

MWES News - Week of 2-21-2022

Important Dates

February 8th - 22nd - Rising 6th Grade MS Fine Arts Course Selection Window

February 18th - Famous Person Day (dress up as a famous artist, scientist, author, athlete, musician, you choose!)

February 21st - Schools and offices OPEN (previously closed for Presidents Day)

February 22nd - DEI Virtual Art Night (details link under DEI section)

February 22nd - Spirit Day: Twosday - Tutus and Ties Day

February 22nd, 23rd, 24th - CogAT for Grade 3

February 22nd-23rd - CogAT for Grade 5

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Kindergarten Registration Information

Kindergarten Registration Week begins Monday, March 7th. All registrations will be completed online. More information is provided below. Please spread the word to your neighbors!

[Road to Kindergarten Workshop Slideshow](#)

[Getting Ready For Kindergarten](#)

[Kindergarten Registration Information Packet](#)

Thank you!

Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

New Information

Celebrating Maryland's Healthcare Heroes Poster Competition

Information: Late last week, Governor Hogan announced a student poster competition as part of Maryland's Healthcare Heroes Appreciation Week. The contest asks public school students to design posters of any size on the theme: "Celebrating Maryland's Healthcare Heroes." The contest is open now, and the last day for students to submit artwork is March 8. One winning poster will be selected at the state level from each category: elementary school, middle school, and high school.

Two jurors, First Lady Yumi Hogan, and Dr. Jinlene Chan, Maryland's Public Health Doctor, will review the district submissions and choose one winning poster from each grade band to be installed at a public event with Governor Hogan.

MSDE is also considering displaying the remaining posters in a virtual format or in various healthcare facilities across the state. The winning students will be invited to a celebration to receive a Governor's Citation.

All provided information can be found on the MarylandPublicSchools.org website: [2022 Governor's Healthcare Heroes Poster Competition](#).

Each submission must also have a signed release form by the students and their guardians. The release form can be found on the website listed above.

The last day for students to submit poster designs to the HCPSS Fine Arts Office is March 8 through the following link: [STUDENT POSTER DIGITAL FILE UPLOAD & RELEASE FORM UPLOAD LINK](#)

Essay Contest to Celebrate Ellicott City's 250th Anniversary

[Click Here for Information](#)

Learning Together Pre-Kindergarten at Waverly ES

[click here](#)

Congrats to our 100 Book Challenge Winners!

Approximately 400 MWES students celebrated their love of reading by participating in a month-long 100 Book Challenge. Students were given a book tracking sheet to document the number of books read, and earned an "I Read 100 Books" bookmark to decorate. Thank you to all the students who participated in the 100 Book Challenge!!!

Our Winners are Evan Tan (3rd Grade), Brayden Clark (1st Grade), and Hayley Bennett (2nd Grade).

They will be participating in a virtual book reading with Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn!

Twosday is Tutus and Ties Day!

[click image](#)



News From Our DEI Committee

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusive (DEI) Team will meet on Monday, February 21st at 6:30pm. The Mission of the DEI Parent Team is to create a sense of awareness of the rich diversity within our school community, and enhance belonging for MWES students. We will be discussing Womens' History Month and book choices for our book club. All are welcome to attend.

MWES DEI Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87667133838?pwd=a29zWVFpeDRwOTh5KzMycFdKdHN6UT09>

Meeting ID: 876 6713 3838

Passcode: 133890

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Virtual Art Night

The MWES DEI Parent Team will be hosting a Black History Month Virtual Night on **February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**, where you will learn about artist Tyree Guyton and make a collage inspired by his work. Students will need: glue, scissors, cardboard (for base), trash/recyclables, and any other items you want to add (feathers, pom poms, stickers, googly eyes, etc)

[Virtual Art Night PDF](#)

DEI Art Night Zoom Meeting - February 22nd @ 7pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85762945427?pwd=SHlxaXNaYXlwUEtmUWYxOHBkV3NpQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 6294 5427

Passcode: 504486

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Black History DEI Wall

While celebrating Black History Month, it is important to recognize those who have paved the way and those who are "History in the Making". The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Parent Team will be creating a space for Black History Month and would love to lift up students who are African American, African descent and/or multiracial. We have placed several students on our DEI Wall and would love for your child to be included. Please

contact DEI Chair Demika Johnson at demikajohnson@gmail.com if you would love for your student(s) picture to go on the DEI Wall.

MLK Writing Contribution

The MWES Staff and Parent DEI Teams have collaborated to host a MLK writing contribution. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an activist committed to peace, justice, and equality. As a visionary leader of the civil rights movement, King fought for racial and economic justice for the oppressed. His driving forces were nonviolence, love, the importance of family and self-respect. Students can reflect on these words and how they relate to themselves or others in their families, schools, neighborhoods, or the world. Attached you will find more information about the writing contribution. **Due Date: Friday, March 4th**

[Writing Description PDF](#) (Intermediate grades have a maximum of one page length on lined paper.)

