

MWES News - Week of 12-6-2021

December 6-10 - Inclusive Schools Week (details below)

December 7 - Band Concert @MWES 7 pm

December 8 - **Spirit Day: Come As You Are** (details below)

December 9 - **Spirit Day: Wear All the Colors** (details below)

December 10 - **Spirit Day: Wear Your Favorite Flannel, Hoodie or Sweat Shirt**

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 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

Dear Parents,

All Howard County Public School System students in kindergarten to grade 5 were screened to identify potential reading difficulties using the Amplify mClass with DIBELS 8th Edition assessment. The assessment will be administered again in the winter and spring.

Performance on the literacy skills assessed on the screener is an indicator of overall reading status and gives school staff additional information about whether a student is on track for grade-level reading success. Parents and guardians will receive a report containing their child's screening results via backpack on Friday, December 3rd.

For more information about the Ready to Read Act:

<https://www.hcpss.org/academics/english-language-arts/ready-to-read-act/>

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord and 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.

New Information

From Our Music Department

Our band concert is next Tuesday, Dec 7 at 7pm at Manor Woods.

We ask that families limit the number of attendees to 2 people per household to account for COVID and space restrictions. Masks are required to enjoy our concerts.

From Our School Counselors

Inclusive Schools Week

[Click Here](#) for details

[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.

PTA News

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 on Saturday, December 11 for a FUN 1-mile run at Marriotts Ridge High School. 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. Hot

chocolate and goodies will be waiting at the finish line! Event is free, but please pre-register so we can plan accordingly. Feel free to 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. 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.

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](#)

From Our Health Room

Vaccine Information For Children

[Click Here](#)

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](#)