

# MWES News - Week of 11/11/19

## NOVEMBER

**11** - Quarter 1 report cards sent home

**11** - Spirit Day: Wear Red, White and Blue to celebrate Veteran's Day

**12** - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

**14** - 1st Grade to Robinson Nature Center

**15** - PTA Movie Night

**18** - PTA Restaurant Night @ Chipotle (Route 40 Location)

**18-22** - American Education Week

**19** - 3rd Grade to Ellicott City

**19** - Chorus Concert @ MRHS 7 pm

**25** - Turkey Trot and 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (dismiss at 12:15 pm Fall Conferences)

**26** - Young Authors' Entries Due!

**26** - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (dismiss at 12:15 pm Fall Conferences)

**27-29** - Schools Closed for Thanksgiving

### **Food Drive to Benefit the Howard County Food Bank:**

During the month of November, Manor Woods will hold our annual food drive. A food collection container will be located in our front lobby, near the front office. Types of nonperishable food we'll collect include: beans, canned meat or fish, canned vegetables & fruit,

cereal, crackers, granola bars, jelly, juice, pasta, peanut butter, rice & soup. Thank you for your support & for helping others in need.

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

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

As partners in your child's education, we invite you to sign up for our yearly Parent Teacher Conferences. The HCPSS window for conferences is scheduled for November 25th, 26th, and 27th. Parents can log into [HCPSS Connect](https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/synergy-parent-teacher-conference-registration.pdf) **beginning Monday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m through Friday, November 22nd at 3:30 pm**. Parents will be able to view and select from the time slots provided. Conferences for the fall will be Language Arts only unless your child is enrolled in 4th grade GT math program with Mrs. Broadhurst or Mrs. Parker. GT conferences for all 5th grade GT students will be held in the Spring. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. DeBord, Mrs. Zinn or your child's homeroom teacher. Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions to log in on 11/11/19. <https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/synergy-parent-teacher-conference-registration.pdf> Here is an instructional video link: <https://youtu.be/QcMwkklgkls> If you plan to be out of town during conference week, please email your child's teacher directly to schedule a conference to be held during the week of December 9th. We will be unable to schedule conference times before November 25th. Should you need to conference with a related arts teacher, please email that teacher directly. All email addresses can be found on our website under the staff section.

### **American Education Week**

This year, American Education Week is being held from November 18-22. In keeping with tradition, Manor Woods Elementary staff and students would like to invite all parents in to visit with their child during the school day. Visiting with your Manor Woods child is a very special time for them and they look forward to your visit. Siblings will not be permitted to be in any classes during the day. We hope to see you when you drop by!

**\*\*Please note: On November 19th, the children will be attending the in-school chorus**

concert **at 9am until 10am**. Respectfully, we ask that you do not plan to visit during this time as seating is limited.\*\*

[Master Schedule 19-20](#)

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

### **Updated Attendance Procedures**

[READ MORE](#)

### **Impact Aid Forms**

[READ MORE](#)

### **REPORTING ABSENCES**

Please use the following link to report your child's absence. Your child needs a note to return to school each time they are absent. Please be sure to state the reasons for their absence.

[MWESabsences@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsences@hcpss.org)

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

## **Operation Gratitude**

Many MWES students are participating in an Operation Gratitude volunteer opportunity by writing cards and letters to service members to thank them for their service to our country. Our cards and letters will be attached to homemade hats and scarves that are knitted and crocheted by local Howard County residents. These items are included in care packages and shipped to the troops during the winter months. Care package recipients report that the cards, letters, notes and drawings are the most cherished items in the care packages. Our students have participated in this project for several years now and we could not be more proud of them! Way to go MWES students - #difference maker! More information about Operation Gratitude can be found at

<https://www.operationgratitude.com>

## **MWES 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade Bumble Bee Spelling Bee**

All students in grades first through third have an exciting opportunity to participate in the Classroom Bumble Bee Spelling Bee unless your child is absent. On Thursday, November 7th, students took home information about the Bumble Bee Spelling Bee and the study words. Classroom Bees will be conducted the week of December 9, 2019. Grade Level Bees will be conducted the week of January 6, 2020. Please see the flier for further details. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher and/or Bumble Bee Coordinators Brad Weaver at [Brad\\_Weaver@hcpss.org](mailto:Brad_Weaver@hcpss.org) and Deborah Livak at [Deborah\\_Livak@hcpss.org](mailto:Deborah_Livak@hcpss.org). Happy Spelling!!

[1stGradeBumbleBeePacket.pdf](#) [2ndGradeBumbleBeePacket.pdf](#) [3rdGradeBumbleBeePacket.pdf](#)

## **MWES 4th and 5th Grade Spelling Bee**

On Friday, November 8th, students in 4th and 5th grades will receive the Spelling Bee Pamphlet. Classroom Spelling Bees will take place from sometime between December 9th through December 13th. Every student in 4th and 5th Grade will get to participate in the Classroom Spelling Bee unless your child is absent. Please encourage your 4th and 5th grade student to use

the Spelling Bee pamphlet to practice for the Classroom Bees. The 4th and 5th Grade 1st and 2nd place winners from each class will participate in the MWES School Wide Spelling Bee on Friday, January 17, 2020. Winners of the 4th and 5th grade Classroom Bees will be shared the week of Dec. 16, 2019. 1st and 2nd place winners will receive a letter and additional information from Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist and Spelling Bee Coordinator. Below is the link to the Spelling Bee Study Lists. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher and/or Natalie Miskimins [natalie\\_miskimins@hcpss.org](mailto:natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org).

[StudentBrochurespellingbee2019-2020 .pdf](#)

[2020\\_SLSL\\_One\\_Bee\\_Words\\_Only.pdf](#)

[2020\\_SLSL\\_Two\\_Bee\\_Words\\_Only.pdf](#)

[2020\\_SLSL\\_Three\\_Bee\\_Words\\_Only.pdf](#)

### **School Psychologists**

Do you know the school psychologist at your child's school? Every HCPSS school has at least one school psychologist on staff. At Manor Woods Elementary School, Mr. Craig Cooper and Mrs. Jenny Manning support our staff and students. The following HCPSS link describes the many supports offered by school psychologists: [READ MORE](#)

[November 2019 Advocate Newsletter.pdf](#)

### **COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS**

#### **Peter and the Starcatcher at MRHS**

Ticket sales are now live! Please use the following link to purchase:

<https://tinyurl.com/MRHS-PETER>

[READ MORE](#)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS**

### **HC DrugFree Updates for Parents/Guardians**

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[www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org)

### **Thrive by Five Workshop for Parents**

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## **AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES WITH HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS**

For Complete information on these Before & After School classes, including how to Register, please go to [www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool)