

MWES News - Week of 1/18/2021

Important Dates

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

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 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

Don't STRESS!!! Pass it on!

Dear Parents,

We are finding that many of the children are getting anxious or stressed when they are logging in and they are having technical difficulties or are running late for class for situations beyond their control. We would like to share, as a staff, that we completely understand the difficulties they face when trying to log in or navigate the programs and that sometimes they will run late to class.

We are asking for you to share with your child that we understand, don't want them to become upset, and that we are giving grace to those having trouble. Being a minute or two late for class is ok. If your child needs an extended time to log in because of difficulties, just have them in-box their teacher once they connect and let their teacher know. They will understand!!

Thank you for your help with spreading the word!!! There is not one person in the world that needs the extra stress right now!!! Stay well!

Stay well,

Mrs. Carol DeBord, Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

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!

Towson Univ. Free Tutoring Program for Students

Towson University's College of Educ. is offering free tutoring services for students in grades K-12. The program will offer: tutoring in math, reading and writing; support for students with exceptionalities; English language support. Registration begins Jan. 18th. For more info. & to register, [click here](#).

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Howard County offers free monthly support groups for families living with mental illness. For more information visit [NAMI Howard County](#).

Nothing I Do Works: A Parent's Guide to Challenging Behaviors

If tantrums, power struggles or misbehavior are making life difficult, consider joining this informational session offered by the Ho. Co. Office of Children and Families - Family Institute on January 19 from 7-8pm. Learn skills to decrease negative behaviors from happening and/or how to handle them when they occur. Visit [Parent's Guide to Challenging Behaviors Event](#) for more information & to register.

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, Canvas Inbox (for students) or by completing the Individual Meet Request form located in the Canvas course.

New Information

Board Approves 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

The next school year will begin on August 30, 2021, for students and on August 19, 2021, for school staff. Winter break will be December 23-31, 2021, with schools reopening on Monday, January 3, 2022. Spring Break will run from April 11-18, 2022. The last day of school is scheduled for June 14, 2022.

[Learn more](#)

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

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-kttx-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](#)

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 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.