

# MWES News - Week of 11/23/2020

## Important Dates

**Monday, November 23rd - Tuesday, November 24th** - 3-Hour Early Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday, November 25th - Friday, November 27th** - Schools Closed

## 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](mailto: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-

On behalf of the Manor Wood staff, we'd like to wish you a joyful Thanksgiving. While we know our holidays won't look or feel the same this year, take time to reflect, play games with your children, give them a break, let them read and relax. They have worked REALLY hard over the past few months. Enjoy your home-cooked meals, your holiday decorating, and on-line shopping. Get outside, play football or just take a walk. We encourage you to make new traditions as we know things are different this year.

Moving forward, we'd also like to remind you that parent-teacher conferences begin on Monday, November 23. As a reminder, because you are meeting with the teacher, virtually, please try not to sign in earlier than your scheduled conference time, as other families will be finishing their conference, and we want to ensure they are finished before the next conference begins. Teachers have to allow you into the meet, so please be patient.

We continue to be impressed with the students as they navigate on-line learning, are super proud of the staff, and extremely THANKFUL that we have supportive parents to work with and grow with.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

## **News from Ms. Heinlein, School Counselor**

### **HCPSS School Counseling November Newsletter for Families**

Use this [link](#) to access November's School Counseling Newsletter. The newsletter contains helpful information, tips and strategies for supporting students & parents.

Remember, Ms. Heinlein is here for you! Feel free to reach out through email ([monica\\_heinlein@hcpss.org](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org)) if you or your child has questions or are in need of assistance. For more information about the school counseling program, visit the Manor Woods Elementary School Counseling Course on your child's Canvas dashboard.

### **Drop-In Lunch Bunches**

Hello, Manor Woods families! I'm happy to begin offering weekly grade level lunch bunches for all students in grades K-5. Lunch bunches will begin next week, Nov. 16-Nov. 20.

The drop-in lunch bunches are an opportunity for our students to socialize with peers, make new friends and have fun together. **Please note: there will be no lunch bunches scheduled during conference week, Nov. 23 - 27.** Lunch bunches will resume the week of Nov. 30.

### **Lunch Bunch Schedule & Codes:**

**Kindergarten:** Tuesdays 11:30am Google meet nickname: mwes-heinlein-lb-K

**First Grade:** Mondays 11:15am Google meet nickname: mwes-heinlein-lb-1

**Second Grade:** Tuesdays 12:00pm Google meet nickname: mwes-heinlein-lb-2

**Third Grade:** Mondays 12:00pm Google meet nickname: mwes-heinlein-lb-3

**Fourth Grade:** Thursdays 11:30 Google meet nickname: mwes-heinlein-lb-4

**Fifth Grade:** Wednesdays 1:00pm Google meet nickname: mwes-heinlein-lb-5

**Parent Resource:** The Howard County Health Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health is available to support families in need of community resources such as crisis response, mental health, substance abuse, insurance services and more. Click [here](#) for more information & to contact a Behavioral Health Navigator who will help link clients to community services and resources.

## **New Information**

### **Information About Logging in for Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**Parents/guardians must use their student's login to join a conference:**

Go to [hcpss.me](http://hcpss.me)

Select the Google Meet button

Log in using student credentials

Enter meeting code

Meeting codes were included in confirmation emails for those parents/guardians who selected that option. Google Meet codes also can be found by:

1. Log in with parent/guardian credentials to [HCPSS Connect](#)
2. Select More Options (Family File, Report Card, etc) from the left navigation
3. Select Conference Scheduling (View or Schedule ARL/Dig Ed) in the middle
4. Click on View My Conference Schedule from the left navigation
5. Copy Google Meet code from applicable conference

Parents/guardians who experience any difficulty logging in to a conference should email their child's teacher.

General [information on Google Meet](#) can be found online. Parents/guardians are reminded of [privacy guidelines](#) around all Google Meet sessions.

### **Experiencing Chrome Issues: Black Screen?; Not Seeing Presentations?; Can't Access Chat Room? Here are some things to try to fix the problem:**

- **UNINSTALL CHROME EXTENSIONS**
- **CLEAR THE CACHE AND COOKIES BY DOING THE FOLLOWING:**
  1. Click on the 3 dot menu in the top right of Chrome
  2. Go down to 'More Tools' and over to 'Clear Browsing Data'
  3. This will open an advanced settings window.
  4. The students can clear cookies and cached images and files.

