

MWES News - Week of 11-1-2021

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

Hello Manor Woods Families,

Here are a few important highlights from our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion School Committee.

Native American Heritage Month

“November is Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people.

Howard County Library Native American Heritage Month Celebration

<https://howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/events/native-american-heritage-month-celebration-0>



**HOWARD COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM**
Public Education for All

[Native American Heritage Month Celebration |](#)
[Howard County Library System](#)

Celebrate Native American Culture and Resilience. Featuring dancing, singing, drumming, storytelling, children's crafts, vendors, Navajo Tacos and more, including:

howardcounty.librarycalendar.com

Flyer - PDF

https://howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/sites/default/files/2021-10/Native%20American%20Heritage%20Mo%202021%20Flyer_0.pdf

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord and 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.

New Information

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day will be on November 17th for students who were absent, or who didn't care for the first set of photos . Picture proofs are delayed due to shipping delays; however, parents will receive proofs prior to 11/17. Please see the attached links for the retake flier and picture envelope.

[Retake Flier](#)

[Envelope](#)

MWES Food Drive is Back!

Nov. 1 - Nov. 10 Manor Woods will sponsor a food drive to support the Howard County Food Bank. Non-perishable items can be placed in the collection bin located outside of the main office. Items most needed include grains, pasta & sauce, canned vegetables & fruit, peanut butter, canned beans, tuna, baby food and hot & cold cereal. The HoCo Food Bank has seen a significant increase in the need for services. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Thank you for making a difference for others in need!

Dress For Colder Weather

Please make certain your child has a light-weight jacket or coat for recess on colder days.

Speaking of Jackets...

There are ALOT of jackets, water bottles and lunch boxes in our lost and found. Please encourage your student(s) to check the lost and found! If they need help doing so, they can come ask in the front office.

Accessing Quarter 1 Report Cards

Report cards will be issued Wednesday, Nov. 10 and accessible via HCPSS Connect Synergy. Parents/guardians may access them following the [instructions for accessing](#)

[report cards online](#). Answers to [frequently asked questions on grades and testing](#) can be found online.

Update Your Family File

Please make certain your Family File is up-to-date. We will be using these to dismiss your student(s) on unexpected closing days.

HCPSS utilizes Family File for parents/guardians to supply emergency information. If you haven't done so already, [please verify and/or update information for your child\(ren\)](#) for the 2021-22 school year.

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.

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](#).

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...>

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](#)