

MWES News - Week of 10/11/2021

October 13th - Flu Shot Clinic

October 14th - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Ft. McHenry

October 15th - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

October 25th - Chillin in Autumn Week (see details below)

November 3rd - End of Quarter 1

November 4th - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

November 10th - Report Cards Issued

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Families and Friends,

We are getting excited about our "Chillin' In Autumn" Week. We will be celebrating autumn all week long, ending out the week with more FUN! Each grade will be having individual parties on Friday, October 29th. Stay tuned for more information from your child's grade level team.

MWES CHILLIN' IN AUTUMN

OCTOBER 25 - 29, 2021



Let's celebrate Fall with a spirited week of *Fall FUN!*

Monday - Fall Colors are so BOLD

Tuesday - Pick of the Patch

Wednesday - A Little Bit Corny

Thursday - A Football Frenzie

Friday - Falling into Fun

MONDAY, Oct. 25th

Wear your team Fall color!

K - Yellow

1 - Red

2 - Brown

3- Purple

4 - Green

5 - Wear any Fall color



TUESDAY, Oct. 26th

All students wear orange to create a school-wide pumpkin patch. (Add a little green around the collar if you'd like:)



WED, Oct. 27th

Students can bring out their inner corny side by partaking in any of the following: crazy hair, funky socks, wacky glasses, and or mismatched shoes/clothes. Kids - write a riddle and put it in your pocket to share!



THURS, Oct. 28th



Students can wear their personal football uniform (no cleats please) or cheer outfits, favorite team jersey, or Manor Woods Spirit wear.

FRIDAY, Oct. 29th

Classroom Fall parties! Students can wear their wackiest, favorite party hat!



Thank you,

Carol DeBord

Jennifer Zinn

ABSENT NOTE EMAIL REMINDER When your child is absent, please send an email on the day your student returns to the following address: MWESabsence@hcpss.org

Please do not send changes in transportation to this email, as we will not see the changes. Any time there is a change in transportation, and any time your child has an after school activity, you must send a note into your child's homeroom teacher.

FROM OUR HEALTH ROOM

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](#)

MWES Flu Vaccine Clinic for Students October 13th

HCPSS is partnering with the Howard County Health Department and Maryland Partnership for Prevention to offer [free flu vaccines](#) at HCPSS schools October 13-

28. Parents who elect for their child(ren) to receive the flu vaccination must register and provide consent online before Friday, October 8.

When registering, only put in the name of the school and ignore all other searches (type of clinic, age group, zip code, date) You may notice that on the drop down list, you will see the school two times; do not worry about it because both work.

Parents may also request a paper consent form from the school nurse. You can contact the Health Room at 410-313-8326 or email the school nurse at: laura_ruiz@hcpss.org

FROM OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to our Mighty Duck musicians who auditioned and were accepted into the Howard County GT Orchestra and Sinfonia! **Josh Ahn, Avaneesh Alibilli, Sharon Cho, Grace Koh, Claire Krasnoff, Aly Lai, Kate Lee, Meghna Pillai, Jose Rodriguez Bosques, and Sherry Wei**, we are so proud of you and we look forward to your concert on December 11th!

FROM OUR PTA

PTA Halloween Parade

Save the date for the PTA's Second Annual BOO-Mazing Halloween Parade scheduled for Thursday, October 28th beginning at 5:00pm! Manny, The Mighty Duck, will be leading the drive-by parade throughout various neighborhoods with school staff following behind. Children and parents are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes and stand along the parade route. There will be no Halloween events taking place during the school day, so this is your child's opportunity to show off their costumes as Manny and staff drive by and greet the children! Parade route and times are coming soon.

New Information

Update for Food and Nutrition Services

Due to national food supply chain shortages and delays, HCPSS Food and Nutrition Service currently faces a number of food and paper product delivery shortfalls. These supply chain issues force our suppliers to make unanticipated substitutions, which may result in HCPSS menu changes on little to no notice.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to meet these challenges in order to provide healthy and nutritious meals each day.

MAP Testing

During the week of October 18-22, students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress and drive instruction in the classroom. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. Students will take the MAP assessment for reading and math. Testing dates for Manor Woods is below. **Please do your best to not schedule appointments on testing days.** To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

Grade 1

Math - Teachers will communicate schedule.

Reading - Teachers will communicate schedule.

Grade 2

Math - October 19

Reading - October 20

Grade 3

Math - October 21

Reading - October 19

Grade 4

Math - October 21

Reading - October 20

Grade 5

Math - October 18

Reading October 22

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

During our "Falling into Fun" celebrations, each team will be taking time out of our academic schedule to celebrate and party together. More details to follow. Also, throughout the week, the administrative team will challenge each grade to complete Random Acts of Kindness within the school.

Lastly, we are excited to continue partnering with our PTA to have a neighborhood Halloween parade beyond the school day for students and families who would like to join us. This is a great opportunity to continue our new Halloween tradition, building community and just having plan fun. More information to follow. Please save the date, Thursday, October 28th for our neighborhood parade.

Registration for BSAP Saturday Math Academy: [Click Here](#) The registration window opens on September 25. Please contact Ashley Armstead with questions.

Parent Information Resources [Fridge Fact Sheet](#)

- *To opt-in to HCPSS Text messages, text "YES" to 67587 from the device on which you would like to receive messages.*
- *Be sure to click on the "Calendar" link at the top of our website for important dates throughout the school year.*
- *View the breakfast and lunch menus [here](#). Please keep in mind that items on the menus are subject to availability.*

Howard County GT Program Parent Academy, October 13 and 14, 2021

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (GT) Program are invited to come learn about the advanced-level offerings available and how their students can become involved. The evening will begin with an overview of GT Education Program offerings followed by a question-and-answer session with Central Office GT Education Program

staff. Elementary and Secondary programs will be covered on separate days. Families may attend one or both nights. Registration is required for these events.

Elementary Focus: Wednesday, October 13, 7 – 8:00 p.m., being held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Secondary Focus: Thursday, October 14, 7-8:00 p.m., being held virtually via Microsoft Teams

For more information and to register, please visit the [HCPSS GT Program Parent Academy announcement](#).

Parent Empowerment Virtual Conference

Families of students receiving special education services and anyone interested can register by Oct. 6 to attend this free [conference](#), being held Oct. 12-14 via Google Meet. The conference will cover topics related to supporting your child’s learning and participating in the IEP process.

SpeakUp HoCo!

[SpeakUp HoCo!](#) invites high school students to “talk about what matters to you,” discuss difficult social topics, create caring communities and more. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday each month, beginning Monday, October 11, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Pre-register to attend the meeting by emailing Rebecca Dietz at speakup.hoco@gmail.com.

Community News

[Free Cold Weather Gear Giveaway](#)

The Howard County MultiService Center is hosting a free cold weather gear giveaway (coats, hats, gloves, scarves) on Saturday, October 16 1pm-3pm at the North Laurel Community Center. See [flyer](#) for more details.

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**
 - [Stella Maris \(Links to an external site.\)](#) - Individual and family grief counseling services are available to anyone in the community (including Howard County) and they are offering both in-person or telehealth sessions. To request counseling, please contact us at 410-252-4500 ext. 7291. Free "Grieving During the Holidays" (virtual presentation) for older teens and adults on Monday, November 15, 2021. 7-8:30 p.m. To register or for more information, please call Stella Maris directly or email hbenassi@stellamaris.org. New [Fall Calendar \(Links to an external site.\)](#) of Grief support programs also available online.

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.

HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

[Flier Attached](#)