

# MWES News - Week of 9/20/2021

**September 20th and 22nd** - MCAP (ELA) 4th and 5th Grade

**October 15th** - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

**November 4th** - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

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

### National Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

Happy Independence day to our students of Hispanic origin! Please see the link below for activities and events.

<https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

Kindly,

Carol DeBord

Principal

Jennifer Zinn

Assistant Principal

**ABSENT NOTE EMAIL REMINDER** When your child is absent, please send an email on the day your student returns to the following address: [MWESabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsence@hcpss.org)

**Please do not send changes in transportation to this email, as we will not see the changes. Any time there is a change in transportation, and any time your child has an after school activity, you must send a note into your child's homeroom teacher.**

### **FROM THE MEDIA CENTER**

**Please return all media center books from the 20-21 school year ASAP!**

## **New Information**

### **Attention Parents!**

As we head into Week 4 of the 21-22 school year, we would like to remind parents to please do your best to limit doctor appointments and early dismissals during the school week. It is important for your student(s) to maintain a routine each day, which includes being present for the entire school day. We would also like to remind parents to help your child(ren) get into the habit of making sure they have their lunch, water bottle, chrome book with charger and instrument (if they play one) on a daily basis. We are trying to limit the amount of drop-offs

during the school day. Thank you for partnering with us to establish consistent attendance habits and school preparedness early in the school year.

### **Positions available**

**Want to earn some money while your child is at school?** Manor Woods is looking for candidates to work as a lunch/recess monitor. Ideal candidates should have some experience working with children and have a positive, child-centered attitude. Candidates must pass a Maryland/FBI fingerprint criminal background check, as required by law. Hours are Mon-Fri./Daytime.

Job Details:

20 hours per week on average

Pay is \$12.50/hourly, no summer hours.

This is a NON-benefit position.

For school specific questions, please contact Jennifer Zinn at [jennifer\\_zinn@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_zinn@hcpss.org).

**[Click Here to Apply](#)**

### **Grading Information:**

Most grades will be posted through our teacher Canvas pages. However, please know that some grades that teachers collect are observational and anecdotal. As a result, Canvas will not reflect all grades collected. There are no interim progress reports this school year. Should a teacher have any concerns, they will inform the parent prior to the quarterly report card.

**Chromebook Obligations:** Beginning Monday, September 13, HCPSS will charge families for lost, stolen, or damaged devices per the following parameters.

- Families will be charged for any devices that are lost, stolen or damaged while in their care.
- If devices are lost, stolen or damaged during school hours and in the school building, school administrators will conduct an investigation to determine if the incident was the result of neglect on the part of the assigned student.

### **Headphones Needed:**

As we move into the school year, there will be some assessments and instructional tasks that require students to use headphones. **We are asking that our families send in headphones with their students. Please label them with your student's name. Headphones can remain at school for consistent availability.** Thank you for your support!

**We have a small amount of headphones for sale.**

Cost \$5.50 via OSP only. [Purchase Here](#) If you are unable to pay online, please email [jennifer\\_young@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_young@hcpss.org).

Purchasing headphones from school is optional and students are welcome to bring their own headphones in from home (**please label**). If students have previously purchased headphones at school, they have been passed on to their teachers.

**Chromebook Expectations:** Please continue to remind students and families that it is our expectation that students in grades 2-12 bring the Chromebook that was issued to them to school daily. Schools have a limited number of devices to loan to students. Information related to [HCPSS technology and devices](#) is online and may be shared with families.

## **Important Reminders From Past Newsletters**

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

## **FALL TESTING INFORMATION**

### 2021 Early Fall Assessments

As part of continued COVID-19 recovery efforts, the Maryland State Department of Education is conducting an early fall student assessment as one of several strategies to identify how students are performing academically. The results will help educators better understand student needs, so that we can address disrupted education and accelerate learning opportunities for all students. These results never stand alone in assessing student growth and will be used in combination with other assessments and class work to gauge overall student performance. [Click here](#) for more information about MCAP Early Fall Assessments.

Students in grades 4 and 5 took the math MCAP this week.

Students in grades 4 and 5 will take the ELA MCAP next week on Monday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, Sept. 22.

To prepare your child for testing on MONDAY please:

- Send them to school with a fully charged Chromebook, headphones, and charger.
- Make sure they get a good night's rest the night before testing
- Make sure they eat a healthy breakfast the day of testing

## **JOIN THE PTA!**

Help us kick off the new school year by joining us for our first PTA meeting of the year NEXT WEDNESDAY, September 8th! This is a great opportunity to learn more about the PTA, hear from our administration and meet other Manor Woods families. We will be voting in our new PTA Board members at this meeting as well. Per our bylaws, a quorum of 15 past

PTA members will need to be present to vote in the 2021-2022 PTA board, so please stop by to help get the school year started! Hope to see you there!

And don't forget to JOIN THE PTA! Join now for early bird pricing of just \$25. It's quick, easy and membership funds help to support our school! Becoming a member of the PTA does not mean you need to volunteer, it simply means that you are donating to help enhance the school experience for our students.

The PTA funds school-wide presentations, family fun events, teacher appreciation activities, and items needed by the teachers for their lessons and classrooms.

Join Today! The price goes up October 1st!

<https://mwespta.com/membership/>

## **FROM THE DESK OF MS. HEINLEIN AND MS. SALAPATA, SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

[School Counseling Newsletter](#)

## **Community News**

Stay up-to-date on vaccine clinics, Covid testing and more.

[Link to the Howard County Health Department](#)

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).

**HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**

[Flier Attached](#)