

# MWES News - Week of 2-7-2022

**January 25th-February 18th** - MWES Kindness Challenge

**February 8th - 22nd** - Rising 6th Grade MS Fine Arts Course Selection Window

**February 10th-11th** - 3-Hour Early Dismissal for students (dismiss at 12:15 pm)  
Parent/Teacher Math Conferences

**February 15th** - Virtual PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

**February 16th** - 3-Hour Early Dismissal for students (dismiss at 12:15 pm)

**February 18th** - Famous Person Day (dress up as a famous artist, scientist, author, athlete, musician, you choose!)

**February 21st** - Schools and offices OPEN (previously closed for Presidents Day)

**February 22nd, 23rd, 24th** - CogAT for Grade 3

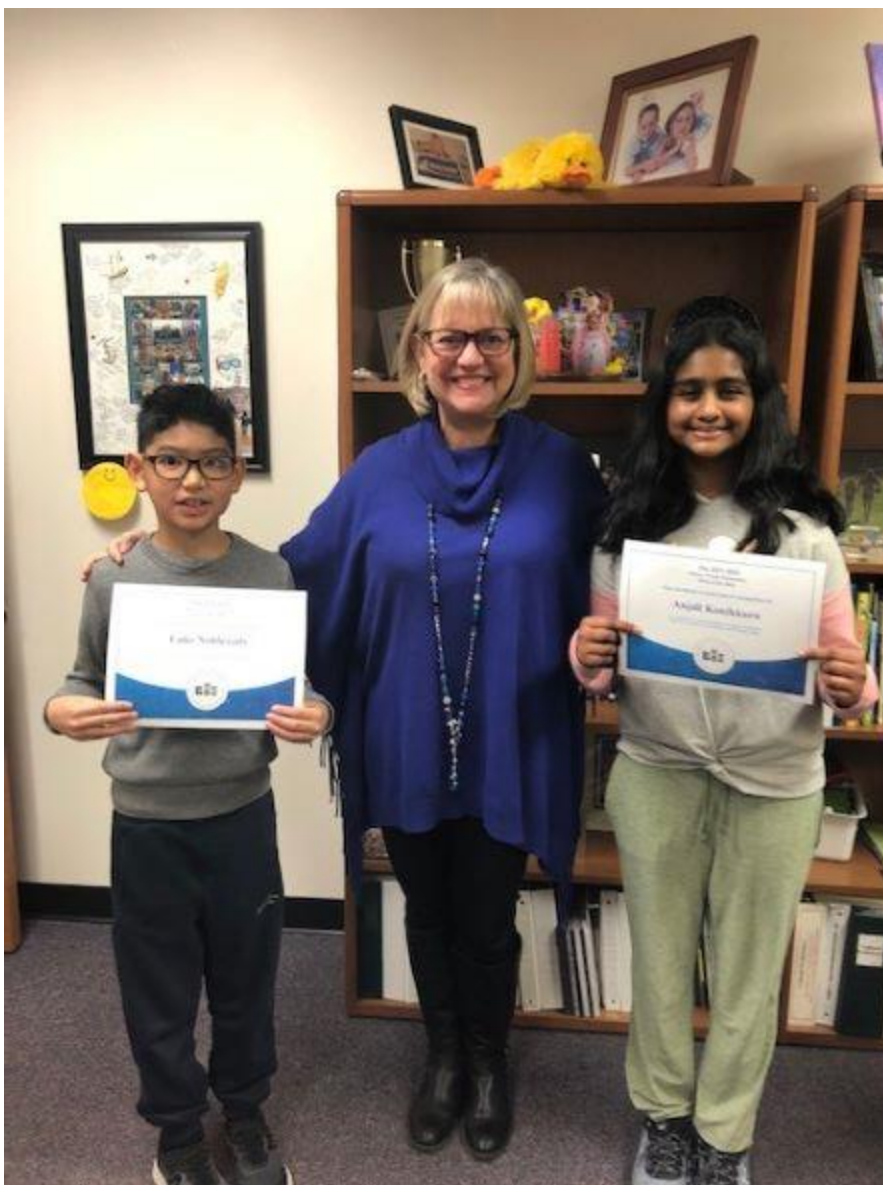
**February 22nd-23rd** - CogAT for Grade 5

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

### Congratulations to Our Spelling Bee Winners

Congrats to *Anjali Konikkara*, Grade 5 (Mrs. Sorkin)! Anjali will represent Manor Woods at the Virtual Howard County Spelling Bee on March 19th. Our alternate winner is 4th grader, *Luke Noblezada* (Mrs. Forbes), who is our alternate representative.

[Click Here For Photo](#)



Thank you!

Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

**New Information**

## 2021-2022 Academic Calendar Updates

In anticipation of possible future inclement weather days, and in response to the declaration of June 19 as a federal holiday, the Board of Education has approved [several modifications to the 2021–2022 current school year academic calendar](#):

- **Monday, Feb. 21** - Schools and offices OPEN (previously closed for Presidents Day)
- **Monday, June 20** - Schools and offices closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.
- **Wednesday, June 22** - Added as an additional inclement weather day, if needed.

## CogAT Information for 3rd and 5th Grade Parents

[click here](#)

## Virtual Registration for *Kindergarten (coming soon)*

*Help Spread the Word in Your Neighborhood!*

**\*IF YOUR STUDENT IS ALREADY A MANOR WOODS STUDENT, PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE A REGISTRATION!\*** When registering a new kindergarten student, please exclude current students during the registration.

**Kindergarten (Virtual) Registration Week is March 7th-11th, 2022. *Details will be provided soon.***

Parents/guardians of children who will be five as of September 1, 2022, must enroll their children in kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.

Note: Parents/guardians without access to a computer should contact their child's school for assistance in completing the registration form.

## Prekindergarten

The HCPSS Pre-K program is a high-quality, half-day prekindergarten program. Students must be four years old by September 1, 2022, to be considered for enrollment in fall 2022. See specifics on [Pre-K Program](#).

*Please note: MWES does not have PK.*

## Gather Documentation Ahead of Time

Having all your documentation prepared in advance of registration will keep the process moving quickly. **If you are missing documentation, your registration will be denied.**

## Student Identification Documentation

- Student's evidence of birth (birth certificate, passport/visa, physician's certificate, baptismal or church certification, hospital certificate, parent/s affidavit or birth registration.)
- Proof of parental relationship, custody, or guardianship. If applicable, bring legal proof of custody (court order).
- Any additional paperwork that may be necessary due to special living arrangements or circumstances.

## Academic Documentation

- Student's most recent grade report, transcript, report card from last school attended at time of withdrawal.
- Documentation of Special Education (IEP), 504, Psychological Report, or related services.

## Parent Identification Documentation

- Parent picture ID: driver's license, passport, MVA identification or other legal form of photographic identification.
- Signed original, current complete lease or complete deed with your address, valid dates, signatures.
- Current utility bill with name and address (non-cellular telephone, gas and electric, cable bill issued in the last 45 days.)

## Health Documentation

- Student's current proof of immunizations signed by physician. [Learn more about the immunizations required for enrollment →](#)
- Students who have never attended a Howard County public school have certain health documents to submit with their enrollment paperwork. [Learn more about these forms](#) and find additional forms for diabetic students, students with allergies, and student medications.

## News From Our Music Department

We are so proud to announce the following 5th grade students auditioned and were accepted into the Howard County Honors Band:

*Joshua Koh and Greyson Tichenor*

## News From Our DEI Committee

### Lunar New Year begins February 1st

These lovely slides were made by ESOL teacher, Mrs. Unjung Shin, and Counselors, Ms. Monica Heinlein, and Mrs. Christina Salapata! Wait until you see the contributions in the slides from our MWES families! Thank you to our staff, and our families who shared their time to create this beautiful slide show!

[Click Here for Slide Show](#)

## **Black History DEI Wall**

As we prepare to celebrate Black History Month, it is important to recognize those who have paved the way and those who are "History in the Making". The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Parent Team will be creating a space for Black History Month and would love to lift up students who are African American, African descent and/or multiracial. Student's photos would go on the DEI board along with their grade and the hashtag (#HistoryInTheMaking). If you would love for your child to be included on the board, please contact DEI Chair Demika Johnson at [demikajohnson@gmail.com](mailto:demikajohnson@gmail.com) by Friday, February 4th.

## **Black History Month Celebrations**

February begins a month-long celebration for Black History, which was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history. Among the notable figures often spotlighted during Black History Month are Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who fought for equal rights for Blacks during the 1950s and '60s; Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American justice appointed to the United States Supreme Court in 1967; Mae Jamison, who became the first female African-American astronaut to travel to space in 1992; and Barak Obama, who was elected the first-ever African-American president of the United States in 2008.

## **Black History Month Daily Inspiration Slides**

## **MLK Writing Contribution**

The MWES Staff and Parent DEI Teams have collaborated to host a MLK writing contribution. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an activist committed to peace, justice, and equality. As a visionary leader of the civil rights movement, King fought for racial and economic justice for the oppressed. His driving forces were nonviolence, love, the importance of family and self-respect. Students can reflect on these words and how they relate to themselves or others in their families, schools, neighborhoods, or the world. Attached you will find more information about the writing contribution.

