

## MWES News Week of 4-12-2021

### Important Dates

**April 13th** - Virtual PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

**April 14th** - Qtr 3 ends; **3-Hour Early Dismissal (E Students dismiss @11:35 am)**

**April 16th** - Spirit Day: Wear Your Pajamas to School!!

**April 22** - Qtr 3 Report Cards issued in Synergy

**April 23** - International & Culture Night (virtual) 7:00 pm

**Last Day to Order School Pictures Online Sunday, April 11th by 11:00 PM**

TO ORDER, [CLICK HERE](#)

Then enter code **5T92P7JK**

### A Note From Our Administrators

Dear Manor Woods Community,

This week is designated as Assistant Principal Appreciation Week. The enormous contributions made by our wonderful AP, Mrs. Jennifer Zinn cannot be overstated, and have been essential to the success of our school. Mrs. Zinn works tirelessly to manage a multitude of essential school programs, all while continuing to focus on school improvement initiatives and ensuring that all students are cared for and engaged learners. Mrs. Zinn's leadership, compassion and love of children is apparent each and

every day. I am so proud to work with such an amazing partner and friend. During this and every week, please join me in celebrating Mrs. Zinn.

We appreciate you, Mrs. Zinn. Thanks for all you do!!!!

Please consider sending Mrs. Zinn words of appreciation, a shout out or a simple thank you to [jennifer\\_zinn@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_zinn@hcpss.org).

Fondly,

Carol DeBord

## New Information

### MWES 5th Grade T-Shirts



[Click Here to Order](#) a 5th Grade T-Shirt by April 18th!

## 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.

## Materials Needed for Physical Education

We will be starting our cup stacking unit on April 8 in Physical Education class. Students will need 12 cups to participate in the lessons during this unit. When in the school building, students will be provided with a set of cups. When participating in the lesson virtually, students will need 12 non-breakable cups of the same size. Suggestions for cups include: plastic solo cups, small bathroom cups (paper or plastic), disposable coffee cups, paper cups or hard plastic kitchen cups. ([Click here to see suggestions](#)) Please have students bring their set of cups to all virtual lessons for the duration of the unit. If you are unable to locate cups to use, please contact your PE teacher prior to the first class in April.

## Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

**Log In to Express Your Interest in the HCPSS 2021-2022 Digital Education Center, Through April 14, 2021**

[Español](#) / [中文](#) / [한국어](#)

The Howard County Public School System is planning for a virtual school option for students entering grades K-12 who wish to learn virtually for the 2021-2022 school year. Once finalized, the Digital Education Center (DEC) program will give students the opportunity to take all classes and earn credits virtually, while receiving support services from the student's designated home school. The DEC is intended to function as an additional, separate K-12 center, which will continue to operate even after fully in-person learning resumes throughout the county. The final DEC scope and options are subject to funding, staffing and final Board of Education approval. If the program is not funded, students who enroll in the DEC instead will access instruction through their designated home school.

The Digital Education Center is scheduled to begin in the 2021-2022 school year. Any student entering grades K-12 during the 2021-2022 school year will have the opportunity to enroll in the Digital Education Center. Students must commit to the DEC for the full school year to participate. Students who want to return to in-person learning at a HCPSS school location during the 2021-2022 school year should not sign up for the DEC. Decisions on the 2021-2022 academic year—in terms of students returning in person, hybrid or virtually—have not yet been determined, and will be communicated as soon as possible.

Via HCPSS Connect Synergy, HCPSS is seeking to understand families' intentions regarding enrolling their children in a virtual school option (if that option becomes available) or having their children attend their traditional HCPSS school. This form is separate from the hybrid survey that families received earlier this school year and is ***not a commitment*** for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents/guardians will be asked to commit to enroll their children in the DEC at a later date. Your interest at this time will help facilitate planning.

**Please complete this form no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 14.** Contact your child's school if you require assistance completing the form.

To complete the form:

1. [Log in to HCPSS Connect Synergy](#)
2. Select **More Options** from the left panel
3. Select **Digital Education Center Interest Survey** from the bottom of the menu
4. Complete the question in the form for each child. Families may select different school options for each child.

[Details on the Digital Education Center](#) can be found online. Additionally, [answers to frequently asked questions regarding the DEC](#) can be found online and are being continually updated as new information becomes available.

## **Capture Your Memories in This Year's MWES Yearbook**

If you have any photos of learning, events or Back to School photos from this year that you would like to share for the yearbook, please send them to [manorwoodsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:manorwoodsyearbook@gmail.com).

