

MWES News - Week of 2-8-2021

Important Dates

February 10 - MAP Testing (Reading) Grades 1-5

February 10 - Hybrid Survey Due (New Date)

February 10-11 - Parent Teacher Math Conferences (**3- Hour Early Dismissal for Students**)

February 11 - Valentine's Day Activities; Dress in Valentine's Colors or Clothing

February 12 - Professional Work Day (**Schools Closed for Students**)

February 15 - Presidents' Day (**Schools Closed for Students and Staff**)

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 Parents,

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 11:25am - 2:25pm (**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 to schedule an interview.

Thank you!

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 if you have questions or need assistance with the course request process.

News from Ms. Heinlein, School Counselor

The Great Kindness Challenge 2020-21

Thank you to all our students & families who participated in The Great Kindness Challenge. Check out this [video](#) to see how our students were busy spreading kindness in the community and at home. We encourage everyone to keep spreading acts of kindness daily!

Check out the [January 2021 Elementary School Counseling Newsletter](#) for information & ideas to foster well-being, kindness, community service & more.

Towson Univ. Free Tutoring Program for Students

Towson University's College of Educ. is offering free tutoring services for students in grades K-12. The program will offer: tutoring in math, reading and writing; support for students with exceptionalities; English language support. Registration begins Jan. 18th. For more info. & to register, [click here](#).

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Howard County offers free monthly support groups for families living with mental illness. For more information visit [NAMI Howard County](#).

New Information

Hybrid Form Deadline Extended

HCPSS has extended the deadline for parents/guardians to make the commitment regarding sending their child to school for all or part of the week (depending on program availability) and receive virtual instruction the remainder of the week, or to have their child remain fully virtual for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

This extended deadline gives families additional time to review the answers to hundreds of [frequently asked questions about student in-person return](#) and [other student-related issues](#), as well as a comprehensive new Hybrid Learning document that will be shared with staff, students and families on February 5.

If you have not already done so, please [complete the two-question commitment form](#) in HCPSS Connect by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10.

If a parent/guardian does not complete the commitment form by the extended February 10 deadline, the system will default to select that the student will remain virtual for the remainder of the year. School administrators are available to respond to any questions or concerns.

New School Opening and Closing Times Beginning March 1st

[Click Here for Details](#)

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

20-21 Yearbook Cover Contest Entries Due February 8th

All students are invited to enter their drawings in our Yearbook Cover Contest. Winners will be selected to be displayed on the front or back cover of the yearbook.

[Click Here For More Information](#)

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.

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

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](#)

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.