

MWES News - Week of 1-17-2022

January 17 - Schools and Offices Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

January 18 - MVMS New Student Parent Orientation 6:00-7:00 pm (Virtual)

January 19 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students

January 21 - Spirit Day: PJ Day

January 21 - End of Quarter 2

January 24 - No School for Students - Professional Work Day for Staff

January 27 - Spirit Day: Dress as favorite book character or book

January 31 - Report cards issued in Synergy after 4 pm - A reference sheet has been developed to support families in [understanding the Elementary School Report Card](#).

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Parents,

Quarter 2 is coming to an end soon. This is the perfect time to review the HCPSS Code of Conduct with your child.

Student Expectations

- Attend and engage in all learning experiences.
- Complete independent learning experiences and submit assignments in a timely manner.
- Give your best effort and persist in your work.
- Seek clarification, when needed, to understand the expectations for grading and attendance.
- Set personal goals and be aware of your academic progress.

- Ask questions and actively seek assistance from teachers and other school staff when you need support.
- Build positive and supportive relationships with students and staff, demonstrating the acceptance of differences, with regards to, but not limited to, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religion, language, disability, etc.
- Practice self-care strategies and seek well-being support(s) when needed.
- Be knowledgeable about HCPSS policies, regulations, and available resources for students.
- Recognize how actions affect other students and school staff and, if harm occurs, that there is an opportunity to restore relationships.
- Avoid participating in any behavior or activity that intentionally or unintentionally causes harm to yourself or others.
- Create a learning environment to support your academic success.
- Co-create a positive classroom community where all students are able to learn in a supportive, safe, and welcome environment.
- Seek and participate in opportunities to express values, opinions, beliefs, and perspectives in a respectful and civil manner.

Our school's three-tiered incentive program teaches expectations through positive coaching, restorative practices, and differentiated behavioral supports. This year, students aim to: "Be A Mighty **D**uck: Do Your Best, Be an **U**pstander, Show **C**ompassion, and Be **K**ind."

<https://www.hcpss.org/about-us/student-code-of-conduct/>

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal and Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

New Information

Virtual Community Academy: Social Media-What Parents Need to Know

Saturday, Jan. 29, 9-10:30 a.m., online

Participants in this virtual community academy will [learn about the most popular social media sites students are accessing](#) and effective practices for keeping children safe when using social media. Register online to receive an email with a link to the session. This program is part of a series of workshops sponsored by HCPSS and The Council of Elders.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Updates (DEI)

On Monday we will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day. This is a holiday honoring the achievements of MLK, as a father, Baptist minister and civil rights leader who advocated for nonviolent resistance against racial segregation. This Monday is not just a day off, it is also known as a day of service that empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community." On MLK Day take the time to write a thank you card to your local emergency and health care workers who are working tirelessly through the COVID Pandemic, write a thank you letter to your teachers for their dedication and commitment, send care packages to deployed troops, veterans, and wounded soldiers. Write a letter of gratitude for their service, and include snack and personal care items. Write a card to those who are sick and shut-in and donate to your local food pantry. Enjoy your "Day of Service".

Martin Luther King Jr. DEI Slides

Each month, our teachers share slides during our social emotional learning community circles that relate to the month that is being celebrated. We wanted to share these with our families as well. This month, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day, here are examples of the kind of slide shows our staff will be using. Please feel free to use them to chat at home about what your child is discussing in school.

Primary

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dNdO7vUUvNt_dpdkbmRmOjp-zGikiPDJ8JIhIQG0MA/edit?usp=sharing

Intermediate

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L0E2ITnDjpSvfFUQmFvKmyjQy1-ZiyYHH4NZdTPgiT8/edit?usp=sharing>

School Wide Reading Challenge

The reading challenge begins TODAY, January 14th and continues to Monday, Feb. 14th, which is currently the 100th Day of School. (We will adjust the date if there are any days off due to the weather). Students will be given a 100 Book Challenge document. Each time they read a book, the student can color in a book on the paper. ***Please note: For students in grades 3-5, 25 pages = 1 book since upper grade level books are more complex.*** Once the student reaches 100 books (or 2500 pages for intermediate students), they will turn in their paper to the classroom teacher. The student will earn a special "I read 100 books" challenge bookmark to keep and decorate. Then, the student will be entered into a special drawing that will be announced on the 100th Day of School. The winners of the drawing will get a special afterschool virtual reading with Mrs. Debord and Mrs. Zinn at a time agreed upon by the winner and admin. Happy Reading!

[100 Book Challenge Document](#)

PTA News

Virtual PTA Meeting - January 18th

Our next PTA meeting will be held **virtually** via Zoom on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30PM. PTA meetings are a great opportunity to hear directly from administration, ask questions and hear more about what's coming up here at Manor Woods. We hope to see you there!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87898942808?pwd=K29lbGdWV1FjWDVQdmo0cTNpWFIXUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 9894 2808

Passcode: 027106

Yearbook Cover Contest - Due January 21st

All students are invited to enter our Yearbook Cover Contest. All qualifying entries will be shown to teachers and staff without any student identifiers. Teachers and staff will vote for their favorites, based on creativity and representation of the yearbook theme, "A New Adventure Begins". First and Second Place will be displayed on the front or back cover of the yearbook. All other entries will be displayed throughout the yearbook.

