

MWES News - Week of May 6, 2019

MAY

- 7 - PTA Restaurant Night at Sonic (Route 40) 5pm-9pm
- 7 - SCH 5th Gr Parent Training Meeting 8:00 am
- 10 - 5th Grade Trout Release Field Trip
- 13 - Spring Chorus Concert @MRHS 7 pm
- 16 - Incoming 19-20 Kindergarteners Popsicles on Playground 3:45pm
- 16 - 1st Grade Toby's Theater Field Trip
- 17 - **3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (12:15 pm)**
- 21 - 5th Gr Middle School Visitation Day
- 21 - Evening of Excellence/STEM Night 5:30 pm
- 21 - PTA Restaurant Night at Rita's (Marriottsville) 2pm-9pm
- 22 - 2nd Grade MD Zoo Field Trip
- 23 - 4th Grade Biz Town Field Trip
- 27 - Memorial Day: Schools and Offices Closed
- 30 - Band Concert 7 pm
- 31 - Field Day

JUNE

- 4 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (12:15 pm)
- 5 - 3rd Grade Picnic
- 5 - 5th Grade Living Classrooms Field Trip (Lewis, Martin, Kaz)
- 6 - Spring Orchestra Concert 7 pm MRHS
- 7 - 1st Grade Picnic
- 7 - 5th Grade Living Classrooms Field Trip (Thomas, Sorkin)
- 10 - SCH 5th Grade
- 11 - 4th Grade Picnic
- 11 - K Promotion Rehearsal 9:45 am
- 12 - K Promotion Rehearsal 9:45 am
- 12 - 2nd Grade Picnic
- 13 - Kindergarten Promotion Program 9:15 am/ K Picnic 10 am

19 - 5th Grade Picnic and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

20 - 5th Grade Promotion 9:15 am and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

21 - Last Day of School and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD AND MRS. BIALESKI

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the school year soon drawing to a close, our staff is beginning the process of grouping students for the 2019-2020 year. The administration and staff at Manor Woods Elementary recognize that parental input plays a significant part in decisions about individual students. As parents, you know your child's specific strengths and needs.

Because your input is valued, we invite you to provide us with information about your child. The link below will bring you to an electronic form of the Consideration Card. This link is being provided to families who have students entering grades 1-5. The purpose of the card is to give you the opportunity to write specific comments that would be reviewed by your child's current teacher as well as next year's teacher. You may include statements about learning style, special interests, social/emotional needs, and so forth. Please understand that this card is not intended to request a certain teacher.

The administration and teaching staff utilize a wide range of criteria when grouping students for the upcoming year. Our articulation process is thoughtful and detailed, and our decisions are made upon the best interest of each individual student. We ask that you respect our professionalism and trust that our placement recommendation is reflective of what is the best instructional match for your child.

Once again, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to provide helpful information about your child. Please use the link to complete the electronic consideration card on or before Friday, May 24. If you have more than one child who will be attending MWES in September, you may complete a separate form for each of your children.

[ELECTRONIC CONSIDERATION CARD](#)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol DeBord, Principal

Mrs. Julia Bialeski, Assistant Principal

Happy Ramadan to our MWES families who will be celebrating next week through June 4th! If your child will be fasting any day during the holiday, and would like to choose to spend his/her lunch period in a space other than the cafeteria, please call or email our school counselor, Ms. Heinlein at monica_heinlein@hcpss.org or call 410-313-7165. We will work to find an alternative activity for your child during the lunch period if needed.

Update to 2018-2019 Academic Calendar (Current School Year)

The last day of school for students will be Friday, June 21. Schools will dismiss three-hours early Wednesday, June 19-Friday, June 21, and there is no half-day Pre-K/RECC. [Learn more →](#)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs. Ginger Burcham for planting pansies in the flower pots in the front of our building! We love seeing signs of spring when we arrive every day.

PLANNING A MOVE?

If you are planning to move this summer, please fill out a Transfer/Withdrawal Notification Form and submit it to the front office staff as soon as possible. Please submit the attached form by **Friday, June 7th**. Feel free to email the completed form to christina_shumaker@hcpss.org. **** Please fill**

out one form for each student.** Transfer packets will be available for pick-up on Friday, June 21st after dismissal.

[MD Student Xfer Form \(MWES\).pdf](#)

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

SCHOOL NEWS

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS WINNERS

Congrats to all of our Battle of the Books participants! This is the 12th year MWES has had teams participate. The following teams won awards:

First Place in Costume: Despicable Readers, MWES

First Place in Name: Not Your Grandmother's Book Club, MWES

First Place in Score: Magnificent Masterminds, MWES

Tie for Second Place: Captain of the Chapters, MWES & Lettuce Read an Appealing Book, Waverly ES

FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Throughout the month of May, Manor Woods will celebrate National Mental Health Awareness Month. The key topics we're focusing on throughout the month will be shared with students through our morning announcements, class discussions, journal writing & learning activities. The key topics are: Taking care of your body (eating, sleeping & exercising); Calming Strategies/Stress Relief; & Caring About Others. Please ask your students to share what they're learning about mental health awareness throughout the month. For more information visit:

<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may> or <https://www.ffcmh.org/>. Attached is a link for a calendar of ideas from Mental Health America that you can use at home for yourself & with your children to focus on well-

being. <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aacds%3AUS%3Ae5681477-c578-4069-a6c3-d99319909c71>

FROM OUR PE DEPARTMENT

Field Day 2019 is May 31st. We are looking for volunteers to assist students at the activity stations outside. If you would like to help for part or all of the day, please sign up online <https://tinyurl.com/MWESFD2019>. If you have questions about Field Day, please email Karyn_peksa@hcpss.org or Allison_holocker@hcpss.org.

EVENING OF EXCELLENCE AND STEM FAIR

The Manor Woods Elementary School's Evening of Excellence and STEM Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. We hope that you will consider supporting our "budding" engineers, mathematicians, and scientists by joining in the celebration of STEM! **Forms are due May 8th!**

[EVENING OF EXCELLENCE/STEM FAIR.pdf](#)

[STEM PROJECT PARTICIPATION FORM](#)

FROM OUR READING SPECIALIST

BOWIE BAYSOX READING INCENTIVE

Baseball tickets will be arriving to Manor Woods close to the game day. Game Day is May 18, 2019 at 6:35 pm Bowie Baysox vs. Erie. Each student will receive 2 free tickets for the game. Families will have an option to purchase additional tickets at a reduced rate close to the game day. If you have any questions please reach out to our Reading Specialist [Natalie Miskimins@hcpss.org](mailto:Natalie_Miskimins@hcpss.org) or call Kelsey Carter, Baysox Community Programs Manager at 301-464-4871.

MD SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

Parents of students receiving special education services are encouraged to complete the MSDE survey, which will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services. Complete the hard copy recently mailed to parents, or complete the survey online at www.mdparentsurvey.com.

PTA NEWS

PTA Board Elections on May 13, 2019:

The MWES PTA board elections will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6.45 PM before the start of the chorus concert at Marriotts Ridge High school.

The PTA is a very integral part of the school community. Please read about the **upcoming events and activities that are being planned for your student by accessing their website here.** [READ MORE](#)

Support Manor Woods by joining us for **restaurant nights**. A portion of your dining bill benefits our PTA. You can also support MWES by shopping through **Amazon Smile!** [READ MORE](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS

Our community includes other schools within the area and provides activities that often encompass the Manor Woods Community. Find out about events being held at Mt. View MS, Burleigh Manor MS and Marriotts Ridge HS. Area summer camp information can also be found under this link. [READ MORE](#)

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.

[READ MORE](#)

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