

# MWES News - Week of 1/24/2022

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

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

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.

**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](#).

**January 31** - Hearing and Vision Screening

**February 1st** - Professional Learning Day - Schools Closed for Students

**February 10th-11th** - 3-Hour Early Dismissal for students (dismiss at 12:15 pm)  
Parent/Teacher Math Conferences

**February 16th** - 3-Hour Early Dismissal for students (dismiss at 12:15 pm)

## A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Parents,

**Preparing for a Parent-Teacher Conference:** The HCPSS Family Engagement Committee has developed a [Parent-Teacher Conference Tip Sheet](#). Please share with families in preparation for February conferences.

## Conference Registration Begins Friday, January 28th! Firm Sign-up Deadline is February 4th!

Please join your child's **math Teacher** for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Online conference registration **begins on Friday, January 28th, and will go through Friday, February 4th. No conferences will be scheduled after February 4th.** Directions on how to schedule a conference with your student(s) Math teacher are [attached](#). **5th Grade GT Math** conferences are available at this time as well (**4th grade GT math conferences were held in the Fall and will not be held at this time**). All conferences will be held via Google Meet on February 10th -11th. If you find it necessary to meet face to face with your child's teacher, please email them directly. (HCPSS vaccination protocols must be followed. Any vaccine/testing verifications process in place at that time will apply to in-person conferences.)

**Below is a summary of the attached directions:**

- Login into [HCPSS Connect \(Parent Account\)](#) Go to the **navigation pane (left side), Select Conference, then Select Parent Scheduled Conferences (upper right-hand corner).**
- You should be able to see all your students in the top, left corner of the screen.
- Conferences will be 15 minutes in length (30 minutes for ELL only). Please keep this in mind when selecting a slot for additional children. It is best not to select back-to-back time slots due to the virtual setting.

Once you have completed your conference registration(s), you can see the schedule in your **parent connect access account** by selecting **More Options, Conference Scheduling, View My Conference Schedule in the navigation pane (left side).**

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal and Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

## MWES Kindness Challenge 2022

In recognition of *The Great Kindness Challenge* and *Random Acts of Kindness Week*, Manor Woods will combine these initiatives to celebrate **The Manor Woods Kindness Challenge** January 25 - February 18. Students and staff will use this [28 Day Kindness Challenge Calendar](#) to spread daily acts of kindness at school, home and in the community. We encourage families to participate in the Kindness Challenge as well. "Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life." ~ Jackie Chan

## New Information

### Burleigh Manor Middle School Parent Orientation

The Parent Orientation pdf is now attached for your information.  [January New 6th Grade Parent Orientation 2022.pdf](#)

The Gifted and Talented information shared at the January 12th meeting is now attached for your information.  [BMMS qt\\_ms\\_5th\\_program\\_info\\_night \(Spring 2022\).pdf](#)

Questions please call 410-313-2507 or e-mail Ms. Carmean, [tiffany\\_carmean@hcpss.org](mailto:tiffany_carmean@hcpss.org).

### Mount View Middle School Parent Orientation

[Click Here](#)

## 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

## News From Our Music Department

We are so proud to announce the following students auditioned and were accepted into the Howard County GT Band:

***Edward Yang in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Dinuga Hearth in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.***

## **Class Spelling Bee Winners**

The following students are the class spelling bee winners who will compete in a school-wide spelling bee on Thursday, February 3rd with a backup date of Friday, February 4th. Parents of participants will receive an emailed invite to watch the bee virtually.

**4th Grade Winners: Luke Noblezada, Leo Wentworth, Rishir Chennamsetty, Darshit Gedela, Avaneesh Alibilli, Gopal Yegnasubramanian, Edward Yang, Heitor Lemos**

**5th Grade Winners: Reid Clow, Nancy Wang, Rohan Patel, Adrian Bolisay, Alyson Lai, Shriya Srivastava, Anjali Konikkara, Jason Liang, Daniel Wang, Julian Bolisay**

## **Sensory-Friendly Sundays @ Robinson Nature Center**

Join Robinson Nature Center, Therapeutic Recreation, and Park Ranger staff in enjoying outdoor, self-paced activities designed for families with kids, teens, and adults with sensory-processing differences, autism spectrum disorder, or developmental disabilities. Activities include sensory bins and pathways, scavenger hunts, and crafts or games. The center opens early, allowing visitors to enjoy a calm environment. Sensory alert maps, quiet areas, and sensory backpacks, which include headphones and various fidgets, are available. Be sure to preregister to receive additional information prior to the event. Please see the [Sensory-Friendly Sundays flyer](#) for further information.

- Time:
  - 11am - 12:30pm
  - *General operating hours begin at noon and guests of this program are welcome to stay after 12:30pm.*
- Cost:
  - \$5, adult; \$3, child;

- *Free, members & children under 3 yrs*
- Programs:
  - Spring in Here - March 27
  - Natural Art - May 29
  - River Romp - July 24
  - Fantastic Fall - September 11
  - Nature's Harvest - November 13

## **On the Road to Kindergarten**

[Click Here For More Information](#)

## **2022 Summer Programs Preview Available Online**

Parents/guardians and students can now view/download the [2022 Summer Programs Preview](#), which includes descriptions of HCPSS' four summer programs and enrollment information. Online enrollment requests for current HCPSS students will open at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1.

**ESY and Academic Intervention information will be provided at a later date.**

## **Important Reminders From Past Newsletters**

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

## **Weather Guidelines**

[Click Here](#)

## School Wide Reading Challenge

The reading challenge began on 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](#)

## 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](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org) or [christina\\_salapata@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_salapata@hcpss.org).

## News From the Health Room

### Updated Quarantine Isolation Procedures

[Click Here](#)

### 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](mailto: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](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).