

MWES News - Week of 11/19/18

NOVEMBER

- 19 - Turkey Trot (*Rain Date 11/20)
- 19 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students; Parent/Teacher Conferences
(DETAILS BELOW)
- 20 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students; Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21 - Schools Closed for Students
- 22-23 - Schools and Offices CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!
- 27 - MWES Chorus Concert @ MRHS 7pm
- 16-December 18 - Howard County Food Bank Collection
- 29 - Picture Retake Day

DECEMBER

- 4 - CogAT Testing 10:05 am (Gr. 5) 1:05 pm (Gr. 3)
- 5 - CogAT Testing 10:05 am (Gr. 5) 1:05 pm (Gr. 3)
- 6 - CogAT Testing 10:05 am (Gr. 5) 1:05 pm (Gr. 3)
- 7-14 - CogAT Makeups
- 10-14 - 4th and 5th grade classroom spelling bees
- 10-14 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade classroom spelling bees

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the weather presentation “Faith In The Flakes” presented by Justin Berk has been cancelled. For those of you that purchased a T-shirt on-line, your money will be refunded electronically. Those that secured orders via the tear-off sheet, your orders are being returned. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thank you,
Mrs. DeBord

A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD & MRS. BIALESKI

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year, the Howard County Public School System will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to all students in grades 3 and 5. The CogAT is a group-administered abilities test that measures students' reasoning abilities, which they develop through in-school and out-of-school experiences. It is not designed to test a student's academic achievement, but their potential.

The test is made of three batteries – Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal. Each battery takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The CogAT helps educators understand a student's cognitive strengths and weaknesses and assists with adapting instruction to meet the needs and abilities of each student.

All students in Grades 3 and 5 will participate in the testing. The CogAT will be administered on December 4, 5, and 6. No special preparation is required. Just send your child to school ready to learn as you do daily. We do request that you avoid scheduling appointments or travel on these dates. Should your child be ill and unable to come to school on one of these days, a makeup opportunity will be made available.

The Gifted and Talented Education Program will use the data from the CogAT as one criterion for placement into fourth grade Gifted/Talented mathematics classes and middle school Gifted/Talented content classes. Students' individual scores will be reported to parents in late February/early March.

Please contact Julia Bialeski by telephone or email: julia_bialeski@hcpss.org if you have any questions about your child's involvement with the CogAT assessment.

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Julia Bialeski, Assistant Principal

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

PICK UP AND DROP OFF REMINDER

When picking up or dropping off your child before or after school, we encourage you to use the car-pool loop. If you choose to park in the lot to wait for your child in the pm, you **MUST** park in a designated spaces and walk to get greet them. They may not walk unaccompanied to your car. Also, please pull in the handicapped spot only if you have tags or a placard. We appreciate your help for the safety of our children.

SCHOOL NEWS

TURKEY TROT IS COMING SOON!

The Annual Manor Woods Turkey Trot will be on Monday, November 19th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during students Related Arts block. Volunteers are needed to guide students around the course and cheer them on as they cross the finish line. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Peksa at karyn_peksa@hcpss.org or Ms. Holocker at allison_holocker@hcpss.org.

MWES ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT THE HOCO FOOD BANK

We have begun collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Howard County Food Bank. Food items needed include canned fruit & vegetables, beans, cereal, jelly, pasta, peanut butter, rice & soup. The collection container will be located in the main lobby through December 18. Thank you for making a difference for those in need!

CRAYOLA COLORCYCLE

As part of our Green School Program, Manor Woods is participating in the Crayola Colorcycle program again this school year. Students can drop off their old, dried up markers in the boxes located in each grade level pod. The markers will be repurposed by Crayola. For more info. [visit http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx](http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx).

PICTURE RETAKE DAY NOVEMBER 29, 2018

[Manor Woods Elem--FALL 2018 retake.pdf](#)

MWES 1ST, 2ND, 3RD GRADE BUMBLE BEE SPELLING BEE

All students in grades first through third have an exciting opportunity to participate in the Bumble Bee Spelling Bee this year! On Thursday, November 15th students took home information about the Bumble Bee Spelling Bee and the study words. Classroom Bees will be conducted the week of December 10, 2018. Grade Level Bees will be conducted the week of January 7, 2019. 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 and Deborah Livak at Deborah_Livak@hcpss.org. Happy Spelling!!

[1st Grade Bumble Bee.pdf](#)

[2nd Grade Bumble Bee.pdf](#)

[3rd Grade Bumble Bee.pdf](#)

MWES 4TH AND 5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE

On Thursday, November 8th, students in 4th and 5th grades were given the Spelling Bee Pamphlet. Classroom Spelling Bees will take place from December 10th through December 14th. Every student in 4th and 5th Grade will get to participate in the Classroom Spelling Bee. Please encourage your 4th and 5th grade students 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 January 3rd. Winners of the 4th and 5th grade Classroom Bees will be shared the week of Dec. 17th. 1st and 2nd place winners will receive a letter and additional information from Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist who is the Spelling Bee Coordinator. Below is the link to the spelling. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher and/or Natalie Miskimins natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org.

