

MWES News - Week of 2-28-2022

Important Dates

March 7th-11th - Virtual Kindergarten Registration Week for 2022-2023 school year

March 16th - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (dismiss at 12:15 pm)

March 18th - Spirit Day - Career Day (dress as whatever you want to be when you grow up)

April 1st - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students/end of qtr 3 (dismiss at 12:15 pm)

April 11th - 18th - Spring Break Schools Closed (return 4/19)

April 22nd - Spirit Day: Wacky Hair Day

April 27th - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (dismiss at 12:15 pm)

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Families,

It is with great joy that I share our doors are opening to our Manor Woods families!! Currently, with Covid restrictions lessening and more community members being vaccinated, we feel we are ready to invite parents back into the school. We are going to start slowly with parents coming into the building to use Lobby Guard for late arrival sign-ins and early dismissal sign-outs, as well as signing students out for appointments. *Please remember to have your student fully prepared for school, and please limit the drop off of lunches, instruments, chrome books, homework, etc.* As our teams need assistance with volunteers, they will reach out to you. This year, we are not having the traditional room parents, but teams may need some assistance as we move into the spring season.

If you are a parent that wishes to enter the building, we are asking for you to take care of the items below so that when we have a school-wide event or team activities, you are able to participate when invited. Please upload your vaccination card through pinpoint and also, you must complete the 2 volunteer trainings. We are excited for opportunities that present themselves in the spring and it is our hope that we feel as things are getting back to "semi-pre-covid." My heart is happy!!!!

Fondly,

Mrs. DeBord

Vaccine Requirements For Volunteers and Visitors at MWES

Volunteers will not be allowed to enter the building without uploading vaccine information through PinPoint. All information is provided in this link. **Even if you submitted a paper copy of your vaccine at an earlier time, please re-submit through the PinPoint System.**

<https://news.hepss.org/news-posts/2021/10/volunteer-observer-vaccine-requirement/>

Volunteers and Visitors must complete both trainings (print certificate for each and bring to school during first visit or email to Christina Shumaker christina_shumaker@hepss.org)

Thank you!

Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

New Information

Young Authors' Contest Winners

Congratulations to these students for submitting such creative and well-written poems and stories! These winning poems and short stories have now advanced to compete at the county level. We are so proud of all of our students who entered the contest! Best wishes!

Mrs. Moy (Young Authors' Contest Coordinator)

Category	Title	Student Name	Teacher Name
1st grade Poetry	The Tree	Jonathan Kim	Mrs. Croughn
1st grade Short Story	The Adventure of the Flowers	Riley Beno	Mrs. Croughn
2nd grade Poetry	Christmas is Here	Sruthika Ganti	Miss Martin
2nd grade Short Story	The Lost Key	Nicole Li	Mrs. Lyons
3rd grade Poetry	I Wish	Vennela Kodali	Mrs. Tanis
3rd grade Short Story	My New Home	Evelyn Shah	Mrs. Downes
4th grade Poetry	Light the Spark	Aarya Gupta	Mrs. Lynch
4th grade Short Story	Aaron: The Young Global Hero	Avaneesh Alibilli	Mrs. Lynch
5th grade Poetry	True You	Sherry Wei	Mrs. Wilson
5th grade Short Story	Attic Treasure	Madhavi Siva	Mrs. Robey

Club STEM is Back!

Thursdays after school ~ March 17-April 28

Do you enjoy watching things bubble, pop, disappear, and explode? Then join us as we investigate, question, and hypothesize. Come think and talk like a scientist. Leave each week with an activity to try at home.

No class on April 14. Materials fee included.

Info: holly_walker@hcpss.org or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714
or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Sign up via the link below:

https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/activity/search/detail/107372?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true&locale=en-US

2022 Summer Programs Registration

[Online enrollment requests for currently enrolled HCPSS students](#) will reopen Tuesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. for the following programs:

- BSAP Summer Institute (Entering Grades K–9)
- Gifted and Talented Summer Institutes for Talent Development (Entering Grades 1–8)
- Innovative Pathways High School (Entering Grade 9 and Current Grades 9–12)
- STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp (Grades 3–8)

Enrollment requests for tuition-based programs can be made by a parent, guardian, school counselor or achievement liaison online via HCPSS Connect Synergy.

News From Our DEI Committee

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](#)

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

Weather Guidelines

[Click Here](#)

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.

Kindergarten Registration Information (done online)

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 Packet Paperwork**](#)

Learning Together Pre-Kindergarten at Waverly ES

[click here](#)

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 or 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

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](#)

News From the Health Room

Phelps Luck ES Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Phelps Luck Elementary School, 5370 Old Stone Court, Columbia— in partnership with Soleil Pharmacy Pfizer (5-11) first or second dose vaccine, or booster [Schedule an appointment and complete the online consent \(March 1\)](#)

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](#)

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.