

MWES News - Week of 10-26-2020

Please consider donating to this [Go Fund Me](#) in support of our Night Chief Custodian, Paul Slater. These funds will help cover funeral expenses for his departed wife, Rena Slater. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

[Go Fund Me](#)

A Note From Our Administrators

Happy Friday, Manor Woods Families,

Camera on or camera off? That is the question. While we cannot require students to have their cameras on during synchronous instruction, having the camera off for extended periods of time makes it very challenging for teachers to assess your child's engagement and understanding of the learning task. Please have a conversation with your child regarding his/her camera use and encourage them to use their camera when asked to show understanding by their teacher or when participating during classroom discussions.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend!

Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

New Information

Family File (PTA Directory Information)

Do you want to be able to schedule playdates for your students? How about connecting with other parents about virtual learning? To make it easier to connect with one another, be sure to include your cell phone numbers and emails in the PTA Directory section of your Family File.

We still have 48 incomplete Family Files. We need 100% completion! HCPSS utilizes Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab on the left and then clicking on Family File. Once logged in, you will be asked to update or provide the following information:

- Student Information
- Parent/Guardian Contact
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical Information
- Arrival/Dismissal Procedures
- Photo Approval
- Data Confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA Directory **(This is the section to add your family information to share with other families.)**

A Family File must be completed for EACH student EVERY school year!

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 [coversheet](#) sent as a PDF. Submissions may be emailed to Mrs. Moy maria_moy@hcpss.org by December 2, 2020. Contact Mrs. Moy 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.

Community-Based Case Management (Wrap Around Family Services)

Sheppard Pratt In-Home Services Program (IHSP)

The In-Home Services Program is designed to provide in-home intervention and support to help families manage their current situation in a way that keeps them together. Additionally, the Program seeks to teach the families new skills and/or set up services that will maximize the families' strengths to ensure that they remain together on a long-term basis. A Senior Family Services Worker works with the family between 3- 6 months to identify family-based goals and maintain long-term changes. The SFSW maintains a minimum of one contact with each family per week for the duration of the program.

There is no service fee to utilize this program. In order to qualify, the identified child should be receiving Medical Assistance (exceptions can be made through the Howard County Health Department Bureau of Behavioral Health for children who have private insurance).

- [IHSP Fact Sheet 2020 English](#)
- [IHSP Fact Sheet 2020 Spanish](#)
- [IHSP Referral Form 2020 English](#)
- [IHSP Referral Form 2020 Spanish](#)

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

Family Survey for Second Semester Planning

[Español](#) / [中文](#) / [한국어](#)

The Howard County Public School System and Board of Education are evaluating possibilities for a hybrid instructional model for the second semester, beginning February 1, 2021, which could include opportunities for in-person instruction. A hybrid model could provide an option for parents/guardians to send their child to school part of the week and learn virtually for the remainder of the week.

This fall, there will be significant public discussion and consideration around the second semester. At this time, HCPSS is seeking to understand families' intentions regarding sending their students back to school, if that option becomes available, or continuing

fully virtual learning. Please see directions below for accessing this questionnaire. Please note, this is separate from the small group instruction survey that some families have received. Additionally, it is crucial for planning to know if students who qualify to receive bus service would use it. Parent/guardian response is not a commitment for the second semester; you will be able to change your decision when plans for second semester are finalized. Your intention at this time will help facilitate planning. **Please complete the form by 4 p.m., Friday, October 23.** Contact your school if you require assistance completing the form.

To complete the form:

1. [Log in to HCPSS Connect](#) (PARENT ACCOUNT)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Intent to Participate in Hybrid In-Person Instruction from the middle of the page
4. Complete the questions in the form for each child and select "Save"

MAP Updates

For information on how to view your child's MAP scores, please visit <https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/fall-2020-MAP-scores>.

If your child did not start or finish the reading and/or math MAP test on October 7 or 14, they will be invited to the following make-up session(s). A message with login information will be sent to these students prior to the make-up session(s).

Reading MAP Make-Up - Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00pm

Math MAP Make-up - Wednesday, October 28 at 1:00pm

If you have any questions regarding the MAP assessment, please contact Mrs. Zinn at jennifer_zinn@hcpss.org.

HC Drug Free Parenting Classes

Beginning on October 20, HC DrugFree and the State's Attorney's Office (with funding from the Health Department) are partnering to provide a series of 4 free online parenting

classes open to Howard County parents/guardians.

[Guiding Good Choices Flier \(Oct-Nov 2020 parenting classes\) \(9-28\).pdf](#)

Pantry on the Go

Glen Mar Church will be hosting a Pantry on the Go Friday, Oct. 23, from 4 - 6 p.m. They'll be giving away not only boxes of fresh produce, but free face masks and children's books. See the attached flyers (in English and Spanish) for details.

[English- Glen Mar Panty on the Go .pdf](#)

[Spanish- Glen Mar Pantry on the Go.pdf](#)

After School Activities

Light the Night Community Walk

On Saturday, November 7th, the Manor Woods staff and community will be participating in Burleigh Manor Middle School's **Light the Night Walk to support BMMS health teacher, Mrs. Brittany Smith, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**. Please [view the attached flier](#) for additional information on how to participate in the walk virtually, and [donate to Mrs. Smith's brother's LLS team](#). Don't forget to add **#TeamBrittany and "school's initials"** to your donation message, and share the link within the greater HCPSS community. **Together we will Be The Voice That Speaks Up...Be The Hand That Reaches Out...Be The Light That Cures Cancer.**

Sign up for Club STEM After School

Mondays, for 6 classes November 2, 4:30-5:30pm, at Kiwanis-Wallas Hall (located at 3300 Norberts Way in Ellicott City; not far from Manor Woods ES). Or receive supplies and instruction needed to attend virtually on your own schedule from your own home.

[RP3344.101 - Manor Woods ES students](#)

To register, please use the hyperlink provided above, or call our Registration hotline at 410-313-7275 (open 8am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday).

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

Please visit the HCPSS website [Community News and Programs page](#) for upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.