See details here (attached)

Contact Kelly Ulloa at manorwoodsyearbook@gmail.com with questions.

Restaurant Night - Zen Garden, January 27th

Get ready for our next stop on our cultural cuisine trip around the world! Join MWES PTA at our next Restaurant Night featuring Asian cuisines, just in time for the Lunar New Year at Zen Garden on Thursday, January 27th located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike Ellicott City, Maryland 21042. **Eat in or carry out!** Carry out orders: **(410) 313-8818** or you can order online at www.zengardenellicottcity.com. There will be a special combo available for MWES families, as well as a coupon for a future visit.

Stay tuned for information about our February restaurant night!

If you have suggestions or connections for our next Restaurant Night around the world, please contact Allie, Restaurant Night Committee Chair at mwesrestaurantnight@gmail.com.

[Take this flier with you!](#)

Room Parents

We will be seeking at least one room parent volunteer from each class. Be on the lookout for an email from your child's teacher with the request or you can email PTA President Marva Booth at mwesPTApres@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for that role. Thank you to those who have already reached out, we will be in touch soon!

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

Weather Guidelines

[Click Here](#)

MVMS Rising 6th Grade Information Night for Parents & Guardians January 18th

Time: 6 pm-7 pm

Will your child be a 6th grader at Mount View Middle School next year?

If so, please join us for our information night - we can't wait to meet you!

This event is virtual.

Out of an abundance of caution due to Covid-19, there will not be an in-person option.

Please join us virtually for an information session about the 6th-grade program of studies at Mount View Middle School.

Google Meet Code: MVMS-Rising6

Important Note: In order to attend virtually, you must be signed in to your student's HCPSS account. Visit <https://meet.google.com/> and enter the Code MVMS-Rising6 into the text box. If you are not signed in to your student's HCPSS account, you will not be able to access Google Meet. Please speak to your child ahead of time and write down their username and password.

Maintaining Mental Health Through the Winter

Check out [The National Alliance on Mental Health \(NAMI\) bi-monthly newsletter](#) for ideas about maintaining mental health during the winter, monthly support groups and classes.

Ms. Heinlein (grades 1, 2, 4 & 5) and Mrs. Salapata (grades K & 3) are here to support our students. If we can be of assistance to you or your child, please contact monica_heinlein@hcpss.org or christina_salapata@hcpss.org.

Maryland Reading Month

January is Maryland Reading Month! Our Theme is Read Across Maryland – MWES ELA Committee is eagerly planning special activities to celebrate reading. More specific details will be shared in January 2022. Please save the date for these special Fridays in January.

January 21st –Curl Up & Read - PJ Day! Students are encouraged to wear their PJs to school, bring a book, and a stuffed animal.

January 27th – It's Dress Up as Your Favorite book and/or Book Character. Students are encouraged to bring the book to school with them that goes with their character and/or book title.

Upcoming Spirit Days

Before winter break, intermediate students were surveyed about their **spirit day preferences** and student leaders reviewed the responses.

Based on popular vote, student leaders identified the spirit days listed below.

Feb. 18 Famous Person Day (dress up as a famous artist, scientist, author, athlete, musician, you choose!)

Mar. 18 Career Day (wear an outfit that matches a career you might like)

Apr. 22 Wacky Hair Day

May 27 Dress Up Day

June 10 Hat Day

Outdoor Dining and Outdoor Recess

When we are able, we will offer outdoor dining during the winter months. We will also have outdoor recess whenever we can. Please have your students wear proper winter weather attire (coats, hat, gloves, etc.) so they are prepared for outdoors.

News From the Health Room

The vision and hearing screening will be occurring on January 12 and January 20. It is for all kindergarten and 1st grade students and new students coming from outside the State of Maryland. There will be a flier going out in a few weeks.

If your child has received both doses of the Covid vaccine, you can either send a copy of their card in with your child, fax to 410-531-1295, or email to the Health Room.

Any questions, please contact the Health Room at 410-313-8326 or laura_ruiz@hcpss.org or lynette_winde@hcpss.org.

Vaccine Information For Children

[Click Here](#)

[Letter From Health Officer Dr. Maura Rossman, County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball, and HCPSS Superintendent Dr. Michael Martirano about COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 5-11](#)

Thank you parents for keeping your children home when they are experiencing various illnesses. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact the health room, either calling 410-313-8326 or email school nurse at laura_ruiz@hcpss.org. If you want to test your child, please don't go to the ER unless their child is having difficulty breathing.

[mobile covid testing sites](#)

Community News

Greetings from the Maryland Council on Economic Education!

POSTER CONTEST: “A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”

Elementary and Middle School Teachers!

Have your students design a poster (8 ½ x 11 inches) depicting one of the ten economics and/or personal finance concepts in the MCEE Poster Contest. Additional information and registration materials are available in the [Poster Brochure](#)

All entries must be sent to:

Maryland Council on Economic Education

8000 York Road

Towson, MD 21252

postmarked on or before MARCH 1,2022

Howard County Conservancy Summer Camp

[Click Here for Flier](#)

Mental Health Resources

- [Foreign-Born Support Services/Bilingual Support Services](#) - **Updated Resources**
 - Bilingual Mental Health Professionals
 - [Asian American Health Initiative \(AAHI\) Mental Health Providers Youth](#)
 - [Chinese](#)
- [Grief & Loss](#) - **New Resource**

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