

MWES News - Week of 10-25-2021

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

October 28th - Kindergarten Field Trip to Green Meadows Farm

November 3rd - End of Quarter 1

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

November 10th - Report Cards Issued in Synergy

November 22 - 23rd - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences/**3-Hour Early Dismissal** for students (12:15 pm)

November 24 - Schools closed for students

November 25-28th - Schools and Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Good Afternoon Manor Woods Families,

We are excited to share that Rainbow Representatives have been named in Howard County Schools this year. Their role is to ensure that schools are allies and advocates for LGBTQIA+ students, staff, and families. The school Rainbow Representative attends quarterly meetings; receives and disseminates information regarding LGBTQIA+ topics of interest to the school and school community as appropriate; and provides instructional support for educators. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Manor Woods Elementary's Rainbow Representative Kelly Shealer at kelly_shealer@hcpss.org. We are pleased that Mrs. Shealer accepted this role to

support our students and families in our continuous efforts to support all students and families.

Around our school, you will see some "Safe Space" posters. Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, a person, or certain group of people, might feel unsafe to show their true colors for fear that others might treat them differently, or refer to them in an unkind way. At HCPSS, it is a priority to make sure every student not only is safe, but also feels safe to be their authentic and true selves. We hope our Safe Space posters serve as a reminder that there is a trusted adult you can go to who is an ally to the LGBTQ+ community, who will affirm a student's chosen name and pronouns, and who will not disclose information to others about identity and orientation if a student shares that information. Teachers who have this poster in their classrooms have declared their space a safe space for ALL students.

Thank you,

Carol DeBord

Jennifer Zinn

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!



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.

NEWS FROM OUR PTA

Virtual PTA Meeting - Tuesday, October 26th

Our October PTA meeting will be held virtually on Zoom next Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30PM. PTA meetings are a great opportunity to hear directly from administration each month, ask questions and hear more about what's coming up this school year. Zoom link and details to follow. We hope to see you there!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86735271967?pwd=aVhkTjJoc3RhYUhtbWhPaXZMc2FJQT09>

Meeting ID: 867 3527 1967

Passcode: 267138

PTA Halloween Parade - Thursday, October 28th

The PTA's Second Annual BOO-Mazing Halloween Parade is 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! Please see the flyer that came home with your child this week for more details, including parade route and times.

Manor Woods Spiritwear Sale - Orders Due Friday, October 29th

Have you seen the order form, your little mighty duck brought home this week? The spiritwear sale is in full swing! Need to see them in color? No problem. Go to <https://mw2021.itemorder.com> Not a fan of the online service fee? Send back the order form with a check. The PTA will do all we can to help you bring Manny spiritwear home. Orders are due next Friday so go online and order today! If you have questions, please email xin.louise.li@gmail.com

The collection embraces the new Manor Woods slogan:

“Be a Mighty Duck”

Sale goes through October 29th.

Can't wait?! online order is live now at: <https://mw2021.itemorder.com/>



DEI Committee Meeting

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (DEI) will be meeting virtually next Wednesday at 7:30PM. If you are interested in joining please reach out to Demika Johnson demikajohnson@gmail.com or Jen Zinn jencornelius@gmail.com.

JOIN THE PTA!

It's not too late to join the PTA! It's quick, easy and membership funds help to support our school! Becoming a member of the PTA does not mean you need to volunteer, it simply means that you are donating to help enhance the school experience for our students. The PTA funds school-wide presentations, family fun events, teacher appreciation activities, and items needed by the teachers for their lessons and classrooms. Join Today! <https://mwespta.com/membership/>

New Information

How To Get Parent Notifications in Canvas

Stay on top of happenings in your student(s) individual classes by signing up for Canvas notifications. For information about **Parent Notification Preferences in CANVAS**, [click here](#).

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

Young Authors' Contest

The Howard County Literacy Association invites students in grades 1-5 to submit their original poems and/or short stories to the annual writing contest called The Young Authors' Contest . Please see the attached [YAC Flyer](#) Announcing Contest for information about the rules and guidelines. All entries must have a completed [YAC Cover Sheet](#) sent as a PDF. Submissions may be emailed to Mrs. Moy by January 24, 2022. Contact Mrs. Moy maria_moy@hcpss.org with any questions.

Young Authors' Contest information can be found on the [HCLA website](#) Howard County Literacy Association welcomes parents as members. Visit the [HCLA Welcome Page](#) for information about joining.

Ready to Read Act Notification

[click here for info.](#)

[Parent notification - Spanish](#)

[Parent notification - Chinese](#)

[Parent notification - Korean](#)

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.*

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.

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.

FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

The [October School Counseling Newsletter](#) contains useful information & resources for the whole family.

[NAMI Howard County](#) is a local affiliate of The National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. All NAMI services and programs are free. Visit [Support and Education](#) for more information.

Please reach out to Ms. Heinlein (grades 1, 2, 4 & 5) or Mrs. Salapata (grades K & 3) if we can be of assistance to you or your child. monica_heinlein@hcpss.org; christina_salapata@hcpss.org.

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](#)

Community News

An Opportunity to Help Make the Holidays Brighter

Hi community! We wanted to share this message from Homewood School. Perhaps you and your coworkers or friends and neighbors can team up to brighten a child's holiday.

"More than 90% of Homewood students qualify for Free and Reduced Meals and we do not have a PTA. We need new items to stock our Treasure Sale so our kids can choose holiday gifts for our loved ones. Thank you for supporting our [#HomewoodFamily](#)! This year, we need our friends, families, and community more than ever. We have a goal to collect over 1,000 new items using the Homewood Treasure Sale Wish List. Amazon will ship your donation directly to Homewood Center. Thank you for your consideration and making this a special December to remember for a young person."

Shop here: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QKXEC3NXA3PN...>

Please support the MRHS PTSA Little Caesar Pizza Kit Fundraiser!

[Bit.ly/MRHS-Pizza](https://bit.ly/MRHS-Pizza)

These kits are delivered to your doorstep via Fed-Ex (kits arrive cold - NOT hot and ready to eat.)

This fundraiser benefits our entire community by supporting programs such as:

1. Mental health guest speakers
2. After Prom. The After Prom is a substance free event for students to go to after attending their prom. This event helps keeps our entire community safe.

3. Stock up on pizza for Halloween. This will help cut down on the amount of traffic while our young ones are trick-or-treating.

Don't delay and place your order today! Sale Ends October 27th.

*Shipping Tip - they ship 2 kits to a box. To get the most out of shipping costs, order in quantities of two.

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](#)