

MWES News - Week of May 17, 2021

Important Dates

May 19 - MAP Math test Grades 1-5

May 28 - **USA Day**: Wear **Red**, **White** and **Blue**

May 31 - Schools and Offices Closed (Memorial Day)

June 4 - **Spirit Day**: Wear Your Favorite Hat

June 10, 11, 14, 15 - 3-Hour Early Dismissal for Students

June 11 - **Spirit Day**: Crazy Hair Day (the CRAZIER, the better!)

June 14 - **Flag Day**: Wear **Red**, **White** and **Blue**

June 15 - Last Day of School

MAP Testing Information

Wednesday, May 19th 9:15-11:15 - MAP Math for grades 1-5.

E group students will complete the testing in person. A and B group students will log in virtually to complete the test.

May 19th (Math) 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. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP

assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

Specific information will be coming directly from your classroom teacher.

A Note From Our Administrators

Hello Manor Woods Families!!!

We wanted to share a special "Thank You" to our school community for a Wonderful Week of Appreciation!! The entire Manor Woods staff had a sensational staff appreciation week thanks to the PTA and the hospitality committee led by Mrs. Christine Gemi. We extend our thanks to our parents and students for the special notes, cards, gifts, videos, etc. Our week started with beautiful yard signs of appreciation placed along our walk-way into the building. A special thank you goes out to Dr. Renuka Jain, one of our MWES parents, for eliminating our stress through stretching. We enjoyed bagels and cream cheese, coffee and cookies donated from Einstein's Bagels and pastries donated from Roggenart Bakery, and were treated to delicious donuts from our PTA. Our staff also loved the Chipotle lunch, also given to us by our generous PTA. We even had a little Cinco De Mayo celebration by breaking a pinata together, which certainly started our day off well. Thanks to our summer swag gift tubs, we are now ready for summer!! The partnership between the staff and parents of the Manor Woods community is greatly valued and appreciated!

We would like to also highlight a few individuals that have contributed to our school daily and deserve special recognition. Our amazing cafeteria ladies, Ms. Melissia Parker and Ms. Pascoe have been working daily for over a year passing out meals. Their hard work and dedication to MWES and preparing meals for our school community is much appreciated. HCPSS recently recognized cafeteria staff throughout the county, and we know we have the best ladies at Manor Woods.

We would also like to acknowledge the dedication and countless hours that our Health Assistant, Ms. Winde and our Registered Nurse, Ms. Ruiz has given to our school, staff, families, and the county. Both ladies have participated in countless vaccine

clinics and trainings. They have worked tirelessly this year, and we want to recognize them during School Nurses week.

Also, a special thank you to Jeanne Smith, our Pupil Personnel Worker. PPWs have a great passion to serve HCPSS schools, families, and students. PPWs help remove barriers, address unique hardships and situations, while following county, state, and federal policies. This week please congratulate the PPWs for thinking outside of the box and being problem solvers, this is especially needed during this time of COVID-19.

And finally, here's a friendly reminder to complete the Consideration Card by May 21st!

Please use [this link](#) to share with us information about your child that will help us place them in the appropriate classroom for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

New Information

Thank You Howard County Chinese School

A special thank you to the Howard County Chinese School volunteers who donated 30 face masks to our school! Fourth grader, Callie Chen, and her mom, Jin Shi,

participated in the mask making initiative. We truly appreciate your efforts in keeping our staff safe by donating PPE.

MWES PTA Final DEI Roundtable

We invite you to join the final DEI Roundtable of the school year, where we will focus on active allyship. During this dialogue, facilitated by DEI Committee member and parent Jen Zinn, we will reflect on the role of allies in advancing inclusion at Manor Woods and within the community. We will meet on Thursday, May 20th at 7pm via Zoom.

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

Absence Email Reminder

Dear Manor Woods Parents,

Please do not send your child's absent note through Canvas. All absent notes must be emailed to MWESabsence@hcpss.org and **include student name, date of the absence and the reason for the absence.** If this information is not included, the note will not be accepted. This email goes directly to our Attendance Secretary. You may cc: your child's teacher in the same email.

Thank you in advance for adhering to our absence reporting procedures.

