

MWES News - Week of 12/21/2020

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 Continues!

[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.

A Note From Our Administrators

Dear Manor Woods Families,

As we approach winter break and the new year, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your ongoing support. 2020 has been a year of challenge and growth. Our parents have played a critical role in our accomplishments this year, and for that we thank you. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift and allowing us to be a part of your child(ren)'s development each and every day. Our students are our passion and they have truly been the source of our inspiration this school year.

Family time is so important, and we truly hope that you enjoy a fun, relaxing winter break with your child(ren). Wishing you a safe and healthy break, and peace, love and laughter in the new year.

Sincerely,
Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

News from Ms. Heinlein, School Counselor

Video Series for Parents

The Committee for Children is offering a free 8-week video series, [Winter Well-Being for Parents](#). These 3-minute, psychologist-led videos are intended to help parents prioritize their mental health through the winter months & includes weekly self-care tips. The series runs through Jan. 25, 2021.

[HCPSS Behavior Talks](#) is a series of brief trainings by HCPSS staff that share useful tips to promote student student success related to behavior, social/emotional needs, organization/self-management at home and more!

Did you know? The MWES School Counseling Canvas Course is accessible for all students on their Canvas dashboard. Students and parents can visit the Canvas course for short video-lessons, activities & strategies on mindfulness, handling stress or worries, and cyber safety. I can be reached at monica_heinlein@hcpss.org, Canvas

Inbox (for students) or by completing the Individual Meet Request form located in the Canvas course.

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

BMMS MUSIC INFORMATION GOOGLE MEET

Attention rising 6th grade BMMS students! Please join the Burleigh Manor Music Department for an information session during our first week back after winter break.

[Click Here For Flier](#)

Impact Aid Forms

Parents/guardians who work on a federal property in Maryland and/or are a member of a uniformed service can qualify HCPSS to receive additional federal funding by completing the Impact Aid form online by December 31. Impact Aid supplements the HCPSS operating budget to enhance the teaching and learning that takes place in Howard County classrooms.

[Read More](#)

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

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](#)

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.