

MWES News - Week of 12-13-2021

December 13-21 - Scholastic Book Fair

December 15 - 3-Hour Early Dismissal for students @12:15 pm

December 16 - Scholastic Book Fair **Family Night 5:30 pm-7:30pm**

December 17 - **Spirit Day = It's S'winter: Dress in Winter and Summer Gear**

December 20 - Chorus Concerts @MWES 6:30 pm Grade 4 & 7:20 pm Grade 5

December 22 - **Spirit Day = Pajama Day!**

December 23 - January 2 - Winter Break Schools Closed (Return 1/3/2022)

January 13 - Orchestra Concerts @ MRHS

6:30 pm 4th Grade Orchestra/3rd Grade Orchestra (Weaver/Lewis)

7:30 pm 5th Grade Orchestra/3rd Grade Orchestra (Dorsey/Downes/Tanis)

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

We hope you are enjoying the cooler weather and the sounds of the season. December will be a short month with another break on the horizon. Over the next couple weeks, we will be busy as usual. With that in mind, please be sure to get your children to school **before 8:45 a.m.** Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for your convenience. We have had an increase in late arrivals, which can be disruptive to classrooms and the front office, as well as an ineffective start to your student's day.

This week, Manor Woods celebrated Inclusive Schools Week. Throughout the week, staff and students reviewed the importance of building an inclusive school community where all students feel a sense of belonging. The students enjoyed their spirit days and

the opportunity to celebrate others. Over the next few weeks, we will continue with spirit days and other fun instructional activities.

Lastly, just a reminder, temperatures are dropping, and cold weather is blowing, so please remember to dress your children appropriately for playing outside. Additionally, please write your child's name inside jackets, coats, hats, gloves, etc. as our Lost & Found is continuously overflowing. If your child is missing a jacket, water bottle, etc. remind them to check the lost and found outside of our cafeteria.

Thank you!

Carol DeBord

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.

Very Important Reminder

Per the Maryland State Department of Education, masks are required in all Maryland public school buildings for all students, staff and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. The state mandate reflects guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health, and is in alignment with an HCPSS masking directive that already was in place.

Masks also are required while on school buses. We have had several children coming off the buses in the mornings without a mask. Please make sure your child

is wearing their mask when boarding their bus, and discuss the importance of keeping their mask on. Masks are not required for any students or staff while eating/drinking indoors. Masks are not required outdoors, however they are recommended for unvaccinated individuals.

New Information

Math in Action!

Manor Woods will be celebrating Math in Action in the new year and we are looking for your help. Each month from January through May we will be spotlighting a variety of mathematicians. While it's great to highlight successful mathematicians, we also want to encourage our students to see themselves as mathematicians!

We are asking each student to bring in one 4" x 6" printed photo of your family engaged in an activity involving math. Our goal is to display the photos, along with the featured mathematicians for that month, on a bulletin board outside of each team. (If you have siblings in our school, you can send in the same photo for each student since they will be displayed in different areas of the building.)

While you do not have to send in photos every month, you are welcome to send in additional photos throughout the remainder of the year. Remember, math is embedded in a lot of our daily lives (cooking, building, sewing, designing, shopping, getting gasoline, games, etc.), and we encourage you to be creative in your picture. You may begin sending pictures in now, but the boards will not go up outside of each team until January. Photos should be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher.

From Our Music Department

*The Howard County Children's Chorus Winter Concert on **Sunday, December 12, 3pm** at **Mt. Hebron High School**. The following students will represent Manor Woods in the concert:*

*Lyric Chorus: **Adrian Bolisay, Julian Bolisay, Gleb Klimov, Emilie Serre, Anisha Shirgur, Madhavi Siva, Nancy Wang***

*Cantus Chorus: **Boris Klimov, Sophie Serre, Adithya Siva***

*The Manor Woods 4th and 5th Grade Chorus Concert will be held on **December 20 at Manor Woods** for the families of the participants. The 4th Grade Chorus will perform at 6:30 pm and the 5th Grade Chorus will perform at 7:20 pm.*

From Our School Counselors

[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 or christina_salapata@hcpss.org.

News From HCPSS

Impact Aid Forms: Please share this information with your families via school e-newsletter. Questions may be directed to Kelly Powers. Parents/guardians who work on a federal property in Maryland and/or are a member of a uniformed service can qualify to receive additional federal funding by [completing an Impact Aid form](#) by Dec. 31. Impact Aid supplements the HCPSS operating budget to enhance the teaching and learning that takes place in Howard County classrooms.

Community Academy: The Council of Elders of the Black Community in Howard County (TCOE) in collaboration with the Howard County Public School System will host a TCOE Community Academy on Social Emotional Well-Being on December 11 from 9-10:30 a.m. The session will identify behaviors that affect a child's social emotional well-being and strategies to openly discuss suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Please share this information with your school communities. Registration is required at: <https://tinyurl.com/52kyt6d3>. Flyers are located [here](#). Please contact Ashley Armstead with questions.