[Primary Writing Template PDF](#)

PTA News

DUCK DASH UPDATE - April 22nd

Thank you to all of our corporate sponsors that have already signed on, we are so excited for this year's Duck Dash! The Duck Dash is a fundraiser that culminates with the kids participating in a team building obstacle course “fun run” in April. This is an engaging event that promotes fitness, character building, and school pride for our students. The kids love the event, and this year we will be fundraising to help add books to our school library and to build a sensory Wall in the building. More information to come!

April will be here before we know it and we need your help! If you, or someone you know, has a business and would like to partner with us for this event, please let us know!! The Corporate Sponsorship Form can be accessed [here](#)

More information will be coming later on [individual fundraising](#), and [volunteer sign ups](#).

Order Your 21-22 MWES Yearbook TODAY

[yearbook flier](#)

[create account here](#)

5TH GRADE YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Attention 5th grade families! Each year the yearbook has a photo spread of our 5th grader's kindergarten photos. We love to see how much they have grown over the years.

If you would like to participate please send a kindergarten (or baby, toddler, etc) photo of your child to manorwoodsyyearbook@gmail.com.

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

Weather Guidelines

[Click Here](#)

FIFTH GRADE PARENTS: Mark Your Calendars!

*****Be on the lookout for an HCPSS email on February 8th with video instructions on how to help you and your student choose their fine arts course in connect.*****

Please Read the Attached Letters for Instructions to Register for Fine Arts Courses

This letter will help guide you and your child through the selection process for their 6th grade fine arts course. We encourage you and your child to have a conversation and make selections based on strengths and interests to ensure a successful transition to 6th grade. **Registration for these courses will be available online during the window of February 8th - 22nd.**

[BMMS Course Letter Information](#)

[MVMS Course Letter Information](#)

2021-2022 Academic Calendar Updates

In anticipation of possible future inclement weather days, and in response to the declaration of June 19 as a federal holiday, the Board of Education has approved [several modifications to the 2021–2022 current school year academic calendar](#):

- **Monday, Feb. 21** - Schools and offices OPEN (previously closed for Presidents Day)
- **Monday, June 20** - Schools and offices closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.
- **Wednesday, June 22** - Added as an additional inclement weather day, if needed.

CogAT Information for 3rd and 5th Grade Parents

[click here](#)

Virtual Registration for *Kindergarten (coming soon)*

[Road to Kindergarten Workshop Slideshow](#)

[Getting Ready For Kindergarten](#)

[Kindergarten Registration Packet Paperwork](#)

From Our School Counselors

Ms. Heinlein (grades 1, 2, 4 & 5) and Mrs. Salapata (grades K & 3) are here to support our students. If we can be of assistance to you or your child, please contact [monica heinlein@hcpss.org](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org) or [christina salapata@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_salapata@hcpss.org).

Upcoming Spirit Days

Before winter break, intermediate students were surveyed about their **spirit day preferences** and student leaders reviewed the responses.

Based on popular vote, student leaders identified the spirit days listed below.

Mar. 18 Career Day (wear an outfit that matches a career you might like)

Apr. 22 Wacky Hair Day

May 27 Dress Up Day

June 10 Hat Day

News From the Health Room

Vaccine Clinic at Phelps Luck ES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Phelps Luck Elementary School, 5370 Old Stone Court, Columbia— in partnership with Soleil PharmacyPfizer (12+) first or second dose vaccine, or booster [Schedule an appointment and complete the online consent \(March 1\)](#)

If you have students **5-11 y/o** who had their first dose and missed their second, they can attend SES the following Wed, Feb 23:

Swansfield 2nd Dose Scheduling Link:

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=21372608&appointmentType=30112980>

Updated Quarantine Isolation Procedures

[Click Here](#)

Howard County Health Department: Covid facts & testing locations

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19>

Community News

HC DrugFree Updates

FREE Parenting Classes: HC DrugFree is pleased to present another series of this popular parenting class for Howard County parents, guardians, and grandparents starting March 30. This program will meet via Zoom for 5 classes (March 30, April 6, 27, & May 4, 11) from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Adults should plan to attend all 5 sessions. The class is free, but registration is required: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentingClassReg> For more information: Email Parenting@HCDrugFree.org, visit www.hcdrugfree.org or view [downloadable flyer](#)

Medication and Sharps Drive-thru Collection: HC DrugFree's next drive-thru prescription and over-the-counter medication and sharps (needles, syringes and EpiPens) collection will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot in Columbia. Medication will be guarded and transported by the Howard County Police and the DEA. For more information visit www.hcdrugfree.org or email Admin@hcdrugfree.org

On the Road to Kindergarten

[Click Here For More Information](#)

Sensory-Friendly Sundays @ Robinson Nature Center

[Click Here for Information](#)

Greetings from the Maryland Council on Economic Education!

POSTER CONTEST: "A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"

Elementary and Middle School Teachers!

Have your students design a poster (8 ½ x 11 inches) depicting one of the ten economics and/or personal finance concepts in the MCEE Poster Contest. Additional information and registration materials are available in the [Poster Brochure](#)

All entries must be sent to:

Maryland Council on Economic Education

8000 York Road

Towson, MD 21252

postmarked on or before MARCH 1, 2022

Howard County Conservancy Summer Camp

[Click Here for Flier](#)

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.