

MWES News - Week of 1/13/2020

JANUARY

13 - Club Photos

13 - MVMS Parent Information Night at MVMS cafe 6 pm

14 - BMMS Parent Information Night at BMMS cafe 6 pm

14 - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm MWES cafe

17 - School Wide Spelling Bee 4th-5th grades

16 - Orchestra Concert @MRHS 7 pm

20 - MLK Birthday - Schools and Offices Closed

22 - Road to Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm Hammond High School

23 - Road to Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm Oakland Mills High School

23 - SJLES incoming transfer student orientation 6:30 pm

27 - Schools Closed for students - Professional Work Day

30 - Road to Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm Centennial High School

FEBRUARY

3 - Quarter 2 report cards sent home

7 - PTA Family Duck Disco

11 - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

13-14 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students

17 - President's Day - Schools and Offices Closed

19 - PTA restaurant night @UNOs (Long Gate Location)

20 - 5th Grade Parent Puberty Education Meeting 6 pm

MWES School-Wide Events Calendar

If you would like to link to sync your phone to our website calendar, please click on the subscribe link on the MWES [calendar page](#) on our [MWES website](#) and follow the prompts.

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Flu season is among us and at Manor Woods, there is no exception. Although we keep our building clean and encourage hand-washing, we want to provide some reminders to parents about what to do when you get a call from the health room sharing that your child is sick. Please be sure to pick up your child as soon as possible. Although you may be at work, you may be miles away, or maybe in the middle of an appointment, your child needs you. Your child is uncomfortable, feels bad, and wants the comforts of home. We don't want them sitting in the health room feeling miserable while spreading germs to others. Home is the best place for your little one when they are ill.

If your child is sent home from school with a fever, it is county policy for the child to remain fever free, without fever reducing medications, for 24 hours before returning. This is very important as we do not want to spread the virus. We appreciate your help in keeping our students and staff healthy.

The tips and resources below will help you learn about steps you can take to protect yourself and others from flu and help stop the spread of germs.

- Avoid close contact.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.
- Cover your mouth and nose.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Flu and other serious respiratory illnesses, like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are spread by cough, sneezing, or unclean hands.
- Clean your hands.
- Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Practice other good health habits.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Thank you,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

Club Photos Monday, January 13th!

FLYER ATTACHED

Just Read January

MWES is super excited to share with students and families the special activities/days for the month of January! Watch Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn kickoff this month's celebrations with a read aloud at <https://vimeo.com/382594470>

Monthly

- Students will be able to Guess the Staff/Teacher Reader on a Bulletin Board starting on Tuesday, Jan. 7th.
- Bookmark Design Contest! More details will be shared soon.
- Opportunities for Community Members to be Mystery Readers.
- Staff will read aloud diverse books on video to share with classes throughout the building.

Special Events

- Jan. 10th – Bring a beach towel to read on!
- Jan. 24th – School Wide Hallway Community Reading – This is similar to Drop Everything and Read, except every student will be sitting along the walls in the hallway to read their books.
- Jan. 28th – Buddy Reading – Each buddy team will pick a time to get together.
- Jan. 31st – Wear a Readable Shirt Day!

NEA is celebrating Read Across America all year long!!! Looking for diverse books/activities check out their website: <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/2019-2020-calendar/>

Congratulations to MWES Student Nora Aslam!

The Howard County Literacy Association is proud to announce the winners of the 2019-2020 Young Authors' Contest.

Manor Woods Elementary School is excited to share that Nora Aslam in 5th Grade won first place for her poem “We Have More In Common Than We Think”! Nora’s poem will now go to the state level of the contest. Congratulations Nora and we wish you the best of luck at the state level!!!

[Nora's Poem](#)

All of the Grades 1 through 12 poetry and short story winners are listed at <http://hocoreads.weebly.com/inspiring-literacy.html>. All are invited to hear these authors read their outstanding poems and short stories at Barnes and Noble at the Long Gate Shopping Center in Ellicott City on Sunday, April 26th from 12:00-4:00 pm.

MWES 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade Bumble Bee Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to our Bumble Bee Spelling Bee winners!

First Grade: Samuel Justice Lee

Second Grade: Avaneesh Alibilli

Third Grade: Anjali Konnikara

We are so proud of all of our Bumble Bee Spelling Bee participants!

INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

Road To Kindergarten Workshops

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2020? Please join us for an information session about Kindergarten in the Howard County Public School System.

[Road2KEvent Flier](#)

Trex Recycling Challenge

Tired of throwing away all the soft plastic packaging and plastic bags in the trash because it can't be recycled? Send that clean, dry plastic to school! MWES is participating in the Trex recycling program.

[READ MORE](#)

[trexrecyclingposter](#)

[trexrecyclingchallenge](#)

The plastic then needs to be taken to a collection site nearby - one of the grocery stores on the [list](#). We need assistance from some parents or PTA members to help collect, weigh and transport the plastic. If you are available to help, please sign up through the link below.

[SignUpLink](#)

MWES 4th and 5th Grade Spelling Bee Finalists/Alternates

Congratulations to all fourth and fifth graders for participating in our classroom spelling bees! The following students in 4th and 5th Grade will represent their classes in the school-wide Spelling Bee on Friday, January 17, 2020. Wish them luck!

[READ MORE](#)

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 reason for their absence. If a reason is not included, the absence will be recorded as unlawful. MWESabsences@hcpss.org

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

Boundary Review Update: Updates and information can be found at the [Boundary Review](#) page.

Board Approves 2020–2021 Academic Calendar: The [next school year](#) will begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, for students and on Monday, August 17, 2020, for school staff. Winter break will be December 24–January 1, with schools reopening on Monday, January 4, 2021. Spring Break will run from April 2–9, 2021. The last day of school is scheduled for June 10, 2021.

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS

Auditions for the Howard County Summer Theatre's Production of The Music Man

Auditions will be held in the choir room at Mount Hebron HS on **Monday, January 6th from 7:00pm-9:30pm and on Saturday, January 11th from 10:00am-1:00pm**. Auditions are open for students in grades 2-8, high school and college-aged students and adults. Rehearsals will begin in late April and the show will be the first two weekends in July. Auditioners are asked to prepare a song to sing (under 60 seconds). An accompanist will be provided.

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](#)

Free Eye Exams and Glasses

The Beyond 20/20 Maryland Optometric Association (MOA) outreach program will provide FREE Eye Exams and Glasses to participating Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students in February and March.

[Beyond 2020 Flier](#)

[Beyond 2020 Flier2](#)

Summer School Program Information

Each summer, HCPSS offers learning experiences and educational opportunities through a variety of programs and classes. Contact Information for Summer Institute is available through the following links.

[Summer School Programs 2020](#)

[Summer School Preview 2020](#)

Columbia Association Summer Camps

[CLICK HERE FOR FLIER](#)

**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

[WinterClasses](#)