[MWES-4th 5th Spelling Bee 2018-2019.pdf](#)

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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 19th, 20th, and 21st](#).

Parents can log into [HCPSS Connect](#) beginning Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m through Friday, November 16th 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. 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 or Mrs. Bialeski or your child's homeroom teacher. Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions to log in on 11/08/18.

[SYN073 Parent Conference Parent.pdf](#)

Here is an instructional video link: <https://youtu.be/QcMwkkIgkls>

**Please know that per the teacher's contract, they will not be able to accommodate conferences the week before or the week after the conference window.

YOUNG AUTHORS' WRITING CONTEST 2018-2019

Students in Grades 2nd through 5th are invited to participate in the State of Maryland Literacy Association SoMLA - Young Authors' Writing Contest. In this writing contest, students submit an original poem or short story or both. **Each writing entry requires its own cover sheet.** Parents, students, and homeroom teacher are required to sign the cover sheet. Student work must be typed on the computer and saved. If a student does not have access to a computer to type their entry please let Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist know to arrange for the student to type their entry. **The cover sheet and original writing entry is due on or before Friday, December 14, 2018.** Students can pick-up forms for the writing contest from their classroom teacher, off of Mrs. Miskimins' Reading Board, or on the MWES website. All cover sheets and original work are to be turned into Mrs. Miskimins' Reading Board where there are folders for each grade level to turn in writing contest submissions. Please reach out to Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist at natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org if any questions! Happy Writing!!

[CORRECT DATE YA Poster Announcing Contest Elementary 2018 .pdf](#)

[YA Student Cover Sheet 2018\[1\].pdf](#)

[YA Writing Rubric.pdf](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dear MWES Families,

Please consider volunteering your time to help with labeling, filing, and organizing our NEW nonfiction guided reading materials for classroom teachers. Volunteers can come to school anytime during the day and I will leave directions and etc. If you are able to help please reach out to me at natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org. Happy Reading!

Thank you,

Natalie Miskimins

Reading Specialist

REPORT CARD COMMENT INFORMATION

[Comments for 18-19 Elementary Grading and Reporting Dates - Based on New Calendar-1 copy-1-1.pdf](#)

PTA NEWS

Please see the www.mwespta.org for details and additional news.

Amazon Smile

Help support Manor Woods' PTA by shopping on Amazon through Amazon Smile. You get the same great deals and benefits offered by Amazon while supporting your children's school! Just go smile.amazon.com, and login to Amazon using your regular username and password. Search for Manor Woods under charitable organization, and you are ready to shop! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon Sammis at mwesptavp1@gmail.com.

PTA SPONSORED CULTURAL EVENTS 2018-2019

1. **Cultural Art**

Thursday, December 13th: [Eric Energy](#) – Live Interactive Kids Science Show

2. **Cultural Art**

Monday, January 7th: [Footworks Dance](#)

3. **Cultural Art**

Wednesday, March 6th: [Diane Macklin](#)

4. **Culture Night**

Friday, March 8th, 2019

Where: [Marriotts Ridge High School](#)

**PTA has openings for the culture night committee and also need volunteers to represent their countries' culture. Please contact us at mwesptapres@gmail.com

5. **Cultural Art**

Wednesday, April 10th: [Luis Garay](#)

6. **Cultural Art**

Friday, May 31st: [BMX](#)

Restaurant Nights

Tuesday, November 27 (5pm-9pm) at Chick Fil A (4905Executive Park Dr, Columbia, MD 21045)

FALL 2018 AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES

The NEW flier is out and Parks and Rec has lots to offer for After School Enrichment activities. Check out the new session of Club STEM class that offers an exciting hands-on science experience, stretch your creativity with KidsArt or build with Legos! Classes fill up fast!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y84h3jqe>

IMPORTANT THINGS FOR PARENTS TO REMEMBER

PARENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

In order to volunteer in the building or on field trips, **both the confidentiality and child abuse training must be completed**, and the printed certificates turned into the front office.

Please click the following link to complete volunteer (**data confidentiality**) training:

www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information

Child Abuse Training: https://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

In alignment with Howard County Board of Education [Policy 10010, Distribution and Display of Materials and Announcements](#), the following announcements have been approved by the Public Information Office for distribution. Please visit [Distributing Community Information through the School System](#) or contact the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682 if you have any questions.

The link below will take you to community notices are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>