[Writing Description PDF](#) (Intermediate grades have a maximum of one page length on lined paper.)

[Primary Writing Template PDF](#)

## **Virtual Art Night**

The MWES DEI Parent Team will be hosting a Black History Month Virtual Night on **February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**, where you will learn about artist Tyree Guyton and make a collage inspired by his work. Students will need: glue, scissors, cardboard (for base), trash/recyclables, and any other items you want to add (feathers, pom poms, stickers, googly eyes, etc)

[Virtual Art Night PDF](#)

## **PTA News**

### **HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR**

Many thanks to the Chinese parent group for greeting our children and decorating the school this week, they brought excitement and joy to our school for the Lunar New Year celebration. We wish all of our Manor Woods families good health, happiness and prosperity in the year of the Tiger.

### **PTA MEETING - February 15th**

Our next PTA meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30PM. PTA meetings are a great opportunity to hear directly from administration, ask questions and hear more about what's coming up here at Manor Woods. We hope to see you there!

## **RESTAURANT NIGHT - February 17th at Nora's Kabob**

Join MWES PTA at our next Restaurant Night **Thursday, February 17th** featuring Mediterranean cuisines including a full selection of scrumptious kabobs, seafood, gyros, and wraps. Eat in or carry out! 9338 Baltimore National Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Please bring this [flier](#) with you!

Carry out orders: (410) 418-5911 or you can order online at <https://www.toasttab.com/noras-kabob-ellicott-city/v3/> You can access online ordering from Nora's Kabob's home page as well.

**Online orders are preferred! Please be mindful that there may be an increased wait due to the increase in orders from MWES families. If you need your meal at a certain time, we encourage you to schedule your order pick-up time earlier in the day using their online ordering system!**

## **DUCK DASH - Corporate Sponsors Needed**

The much anticipated Duck Dash is ON!!! The big day is scheduled for **April 22, 2022**.

The Duck Dash is a fundraiser that culminates with the kids participating in a team building obstacle course "fun run" in April. This is an engaging event that promotes fitness, character building, and school pride for our students. The kids love the event, and the fundraising aspect helps the PTA to provide technology in the classroom, Brainpop access, Cultural Events and other school and PTA activities.

Yes, this is still MONTHS away, but we need your help! If you, or someone you know, has a business and would like to partner with us for this event, please let us know!! The Corporate Sponsorship Form can be accessed [here](#)

More information will be coming later on [individual fundraising](#), and [volunteer sign ups](#).

## **Order Your 21-22 MWES Yearbook TODAY**



[yearbook flier](#)

[create account here](#)

## 5TH GRADE YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Attention 5th grade families! Each year the yearbook has a photo spread of our 5th grader's kindergarten photos. We love to see how much they have grown over the years. If you would like to participate please send a kindergarten (or baby, toddler, etc) photo of your child to [manorwoodsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:manorwoodsyearbook@gmail.com).

## Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

### Weather Guidelines

[Click Here](#)

## FIFTH GRADE PARENTS: Mark Your Calendars!

***\*\*Be on the lookout for an HCPSS email on February 8th with video instructions on how to help you and your student choose their fine arts course in connect.\*\****

### **Please Read the Attached Letters for Instructions to Register for Fine Arts Courses**

This letter will help guide you and your child through the selection process for their 6th grade fine arts course. We encourage you and your child to have a conversation and

make selections based on strengths and interests to ensure a successful transition to 6th grade. **Registration for these courses will be available online during the window of February 8th - 22nd.**

[BMMS Course Letter Information](#)

[MVMS Course Letter Information](#)

## Accessing Quarter 2 Report Cards

Report cards will be accessible via HCPSS Connect Synergy after 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31. Parents/guardians may access them following the [instructions for accessing report cards online](#). [Answers to frequently asked questions on grades and testing](#) can be found online.

## School Wide Reading Challenge

**The reading challenge began on January 14th and continues to Monday, Feb. 14th, which is currently the 100th Day of School.** (We will adjust the date if there are any days off due to the weather). Students will be given a 100 Book Challenge document. Each time they read a book, the student can color in a book on the paper. ***Please note: For students in grades 3-5, 25 pages = 1 book since upper grade level books are more complex.*** Once the student reaches 100 books (or 2500 pages for intermediate students), they will turn in their paper to the classroom teacher. The student will earn a special “I read 100 books” challenge bookmark to keep and decorate. Then, the student will be entered into a special drawing that will be announced on the 100th Day of School. The winners of the drawing will get a special afterschool virtual reading with Mrs. Debord and Mrs. Zinn at a time agreed upon by the winner and admin. Happy Reading!

