

# MWES News Week of 1/11/2021

## Important Dates

**January 12** - Virtual PTA meeting 6:30 pm

**January 18** - MLK Birthday Observed (**Schools and Offices Closed**)

**January 19 and 20 (NEW DATES)**- BMMS Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation 6:30 pm

**January 20 (NEW DATE)** - MVMS Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation 6:30 pm

**January 25-29** - Great Kindness Challenge (see info. below)

**January 28** - Quarter 2 Ends

**January 29** - Professional Work Day (**Schools Closed for Students**)

**February 3** - MAP Testing (Math) Grades 1-5

**February 10** - MAP Testing (Reading) Grades 1-5

## Thank You From the Bottom of Our Hearts

[Click Here To See Thank You Messages From Our Staff to Families](#)

## 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](mailto: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.

## **A Note From Our Administrators**

Dear Manor Woods families, We wanted to highlight this important initiative that is coming soon.

### **News from Ms. Heinlein, School Counselor**

**The MWES Great Kindness Challenge is coming!** Help us celebrate & practice kindness throughout the month of January. **The Great Kindness Challenge** is scheduled for Jan. 25-29 but why limit kindness to 1 week? Let's practice it every day! This [link](#) provides families all the details they need to participate in our Great Kindness Challenge. We hope you'll join us!

Fondly and with kindness,

Carol DeBord, Principal and Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

### **Video Series for Parents**

The Committee for Children is offering a free 8-week video series, [Winter Well-Being for Parents](#). These 3-minute, psychologist-led videos are intended to help parents prioritize their mental health through the winter months & includes weekly self-care tips. The series runs through Jan. 25, 2021.

[HCPSS Behavior Talks](#) is a series of brief trainings by HCPSS staff that share useful tips to promote student student success related to behavior, social/emotional needs, organization/self-management at home and more!

**Did you know? The MWES School Counseling Canvas Course** is accessible for all students on their Canvas dashboard. Students and parents can visit the Canvas course for short video-lessons, activities & strategies on mindfulness, handling stress or worries, and cyber safety. I can be reached at [monica\\_heinlein@hcpss.org](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org), Canvas Inbox (for students) or by completing the Individual Meet Request form located in the Canvas course.

## **New Information**

### **Attention 5th Grade Parents**

### **Future Burleigh Manor Middle School Parents (NEW DATES!)**

**The Burleigh Manor Middle School 6th Grade Parent Orientation will now be held on Tuesday, January 19th, and on Wednesday, January 20th.**

**Please note! Two sessions now offered! Please choose the night that works best for you and your family. The same information will be presented both nights so please only attend one session so that we can ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate and ask questions.**

Do you have questions? In advance of our evening, please let us know what questions you have so we can ensure we get you the answers you need. You can submit questions [here](#).

**Please note! You will need to be logged in with your child's HCPSS account to access these Google Meets.**

Schedule of Events:

## **GT Information Session**

Interested in learning more about GT programs at Burleigh Manor Middle School? Please come to our GT Parent Information session with GT Resource Teacher Ms. Robyn Page.

When: 6:30-6:55 pm

Where: BMMSGTInformation

## **Orientation for Parents and Guardians New to Middle School**

Are you new to middle school? If your 5th grader is your first child to attend a Howard County Middle School, please come to our New to Middle School Orientation with Burleigh Administration and staff for an overview of the middle school child, the middle school experience, and our Burleigh School Community.

When: 7:00 pm

Where: BMMSParentOrientation

## **Orientation for Experienced Parents and Guardians of Middle Schoolers**

Are you a veteran Middle School parent? If you're familiar with middle school, this orientation session with our Administration and Staff will provide you with a general overview of our school community and programs.

When: 7:45 pm

## **Future Mount View Middle School Parents (New Date)**

**On Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 PM**, we welcome our rising 6th-grade parents to attend our Virtual Orientation to learn about middle school, the

6th-grade schedule, and answer any questions about the transition to middle school. We will be meeting at the code <https://meet.google.com/gzk-ktx-tgn>

**Please use your student's username and password (credentials) to access the Google Meet.**

Parents are welcome to submit questions prior to the presentation and after the event concerning the HCPSS Middle School Model.

<https://forms.gle/oETt23r8gaLaamsY7>

### **20-21 Yearbook Cover Contest Entries Due Febuary 8th**

All students are invited to enter their drawings in our Yearbook Cover Contest. Winners will be selected to be displayed on the front or back cover of the yearbook.

[Click Here For More Information](#)

## **Important Reminders From Past Newsletters**

[click here](#)

### **2020-2021 Inclement Weather Protocols**

For the 2020-2021 school year, while in virtual, small groups or hybrid

instructional models, HCPSS will transition to fully virtual instruction during inclement weather days.

[View the Four Possible Inclement Weather Decisions](#)

## **After School Activities**

### **Experience Howard Community College Kids on Campus! HCC is for kids, too!**

HCC's well-known Kids on Campus program provides enrichment education for youth ages 8 to 17. Topics range from Art from Around the World, Roblox, Nature Explorers, World Languages, and SAT Prep. HCC Kids on Campus has something for every interest!

#### **Spring Registration is now open!**

In all the seasons except summer, Kids on Campus classes are held weekday evenings or weekends and are listed in the quarterly Noncredit Schedule of Classes (For summer, a separate Kids On Campus Schedule of Classes is published and summer listings can be viewed online after they are published in early February of each year.) Upcoming available courses can be found [here](#).

#### **Financial Aid**

A limited number of scholarships are available for families who need financial aid. If you believe you may be eligible for financial aid, please complete [this application](#) and submit it via email to [NoncreditFinAid@howardcc.edu](mailto:NoncreditFinAid@howardcc.edu) as soon as possible.

#### **Virtual Learning**

The health, safety, and well-being of all Kids on Campus (KOC) students, staff, and faculty continue to be our highest priorities. Due to the evolving situation with the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), our Kids on Campus courses are currently offered remotely.

## **Registration Details**

Tuition must be paid in full at time of registration. Each course tuition includes a built-in \$40 registration fee. All Kids on Campus registrations must be accompanied by a signed consent form, which is included in online registration and the print version of the registration form.

For all registration options, please register using the student's name and student ID number, not the parent or guardian's. To register your student for a class, follow the “Register Now” button under the course you have chosen.

## **Maryland Arts Institute of Racial Justice**

As institutions move toward Racial Equity, it is necessary to examine and reconcile the past, understand the present, and create change for the future. [The Maryland Arts Institute of Racial Justice](#) has two types of offerings to explore racial justice together as the Maryland Arts sector. Registration is FREE.

## **Lunchtime Book Club**

Connect with members of Maryland’s arts sector to build shared language and understandings about racial justice through guided discussions and sharing. This event occurs on select Tuesdays at noon.

For dates, times, and registration, visit the [book club registration page](#).

## **Community News**

### **Food Bank Donations**

The Howard County Food Bank has seen a significant increase in demand for services this year. The HOCO Community Action Council is asking the community to help meet the increased need. To donate, navigate to their website [here](#), click the donate button, and complete the form. All donations

are safe, secure, and most importantly go directly to those who need assistance during this critical time. Food donations can be dropped off in a collection bin at the Howard County Food Bank parking lot (located at 9385 Gerwig Lane Columbia, MD 21046). Thank you for considering this opportunity to help others in need.

Please visit the HCPSS website [Community News and Programs page](#) for upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.