

# MWES News - Week of 3-7-2022

## Important Dates

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

**March 14th-15th** - MISA testing for 5th grade students

**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)

**March 22nd** - Spring Individual and Class Photo Day

**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

### 2021-2022 Academic Calendar Updates

Please mark these changes on your calendars.

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](#):

- To better align with the Eid al-Fitr holiday, schools now will be closed for students Monday, May 2 and open on Tuesday, May 3.
- **Monday, May 2** will now be a Professional Learning Day - **Schools Closed for Students**
- **Tuesday, May 3** will now be a regular school 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.

Thank you!

Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

## **New Information**

### **Spring Individual and Class Picture Day is Coming!**

**Tuesday, March 22nd**

[Flier Attached](#)

### **MISA Testing for 5th Grade Students**

All 5th grade students will be taking the MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) on March 14th and 15th. Visit <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/misa/> for more information about the MISA. No preparation is needed for the MISA. Simply send your child to school well rested, on time, and with a fully charged Chromebook each day of testing.

## **Important Reminders From Past Newsletters**

**Repeated Information** [Click Here](#)

### **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.hcpss.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@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_shumaker@hcpss.org))**

[Child Abuse Training](#)

[Child Abuse Certificate](#)

[Confidentiality Training](#)

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## **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](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

## Essay Contest to Celebrate Ellicott City's 250th Anniversary

[Click Here for Information](#)

## News From the Health Room

### Vaccine Clinics

3/8/22 5-7pm Central Branch Library 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD 21044 <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1972911605>

3/9/22 4-6pm Savage Library 9525 Durness Lane, Laurel, MD 20723

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/2012859169>

3/15/22 4-6pm Elkridge Library 6540 Washington Blvd, Elkridge, MD 21075

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/3012759169>

3/16/22 4-6pm Miller Library 9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9216901685>

3/22/22 4-6pm Miller Library 9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/8512609179>

3/23/22 4-6pm Savage Library 9525 Durness Lane, Laurel, MD 20723

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1982910605>

3/29/22 4-6pm Glenwood Library 2350 State Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/2619581109>

3/30/22 4-6pm Central Branch Library 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD 21044

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1615729059>

## Updated Quarantine Isolation Procedures

[Click Here](#)

## Howard County Health Department: Covid facts & testing locations

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

## Community News

### Mount Hebron Summer Camps

[Flier](#)

[registration website](#)

### 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](mailto:Parenting@HCDrugFree.org), visit [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://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](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) or email [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org)

**HCPSS/The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy:** The Council of Elders of the Black Community in Howard County (TCOE) in collaboration with the Howard County Public School System will host a TCOE Community Academy on Substance Abuse on March 12 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. The session will provide information regarding substance abuse prevention and behavioral health within the Howard County community. Representatives from HC Drug Free will provide resources and education on prevention, risk factors, warning signs, and treatment. This session will be held virtually. Please share this information with your school communities. Registration is required at: <http://tinyurl.com/2p9dnz8f>. Flyers are located [here](#). Please contact Ashley Armstead or Nicole Brown with questions.

## **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](mailto:holly_walker@hcpss.org) or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or [awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov](mailto: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](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.

## **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](https://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).