MWES News - Week of 11/2/2020

Important Dates

Tuesday, November 2nd - Election Day: NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 6th - End of Qtr. 1 Marking Period: 3-Hour Early Dismissal for Students

Friday, November 13th - Reflections Entries Due

Monday, November 16th - Qtr. 1 Report Cards Issued

Absence Email Reminder

Dear Manor Woods Parents,

Please do not send your child's absent note through Canvas. All absent notes must be emailed to MWESabsence@hcpss.org and **include student name, date of the absence and the reason for the absence**. If this information is not included, the note will not be accepted. This email goes directly to our Attendance Secretary. You may cc: your child's teacher in the same email.

Thank you in advance for adhering to our absence reporting procedures.

A Note From Our Administrators

Dear Manor Woods Community,

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to provide instruction virtually. We are proud of the way that our students have persevered and the levels of engagement they have demonstrated.

To maintain a positive, productive learning environment and assure confidentiality for students and teachers during virtual learning,

students and parents/guardians are asked to continue following the guidelines and expectations detailed on the HCPSS website. Again, thank you for your partnership as we navigate this new virtual instructional model.

Thank you for all you are doing, parents! We appreciate you.

Fondly,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

New Information

Your Input is Needed!

HCPSS Invites Stakeholder Input on the School Resource Officer Program: The Howard County Public School System invites students, parents and guardians, staff members and community stakeholders to share their input about the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program in HCPSS schools. Feedback about the program may be provided by emailing SROinput@hcpss.org. All messages will be reviewed; however, due to the anticipated volume, individual responses should not be expected. The feedback provided will inform HCPSS' ongoing review of the roles, purpose and outcomes of SROs in Howard County schools. An update was presented at the October 22, 2020 Board meeting.

Stakeholder Input on Spring Semester Instructional Model: Parents/guardians, students, staff and other stakeholders may provide input and feedback to the Board of Education regarding the spring semester instructional model by emailing spring-input@hcpss.org. The Board will review all emails; however, due to the anticipated volume, individual responses should not be expected.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine

The Health Department is encouraging people of all ages to **get a seasonal flu shot** from a healthcare provider, local pharmacy, retailer or big box store. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school (even virtual school) due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths.

HCHD is holding two upcoming public FREE Drive-thru Flu Immunization Clinics:

Friday, October 30, 2020

10:00am - 4:00pm

Howard County Health Department

8930 Stanford Blvd.

Columbia, MD 21045

Sunday, November 1, 2020

10:00am - 2:00pm

St. John Baptist Church

9055 Tamar Drive

Columbia, MD 21045

Appointments are strongly-recommended for all clinics and can be made at www.marylandvax.org.

More information about upcoming public flu vaccination clinics is available on our seasonal flu vaccination page HERE.

Need a FREE ride to your flu shot? Neighbor Ride offers free rides to the provider of your choice. Call **410-884-RIDE** (7433) or visit neighborride.org/freeride for more information.

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

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 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.

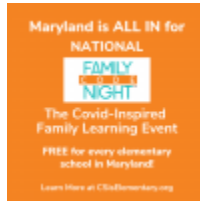Young Authors' Contest information can be found on the HCLA website. Howard County Literacy Association welcomes parents as members. Visit the HCLA Welcome Page for information about joining.

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.**

Virtual Family Code Nights

Virtual Family Code Nights for Elementary Schools are a great way to connect and collaborate through computer science! Schools can select a session between **October 19, 2020 and December 9, 2020** by signing up here. This is a great way to engage students and their families in computer science--each K-5 child pairs up with a family member or guardian and they code together. No experience needed! It's great fun, proven in thousands of schools nationwide, and now provided via a live stream to any school.

Schools select a date at CSisElementary.org and receive an invitation and link to distribute to families. That's it! Students, family members, and educators then join the live stream from home or school to enjoy a learning experience they'll love and value. A live prize drawing for a **Home Robotics Bundle from Wonder Workshop** will be featured at each National Family Code Night.

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

A Cookbook That Supports Local Kids

Leadership U of Howard County is selling a Taste of Howard County cookbooks. All proceeds go to the Starlight Children's Foundation, which provides comfort to hospitalized children in Howard County. Order deadline is November 9th!

[Taste of HoCo pdf](#)

Community Action Council of Howard County Food Drive

Please bring a canned good for the Maryland Food Bank when you vote at Marriotts Ridge High School!!

[FoodDrivepdf](#)

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