Outdoor Dining:

This fall many students have elected to eat school meals in the outdoor dining tent that was put in place at each HCPSS elementary school as an additional health safeguard during the pandemic. Now that winter is on our doorstep, and we expect to have much colder temperatures and precipitation, the tents will soon be removed for the winter months, December through February. This is necessary to ensure the safety of our students and staff, because the tents are not designed to sustain heavy snow, wind or ice accumulation; they cannot be safely heated and lowering the sides that are currently left open would not allow adequate outdoor air ventilation to occur.

HCPSS plans to reinstall the tents outside all elementary schools at the beginning of March 2022, with the specific timing dependent on weather conditions.

We will continue to designate outdoor spaces at our school throughout the winter months where students may choose to eat their meals as weather conditions allow. As a

reminder, please send your child to school dressed appropriately for weather conditions, especially if they plan to eat lunch outdoors.

Thank you for your support and collaboration in ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.

PTA News

Yearbook Photo Cover Contest

[Details Here](#)



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Snowflake Fun Run - December 11th

Get ready, get set, GO – to the first annual Snowflake Fun Run sponsored by the MWES PTA! Please join us THIS Saturday, December 11 for a FUN 1-mile run at Marriotts Ridge High School. Manny the Duck and friends will be leading the pack. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will run from 9:30am – 10:30am, and 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will run from 11:00am – 12:00pm. Plan to arrive a few minutes before your child’s run time. Hot chocolate and goodies will be waiting at the finish line!

The run will go as planned, weather permitting. Please check the PTA website before you leave on Saturday morning for any updates regarding the run. <https://mwespta.com>

This event is free, but please pre-register so we can plan accordingly. **Please note that we are experiencing some technical difficulties with the registration page, so if you receive a “Processing” message, the registration did go through. For any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy Lucchesi at sandy.lucchesi@gmail.com for any questions.

Click here to register now! <https://mwespta.com/funrun/>

Staff Gratitude Gifts

Stumped with how to show your gratitude to our amazing MWES Staff? Look no further than the MWES PTA website (<https://mwespta.com/teacher-staff-gifts/>) for your one stop shop for all MWES Staff.

This is a quick and easy way to express your gratitude to the dedicated staff that teach and nurture our children! The web store is set up to select the teachers/staff you would like to recognize and choose the amount you would like to give in increments of \$1. The PTA will tabulate the individual teacher/ staff totals from all contributions and will send out a single gift card to that individual member. Please note that any money dedicated to a teacher/staff will only go to that teacher/staff and will not be distributed among the entire list. All gifts will be given anonymously, no names will be included on the card. As usual, there is no obligation or expectation, just a way to make gifting a little easier for those who would like to take part.

Deadline for contributions will be December 17th.

2nd Vice President Needed

The PTA is in need of a new 2nd Vice President! If you're interested in becoming a board member please reach out to PTA President Marva Booth at turner_marva@yahoo.com to learn more.

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

Weather Guidelines

[Click Here](#)

News From the Health Room

The vision and hearing screening will be occurring on January 12 and January 20. It is for all kindergarten and 1st grade students and new students coming from outside the State of Maryland. There will be a flier going out in a few weeks.

If your child has received both doses of the Covid vaccine, you can either send a copy of their card in with your child, fax to 410-531-1295, or email to the Health Room.

Any questions, please contact the Health Room at 410-313-8326 or laura_ruiz@hcpss.org or lynnette_winde@hcpss.org.

Vaccine Information For Children

[Click Here](#)

[Letter From Health Officer Dr. Maura Rossman, County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball, and HCPSS Superintendent Dr. Michael Martirano about COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 5-11](#)

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

MRHS Winter Music Department Concerts!

Please join us at the MRHS Auditorium to hear our wonderful student musicians. Tickets are \$5 and good for both nights. Ask about the family rate!

Wednesday, Dec 15 - Winter Music Concert I 7:00pm

Percussion Ensemble, Concert Choir, Vocal Ensemble GT, Madrigals/Chamber Choir,
Concert Strings, Concert Band

Thursday, Dec 16 - Winter Music Concert II 7:00pm

Mustang Chorale, Symphony Strings, Symphonic Winds, Combined Finale

The MRHS Holiday Jazz Cabaret is Back!

Tuesday, December 21 @ 7pm

MRHS Atrium & Cafeteria

The Annual Holiday Jazz Cabaret will be held **Tuesday, December 21st at 7pm**. Join friends and family for a relaxing and joyful evening. Enjoy fabulous treats, appetizers and beverages while listening to some amazing holiday music performed by the **MRHS Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, Vocal Ensemble GT, Madrigals** and several **amazing soloists**.

Tickets are \$12 and sold at the door; family pricing is \$40 for 4 or more.

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**

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 Classes

[Flier Attached](#)