

MWES News - Week of 12/6/19

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

3 - 5th Grade Chorus Cluster Concert Field Trip

Cluster Concert @MRHS 7 pm

6 - Vision/Hearing Screening

9-13 - Classroom Spelling Bees

13 - MVMS Parent Information Night at MVMS cafe 6 pm

17 - School Wide Spelling Bee

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.

Food Drive Update

The Manor Woods community donated 509 lbs. of food to the Howard County Food Bank for residents in need. This doesn't include the 100+ lbs. of additional food that we distributed to families here in our community. Because of your generosity, we were able to distribute 9 boxes of food to local families before Thanksgiving. Next week we'll distribute 12 more boxes. Thank you for your generosity & making a difference for others!

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Families,

Redistricting Update

The November 21st vote by the Board of Education changed the attendance area for over 5,400 students across Howard County. Some students from St. John's Lane have been identified to attend Manor Woods Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year. These families should have received an email from HCPSS with information regarding school placements and redistricting exemptions. Information about redistricting news can be located on the [HCPSS website](#) under "Redistricting Resources."

While the process of determining who will be impacted is over, the planning for the transition has just begun. During the remainder of the school year, we will work to lessen the impact of the transition for all affected families by working closely with school system officials and the administration of St. John's Lane. We have scheduled a welcome/orientation at Manor Woods

Elementary on Thursday, January 23rd from 6:30-7:30 for the SJLES students moving to Manor Woods. (More information to follow.)

We know the anxiety around the transition is very real. We pledge to work alongside each family to negotiate the process. As we get further into the school year, we will be able to communicate directly with the specific families that need the information. More information on the Board's decision and attendance area adjustments is available on the [HCPSS website](#). We will continue to keep our families informed of redistricting information via our newsletter and website. Please contact Mrs. DeBord at 410-313-7165 or carol_debord@hcpss.org if you have questions.

We welcome our new families and look forward to including them into our marvelous school community.

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

Manor Woods Elementary School

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

Council of Elders Recognition

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their high academic achievement by the Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County and HCPSS:

Third Grade: Makida Azene and Fourth Grade: Averi Felder, Lauryn Lindo, Jayden Okoro, and Kacey Richardson. These students earned a grade of A or B in all areas under mathematics

and language arts in each of the four marking periods during the 2018-2019 school year. We are super proud of our Mighty Ducks!

[council of elders.jpg](#)

[council of elders2.jpg](#)

Updated School Closure

All Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) schools and offices will be closed on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, due to the special election to fill the 7th congressional district seat vacated following the passing of Rep. Elijah Cummings.

HCPSS schools and offices are typically closed on all election days as county school buildings are used as polling sites by the Howard County Board of Elections. Students and staff are not able to access school buildings for instruction while elections are underway.

As this closing was not originally listed on the HCPSS Calendar, we are making this announcement early to allow families to plan ahead for the closure. HCPSS has reached out to community partners who typically provide camps and other programs on non-school days to encourage them to provide similar opportunities on February 4. Additionally, our Office of Food and Nutrition Services is exploring the possibility of opening food sites where free lunches could be served to children under the age of 18.

The school system plans to apply to the Maryland State Department of Education for a waiver of the closing day.

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!

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

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! 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. 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 reason for their absence. If a reason is not included, the absence will be recorded as unlawful. 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

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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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