## **Conference Registration Firm Sign-up Deadline is Today February 4th at 4pm!**

**Preparing for a Parent-Teacher Conference:** The HCPSS Family Engagement Committee has developed a [Parent-Teacher Conference Tip Sheet](#). Please share with families in preparation for February conferences.

Please join your child's **math Teacher** for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Online conference registration **begins on Friday, January 28th, and will go through Friday, February 4th. No conferences will be scheduled after February 4th.** Directions on how to schedule a conference with your student(s) Math teacher are [attached](#). **5th Grade GT Math** conferences are available at this time as well (**4th grade GT math conferences were held in the Fall and will not be held at this time**).

All conferences will be held via Google Meet on February 10th -11th. If you find it necessary to meet face to face with your child's teacher, please email them directly. (HCPSS vaccination protocols must be followed. Any vaccine/testing verifications process in place at that time will apply to in-person conferences.)

**Below is a summary of the attached directions:**

- Login into [HCPSS Connect \(Parent Account\)](#) Go to the **navigation pane (left side), Select Conference, then Select Parent Scheduled Conferences (upper right-hand corner)**.
- You should be able to see all your students in the top, left corner of the screen.
- Conferences will be 15 minutes in length (30 minutes for ELL only). Please keep this in mind when selecting a slot for additional children. It is best not to select back-to-back time slots due to the virtual setting.

Once you have completed your conference registration(s), you can see the schedule in your **parent connect access account** by selecting **More Options, Conference Scheduling, View My Conference Schedule in the navigation pane (left side)**.

## MWES Kindness Challenge 2022

In recognition of *The Great Kindness Challenge* and *Random Acts of Kindness Week*, Manor Woods will combine these initiatives to celebrate **The Manor Woods Kindness Challenge** January 25 - February 18. Students and staff will use this [28 Day Kindness Challenge Calendar](#) to spread daily acts of kindness at school, home and in the community. We encourage families to participate in the Kindness Challenge as well. "Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life." ~ Jackie Chan

We have such an amazingly generous community!

Ms. Heinlein (grades 1, 2, 4 & 5) and Mrs. Salapata (grades K & 3) are here to support our students. If we can be of assistance to you or your child, please contact [monica\\_heinlein@hcpss.org](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org) or [christina\\_salapata@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_salapata@hcpss.org).

## Upcoming Spirit Days

Before winter break, intermediate students were surveyed about their **spirit day preferences** and student leaders reviewed the responses.

Based on popular vote, student leaders identified the spirit days listed below.

**Feb. 18** Famous Person Day (dress up as a famous artist, scientist, author, athlete, musician, you choose!)

**Mar. 18** Career Day (wear an outfit that matches a career you might like)

**Apr. 22** Wacky Hair Day

**May 27** Dress Up Day

**June 10** Hat Day

## **News From the Health Room**

### **Vaccine Clinic at Long Reach High School**

[Spanish Flier](#)

[English Flier](#)

### **Updated Quarantine Isolation Procedures**

[Click Here](#)

### **Howard County Health Department: Covid facts & testing locations**

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19>

## **Community News**

## Sensory-Friendly Sundays @ Robinson Nature Center

Join Robinson Nature Center, Therapeutic Recreation, and Park Ranger staff in enjoying outdoor, self-paced activities designed for families with kids, teens, and adults with sensory-processing differences, autism spectrum disorder, or developmental disabilities. Activities include sensory bins and pathways, scavenger hunts, and crafts or games. The center opens early, allowing visitors to enjoy a calm environment. Sensory alert maps, quiet areas, and sensory backpacks, which include headphones and various fidgets, are available. Be sure to preregister to receive additional information prior to the event. Please see the [Sensory-Friendly Sundays flyer](#) for further information.

- Time:
  - 11am - 12:30pm
  - *General operating hours begin at noon and guests of this program are welcome to stay after 12:30pm.*
- Cost:
  - \$5, adult; \$3, child;
  - *Free, members & children under 3 yrs*
- Programs:
  - Spring in Here - March 27
  - Natural Art - May 29
  - River Romp - July 24
  - Fantastic Fall - September 11
  - Nature's Harvest - November 13

## Greetings from the Maryland Council on Economic Education!

### POSTER CONTEST: "A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"

#### Elementary and Middle School Teachers!

Have your students design a poster (8 ½ x 11 inches) depicting one of the ten economics and/or personal finance concepts in the MCEE Poster Contest. Additional information and registration materials are available in the [Poster Brochure](#)

**All entries must be sent to:**

**Maryland Council on Economic Education**

**8000 York Road**

**Towson, MD 21252**

**postmarked on or before MARCH 1,2022**

## **Howard County Conservancy Summer Camp**

[Click Here for Flier](#)

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).