Any **Virtual students** who missed having their school photos taken at school, please send a headshot to [manorwoodsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:manorwoodsyearbook@gmail.com) so your child can be included in this year's book.

See Yearbook Flier for more information on how you can order a yearbook. Did you know you can personalize your child's Yearbook for FREE? You can create 2 customized pages with your child's photos and memories that will only be included in your book! Yearbook orders and customized pages are due April 26th!

[Yearbook Flier](#)

## **2021 Summer Programs Registration is Open**

Online enrollment requests for currently enrolled HCPSS students will open at 6 p.m., Monday, March 15 for BSAP Summer Institute, Gifted and Talented Summer Institutes for Talent Development, Innovative Pathways High School (Math and Science only), and STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp.

[Learn more](#)

## **MWES Reading Incentive Program**

Manor Woods is pleased to be collaborating with Nothing Bundt Cakes (Columbia, MD location) to celebrate reading with Books and Bundts. This incentive program will take place from **March 31, 2021 - May 31, 2021**. Students will receive a FREE Bundtlet for each month that they read 400 + minutes.

**To earn a Free Bundlet:** record child's time spent reading on the monthly tracker, bring the completed reading tracker to the Nothing Bundt Cakes located in Columbia, MD, and celebrate your child's accomplishments with a Free Bundtlet and an award certificate. If you have any questions please reach out to Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist [natalie\\_miskimins@hcpss.org](mailto:natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org) or the Nothing Bundt Cakes Columbia location email [Columbia-MD@nothingbundtcakes.com](mailto:Columbia-MD@nothingbundtcakes.com).

[Tracker PDF](#)

[Bundt Incentive Flier](#)

## Community News

**Talk With Me will be presenting a workshop for Spanish speakers on April 14, at 7 PM.**

Carmen Alverio, Bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist on the HCPSS assessment team, will be presenting along with parent Paola Uriza. Thank you for helping us to spread the word!

Regístrese ahora:

Taller virtual de Habla Conmigo

Miércoles, 14 de abril a las 7:00 PM

<https://howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/events/habla-conmigo-condado-de-howard-virtual-o-en-linea-0> (Links to an external site.)

¿Sabía usted que hablarle, leerle, y cantarle a los bebés y niños pequeños ayuda a desarrollar el cerebro de los niños y los prepara para ir a la escuela?

Este taller es para madres, padres y cuidadores de bebés y niños pequeños hasta la edad de tres años y para padres que tendrán un bebé pronto. Por favor, se requiere que se registre.

Habla Conmigo \* Condado de Howard, es una iniciativa comunitaria en consorcio con el Sistema de Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Howard.

El programa usa el poder que tienen las interacciones con los bebés y niños pequeños desde los primeros momentos de vida para construir las bases del aprendizaje temprano y preparar a los niños a ir a la escuela.

### **Translation:**

Register now:

Talk With Me Virtual Workshop! Did you know that talking, reading, and singing to our babies, toddlers, and preschoolers develops their brains so they can be ready for school? <https://howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/events/habla-conmigo-condado-de-howard-virtual-o-en-linea-0> (Links to an external site.)

For parents and caregivers of children ages infant - 3 and expectant parents.

Registration required. A community partner with the Howard County Public School System, Talk With Me • Howard County uses the power of interactions to build foundations for early learning, preparing children for school.

## **HoCo Rainbow Conference**

Please join us virtually to learn more about how to be better advocates for the LGBTQ+ Community at our second HoCo Rainbow Conference. With over 24 concurrent sessions and local as well as national speakers, we have a full day of fun and learning lined up for **Saturday, May 15, 2021**. Session speakers include Jane Clementi and Joshua Patel of the Tyler Clementi Foundation, Rae Sweet of the It Gets Better Project, Maryland House Majority Leader, Eric Luedtke, Kevin Naff of The Washington Blade, Ying Matties and Robyn Page of Community Allies of Rainbow Youth (CARY), and many more! Registration for this FREE conference will go live on **Friday, April 2nd**. Until then, you can browse our conference website to learn more about the sessions and view the [conference schedule](#) here. We hope many of you will join us!

## **Food Give-Aways**

The Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine will continue their Saturday food give-away at Ducketts Lane ES on each of the Saturdays in April 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or earlier if the food is gone.

- **[Food/Household Products/Personal Products/Children & Baby Products](#)**
  - Free Food Distribution- [English-Spanish](#) Ducketts Lane ES - every Saturday in April 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or earlier if the food is gone

## **Food Distribution 4-17-2021 OLPH**

[See Attached Flier](#)

## **Mobile Covid Testing Sites**

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