**If that doesn't work, please reset and refresh his computer by following the steps at this**

**link [https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/77796/pages/chromebook-system-errors?module\\_item\\_id=3556756](https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/77796/pages/chromebook-system-errors?module_item_id=3556756).**

## **HCPSS to Remain Virtual Through 3rd Quarter**

During its November 16 work session, the Board of Education voted to continue the school system in a virtual instructional model through the third academic quarter, which ends April 14, 2021.

[Learn more](#)

## **ELA Resources**

The HCPSS Language Arts Family and Community pages have been updated to include timely resources for families. These resources include:

- Lexia Resources
- suggestions for online books
- ways to support student learning

[The ELA Family and Community Flier](#)

## **Family Support and Resource Center**

Do you have a child with an IFSP or IEP? The HCPSS Family Support and Resource Center (FSRC) offers a weekly email just for you! FSRC communications include helpful workshops, resources and community information specifically geared to supporting your journey. As a parent of child with and IFSP/IEP, you should already be receiving the email, but if not, let us know so we can include your contact information in our database. You can also email specific questions to [FSRC@hcpss.org](mailto:FSRC@hcpss.org).

## **Important Reminders From Past Newsletters**

[click here](#)

## **Canvas HELP!!**

Parents/Guardians: (adults only)

Is Canvas making you crazy?

Are you feeling lost when helping your children navigate Canvas?

Would you like a quick tutorial?

We're here for you.

### **Join Manor Woods staff for a brief overview of Canvas**

**When:** December 2, 2020

**Time:** 7:00-7:30pm

2 Simultaneous sessions (one for primary grades (K-2) one for intermediate grades (3-5))

Codes will be forthcoming!

### **Thanksgiving Break Meal Service Adjustments**

To ensure children have access to essential nutrition over the holiday period, families may pick up meals in advance to cover the holiday break. Pre-ordering will not be available for meals picked up on Monday, November 23 or 30. [See all service and schedule adjustments.](#)

### **First Quarter Report Cards**

**The 2020-2021 quarter one report cards will be available online via Synergy beginning at 4 p.m. on Monday November 16. Printed report cards will not be issued.**

[Learn how to access](#)

## **Access MAP Scores**

Detailed fall reports are now available in PDF form in Synergy. Parents can follow the directions here <https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/fall-2020-MAP-scores> to download and access their child's report.

## **CogAT Information**

The Office of Assessment and Reporting shared that HCPSS will not deliver the CogAT for grades 3 and 5 this December. As plans are finalized for the second semester, HCPSS will explore options for administration and we will share updates with you.

## **AN ART CONTEST – CALLING HOWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES!**

2020 marks the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a civil rights law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability. The Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services and the Howard County Commission on Disabilities invite you to mark this milestone anniversary by entering the ADA30 Art Contest. The Contest is free and open to all Howard County residents. Contestants are invited to enter up to two (2) works of art (digital submissions only). Prizes will be awarded in each category: 1st Place Prize \$200, 2nd Place Prize \$100. Deadline for submissions is November 30, 2020. Winners will be announced on December 18, 2020. Visit the web page at [www.howardcountymd.gov/CDI](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CDI) for full rules and instructions.

## **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](mailto: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



### 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](http://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.

## **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**

### **Mount Hebron High School's Valhalla Virtual 5K**

Please join us for Mount Hebron High School's Valhalla Virtual 5K during the week of Thanksgiving.

Go to [www.vikingbackers.org](http://www.vikingbackers.org) or scan the QR code below to register for some Thanksgiving fun! Gather your bubble of people or go it alone. Just get outside & walk/run while helping the Viking Backers raise some much needed funds. There will be drawings and prizes given for the event as well as for coloring pages and poster designs!



## **Reservior High School's Young Activists Club Holiday Toy Drive**

Drop-off bins are available at area high schools. Please click link for details.

[Toy Drive Flyer](#)

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