

# MWES News - Week of 2-15-2021

## Important Dates

**February 16** - 100th Day of School

**February 25-26** - 3-Hour Early Dismissal for Students (updated calendar)

**March 1** - Group E Students Return to Building

**March 8-12** - Kindergarten Registration Week

**March 15** - K-2 Hybrid Students Return to Building

**March 29** - 3-5 Hybrid Students Return to Building

## 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 Parents,

Happy Lunar New Year to our community! 2021 is the Year of the Ox. This year, Chinese New Year begins today, February 12th, and continues until February 26th with a culminating celebration called the Lantern Festival. In Chinese culture, the Ox is considered hardworking, kind and honest, and shows leadership.

The Lantern Festival celebrates family and society and filled with lighted lanterns, moon gazing, lion and dragon dances, games and street celebrations. To find out more about Chinese New Year, visit <https://chinesenewyear.net/lantern-festival/>.

Sincerely,

Carol B DeBord  
Principal

Jennifer Zinn

Assistant Principal

### **Attention 5th Grade Parents: Middle School Course Registration Feb. 3 - Feb. 15**

This year parents of rising 6th graders, along with their children, will make fine arts course requests in Connect. The deadline to do this is February 15th. Please visit [this link](#) for detailed information about how to make requests as well as steps for requesting Course Placement Reviews (CPR's) should you disagree with a teacher's 6th gr. course recommendation for your child.

For additional information, visit the **MWES Grade 5 Team Page** in Canvas. Burleigh Manor M.S. & Mount View M.S. parent letters are located here; these letters were emailed to parents earlier this week. You may also view this brief [step-by-step guide](#) for making a fine arts course request and/or CPR requests. Contact [monica\\_heinlein@hcpss.org](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org) if you have questions or need assistance with the course request process.

## New Information

### Hybrid Learning Resource

A new resource document summarizes all major aspects of the school system's planned transition to hybrid in-person and concurrent virtual instruction that begins on March 1. The document is intended to serve as a reference for both families and staff.

[Learn more](#)

### Howard County Learning Hubs

[Howard County Learning Hubs \(Links to an external site.\)](#) (Flyers in English & Spanish)

**4 Locations** - Ellicott City 50+ Center, North Laurel 50+ Center, The Bain 50+ Center (Columbia), & Oakland Mills Interfaith Center

Howard County Learning Hubs are facilitated by Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center (LTYC) to provide a structured, safe environment to assist students and families with daily remote learning.

Program includes:

- Socially Distanced Structured Learning Environment
- Virtual Learning & Homework Support
- Arts Enrichment Classes in Visual Arts, Theatre, Creative Writing, Music & more!
- Classes in College & Career Readiness, Social Emotional Learning, & Social Justice
- Daily Breakfast & Lunch
- Transportation Available

## Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

### Employment Opportunities at MWES For THIS School Year

Are you interested in working at MANOR WOODS ES? We are currently hiring for multiple positions!

Please use this link to apply <https://www.hcpss.org/employment/>

**Lunch/recess monitor position** - These individuals supervise students at lunch and/or recess, under the supervision of MWES staff.

This position would begin on March 1st for Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

The hours are 10:20am - 2:20pm (**Times May Vary Depending on Finalized Schedule**)

The pay rate is \$14.50/hour.

**Classroom monitor position** - If a teacher is unable to return to teaching in person due to health issues, a monitor would be hired to supervise the classroom of 6-7 students while the teacher continues teaching virtually.

This position would begin on March 1st

The hours would be 9:00am - 3:40pm (M,W,TH,F) and 9:00 - 12:00pm on Wednesdays (**Times May Vary Depending on Finalized Schedule**)

The pay rate is \$14.50/hour.

These are temporary employment positions with no benefits except for *Sick and Safe Leave*. The normal rate is \$11.75 but this will be **increased during this hybrid period to \$14.25 per hour for LRM's and Classroom Monitors.**

If interested please file an application at the Human Resources, <https://www.hcpss.org/employment/>

### **Close adult support to some of our special education students.**

- For the special ed position, you would apply through an outside agency Social Service Consultants that staffs these positions in our schools.
- The position is for 6-hours each day. \$12 per hour
- We also frequently need subs for this role, as well.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please email [jennifer\\_zinn@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_zinn@hcpss.org) to schedule an interview.

Thank you!

### **All School Start Times and Student Schedules to Change March 1**

Effective Monday, March 1, all [school start times](#) will be adjusted to begin 20 minutes later than pre-COVID times. Each school will share the grade level and/or school schedule with general start and end times, and teachers will share the specific Google Meet synchronous instruction times. See a [sample elementary school schedule](#), comparing in-person and virtual instruction

### **Board Approves 2021-2022 Academic Calendar**

The next school year will begin on August 30, 2021, for students and on August 19, 2021, for school staff. Winter break will be December 23-31, 2021, with schools reopening on Monday, January 3, 2022. Spring Break will run from April 11-18, 2022. The last day of school is scheduled for June 14, 2022.

[Learn more](#)

### **After School Activities**

## **Howard County Conservancy's in-person School's Out Program**

Students ages 6-10 can attend the Howard County Conservancy's in-person School's Out Program for free during the month of February. This is a full-day program held every Wednesday at both locations. There are 80 grant-funded spots that are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Families can register their student on the [HC Conservancy Website](#) and indicate "pay by check." They then just need to contact Kylie Watson to provide the student's name and the fee will be waived. Kylie can be contacted by phone 410-465-8877 or email [Kylie.Watson@howardnature.org](mailto:Kylie.Watson@howardnature.org).

## **Community News**

### **Talk With Me Virtual Workshop!**

(English) March 10, 7 PM

<https://howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/events/talk-me-howard-county-online-0>

A session will be held in Spanish on April 10th. Registration opens on March 1, 2021.

Spread the word!

### **Food Distribution Locations**

The North Laurel/Savage MutliService Center (9900 Washington Blvd, Laurel) is running a food pantry weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12-4, and every third Saturday of the month from 9-1.

**Miller Library on Thursdays in February:** [ICA Thursday Food Distros.jpg](#)

## **The Multi Service Center - Laurel Food Pantry**

Updated flyer in [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

NEW - Added pick-up time on the 3rd Saturday morning of the month.  
Remaining times have stayed the same, Monday & Wednesday 12 PM to 4 PM.

## **Rental Assistance Information**

[Rental Assistance \(Information in English, Korean & Spanish\)](#) - COVID - Housing Information - Beginning January 4, 2021, Howard County residents whose income was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and are in need of assistance with paying past due rent, mortgage payments and/or to prevent eviction, there's help. Note, maximum assistance per household is six (6) months of housing expense and household income limits apply.

## **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.

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