MWES News - Week of 12/14/2020

Important Dates

December 24-January 1st - Schools Closed for Winter Break (Virtual Learning Resumes on January 4th)

January 18 - MLK Birthday Observed **(Schools and Offices Closed)**

January 28 - Quarter 2 Ends

January 29 - Professional Work Day **(Schools Closed for Students)**

Spirit Week Begins Monday, December 14th!

Click Here to See Our Spirit Week Schedule

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.

News from Ms. Heinlein, School Counselor

Food Bank Donations

The Howard County Food Bank has seen a significant increase in demand for services this year. The HOCO Community Action Council is asking the community to help meet the increased need. To donate, navigate to their website here, click the donate button, and complete the form. All donations are safe, secure, and most importantly go directly to those who need assistance during this critical time. Food donations can be dropped off in a collection bin at the Howard County Food Bank parking lot (located at 9385 Gerwig Lane Columbia, MD 21046). Thank you for considering this opportunity to help others in need.

Mayo Clinic Resource

Stress, Depression and the Holidays Tips for Coping, is a great resource from the Mayo Clinic for helping families during the holidays and throughout the year.

New Information

Winter Break Meals Adjustments

Schools will be closed for winter break from Thursday, December 24, through Friday, January 1. To ensure children have access to essential nutrition during the holiday period, families may pick up additional meals in advance of the break. Pre-ordering will not be available for meals picked up December 21-23 or January 4-6.

See All Service and Schedule Adjustments

2020-2021 Inclement Weather Protocols

For the 2020-2021 school year, while in virtual, small groups or hybrid instructional models, HCPSS will transition to fully virtual instruction during inclement weather days.

View the Four Possible Inclement Weather Decisions

Manor Woods Elementary School Announces the 2020-2021

Young Authors' Contest Winners:

Congratulations to the winners of the Young Authors' Contest! We wish our students well as their poems and short stories advance to the county level!

Category	Title	Student Name	Teacher Name
1st grade Poetry	What If the Dinosaurs	Jeongmin Lee	Mrs. Myers
1st grade Short Story	My Sharky Day	Megan Wu	Mrs. Myers
2nd grade Poetry	The Four Forces	Nishat Khan	Mrs. Lyons
2nd grade Short Story	The Alien Visit	Zameer Aslam	Mrs. Livak
3rd grade Poetry	Beach	Aaiza Adil	Mrs. Lewis
3rd grade Short Story	Monsters in Switzerland	Alfred Francis	Mrs. Dorsey
4th grade Poetry	Happiness	Rohan Patel	Mrs. Collins
4th grade Short Story *			
5th grade Poetry	Fall	Isaac Yoo	Mrs. Sorkin
5th grade Short Story	Festival of Stars	Kate Rim	Mrs. Robey

***There were no entries in the 4th grade Short Story category this year.**

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

click here

After School Activities

Experience Howard Community College Kids on Campus! HCC is for kids, too!

HCC's well-known Kids on Campus program provides enrichment education for youth ages 8 to 17. Topics range from Art from Around the World, Roblox, Nature Explorers, World Languages, and SAT Prep. HCC Kids on Campus has something for every interest!

Spring Registration is now open!

In all the seasons except summer, Kids on Campus classes are held weekday evenings or weekends and are listed in the quarterly Noncredit Schedule of Classes (For summer, a separate Kids On Campus Schedule of Classes is published and summer listings can be viewed online after they are published in early February of each year.) Upcoming available courses can be found here.

Financial Aid

A limited number of scholarships are available for families who need financial aid. If you believe you may be eligible for financial aid, please complete this application and submit it via email to NoncreditFinAid@howardcc.edu as soon as possible.

Virtual Learning

The health, safety, and well-being of all Kids on Campus (KOC) students, staff, and faculty continue to be our highest priorities. Due to the evolving situation with the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), our Kids on Campus courses are currently offered remotely.

Registration Details

Tuition must be paid in full at time of registration. Each course tuition includes a built-in $40 registration fee. All Kids on Campus registrations must be accompanied by a signed consent form, which is included in online registration and the print version of the registration form.

For all registration options, please register using the student's name and student ID number, not the parent or guardian's. To register your student for a class, follow the "Register Now" button under the course you have chosen.

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

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.