2021 Summer Programs Registration is Open

Online enrollment requests for currently enrolled HCPSS students will open at 6 p.m., Monday, March 15 for BSAP Summer Institute, Gifted and Talented Summer Institutes for Talent Development, Innovative Pathways High School (Math and Science only), and STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp.

[Learn more](#)

Capture Your Memories in This Year's MWES Yearbook

See Yearbook Flier for more information on how you can order a yearbook. Sales continue through the remainder of the school year.

[Yearbook Flier](#)

News from Ms. Heinlein

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The past 13 months have been life altering and have presented challenges & stressors never faced before. Now more than ever it's vital to focus on the mental health & well-being of ourselves and our children. Check out the [MWES ABC Mental Health Countdown to Summer](#) calendar for fun, well-being activities that families can do together throughout the months of May and June.

If I can be of assistance to you or your child(ren), I can be reached through email monica_heinlein@hcpss.org, Canvas Inbox or by phone 410-313-7165.

Change Matters is Coming to Manor Woods May 7th - 14th!

Manor Woods will participate in a Virtual Change Matters Campaign to support Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Howard County's ONLY homeless shelter. Grassroots depends upon the generosity of the community to support its **free** services to people with a personal, mental health, family, or shelter crisis. Counselors staff Grassroots' 24-7 crisis hotline; provide suicide prevention and outreach programs; operate the Mobile Crisis Team and Day Resource Center; and manage the emergency overnight shelter and cold weather shelters. All donations go directly to Grassroots to continue providing help & support to those in need. Information on how to make an online donation can be found [here](#). Thank you for your support!

Community News

Columbia Orchestra Presents Peter and the Wolf

The Columbia Orchestra returns to the Chrysalis on May 22 at 11am and 1pm for Peter and the Wolf! A smaller ensemble from the Orchestra, dancers from Dance Connections, and narrator Greg Jukes perform Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, music from *Moana*, *Wizard of Oz*, and more! Children of all ages will enjoy this fun-filled introduction to the orchestra! Tickets: \$15/Adult, \$10/Children (ages 2 & up). Children under 2 are free but need a ticket! Click [here](#) to purchase tickets. Click [here](#) to read about the safety guidelines that will be followed for this concert.

High Quality, Affordable Dental Hygiene Care at HCC

[Click Here](#)

Covid Vaccine Clinics

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic - Walk-Up - Grassroots Emergency Shelter, 6700 Freetown Road, Columbia MD

- May 15th 10am-1pm - [English](#) - [Spanish](#)
- May 22nd 10am-1pm - [English](#) - [Spanish](#)

The Health Ministry Team of Ellicott City Church will be hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on May 13th, 2021 & June 10th, 2021 from 4 PM-7 PM at 3291 St. John's Lane Ellicott City MD 21042. The Moderna vaccine, will be administered by Giant Pharmacy.

[Ellicott City Church Vaccine Flier](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)

Free Parenting Classes: HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, partnering with HCPSS and the Health Department, will once again provide evidence-based classes for families to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will engage in risky behaviors including using drugs. This 4-class series for parents of 9-14 year olds will be held on Zoom from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 4, 11 and June 1, 8. Parents/guardians must register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCDrugFreeSpring2021> If you have questions, email Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree's Executive Director at Admin@hcdrugfree.org

HoCo Rainbow Conference

Please join us virtually to learn more about how to be better advocates for the LGBTQ+ Community at our second HoCo Rainbow Conference. With over 24 concurrent sessions and local as well as national speakers, we have a full day of fun and learning lined up for **Saturday, May 15, 2021**. Session speakers include Jane Clementi and Joshua Patel of the Tyler Clementi Foundation, Rae Sweet of the It Gets Better Project, Maryland House Majority Leader, Eric Luedtke, Kevin Naff of The Washington Blade, Ying Matties and Robyn Page of Community Allies of Rainbow

Youth (CARY), and many more! Registration for this FREE conference will go live on **Friday, April 2nd**. Until then, you can browse our conference website to learn more about the sessions and view the [conference schedule](#) here. We hope many of you will join us!

Food Give-Aways

- Free Food Distribution every Saturday in May - [English](#) - [Spanish](#)
- The Salvation Army - Food Distribution - May 19th & June 16th - information in [English & Spanish](#)

Mobile Covid Testing Sites

[See Attached 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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.