other parents while in classrooms observing.
- Some teachers will ask you to help the students, others will want you to be an observer. Follow the directions of the teacher.

Thank you for joining us! We hope that you enjoy your visit and learn something new! With a flexible, open schedule, we hope 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 visit throughout the week should lessen the crowd in the parking lot.

We hope to see you during American Education Week, 2019!

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

**NEW SCHOOL NEWS**

**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)

### **Picture Re-Take Day**

Picture retakes will be on Thursday, November 21st from 8:45am-9:45am. Please click the link for more information.

[Picture Retakes Manor Woods.pdf](#)

[Fall 2019 Flier-Envelope-1.pdf](#) (printable order form)

### **Turkey Trot is Coming Soon!**

The Annual Manor Woods Turkey Trot will be on Monday, November 25th 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 sign up here <https://forms.gle/66pe8KCUccLBKAR7A> Questions? Contact Mrs. Peksa at [karyn\\_peksa@hcpss.org](mailto:karyn_peksa@hcpss.org) or Ms. Holocker at [allison\\_holocker@hcpss.org](mailto:allison_holocker@hcpss.org).

### **CogAT Testing Information**

3rd and 5th grade students will be taking the CogAT test on December 3rd, 4th and 5th. 3rd grade will test at 9 am and 5th grade will test at 11am.

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### **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!

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### **NEW INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD**

**Boundary Review Update:** The Board of Education continues to hold [Public Work Sessions](#) to work towards a final plan on boundary adjustments that could impact communities in any of the 74 HCPSS schools for the 2020–2021 school year. The final Board Public Work Session is scheduled for November 18, at 6:30 p.m. The Board is scheduled to make a final decision on boundary adjustments for the 2020-2021 school year on November 21 at 7 p.m. 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.

### **INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

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 25th, 26th, and 27th. Parents can log into [HCPSS Connect](#) **beginning Monday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m through Friday, November 22nd 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 or Mrs. Parker. 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, Mrs. Zinn or your child's homeroom teacher. Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions to log in on 11/11/19. <https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/synergy-parent-teacher-conference-registration.pdf> Here is an instructional video link: <https://youtu.be/QcMwkklgkls> If you plan to be out of town during conference week, please email your child's teacher directly to schedule a conference to be held during the week of December 9th. We will be unable to schedule conference times before November 25th. Should you need to conference with a related arts teacher, please email that teacher directly. All email addresses can be found on our website under the staff section.

### **American Education Week**

This year, American Education Week is being held from November 18-22. In keeping with tradition, Manor Woods Elementary staff and students would like to invite all parents in to visit with their child during the school day. Visiting with your Manor Woods child is a very special time for them and they look forward to your visit. Siblings will not be permitted to be in any classes during the day. We hope to see you when you drop by!

**\*\*Please note: On November 19th, the children will be attending the in-school chorus concert at 9am until 10am. Respectfully, we ask that you do not plan to visit during this time as seating is limited.\*\***

[Master Schedule 19-20](#)

## **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. Classroom 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 reasons for their absence.

[MWESabsences@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsences@hcpss.org)

## **Updated Attendance Procedures**

In support of achieving Exemplary Attendance for all students, we are sharing with you a comprehensive approach for attendance supports and interventions.

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## **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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## **COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS**

### **Peter and the Starcatcher at MRHS**

Ticket sales are now live! Please use the following link to purchase:

<https://tinyurl.com/MRHS-PETER>

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS**

### **Thrive by Five Workshop for Parents**

Join us for the latest science, health and behavioral information to help your child Thrive By Five.

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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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**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)