

MWES News - Week of 4-19-2021

Important Dates

April 19 - REPEAT PJ DAY!! (Our A-group Students need a chance to wear pjs to school too!)

April 22 - Qtr 3 Report Cards issued in Synergy

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

May 3 - 7 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5 - MAP Reading test Grades 1-5

May 13 - Schools Closed for Students (Articulation Day)

May 19 - MAP Math test Grades 1-5

June 10, 11, 14, 15 - 3-Hour Early Dismissal for Students

June 15 - Last Day of School

MAP Testing Information

Wednesday, May 5th 9:15-11:15 - MAP Reading for grades 1-5.

Wednesday, May 19th 9:15-11:15 - MAP Math for grades 1-5.

E group students will complete the testing in person. A and B group students will log in virtually to complete the test.

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.

We Need More Kindness Rocks!

Kindness Rocks! We want to continue to spread JOY and KINDNESS! WE LOVE the rocks that have been dropped off so far! Please bring us some more to decorate our flagpole bed! Students and staff are invited to paint a rock to share a little joy with Manor Woods Elementary School!

Directions:

- 1. Find a palm-sized rock (light colors work best)**
- 2. Wash it off and let it dry overnight**
- 3. Decorate your rock with Sharpie markers or acrylic paint (watercolors will wash off in the rain unless coated with a clear acrylic)**
- 4. Bring it to MWES and place it in the flagpole bed in front of our school**

A Note From Our Administrators

Dear Manor Woods Community,

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 manorwoodsyarbook@gmail.com.

Any **Virtual students** who missed having their school photos taken at school, please send a headshot to manorwoodsyarbook@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](#)

Thank you,

Carol DeBord and Jennifer Zinn

News from Ms. Heinlein

Check out April's [School Counseling Connection April 2021](#) newsletter for information and resources about student well-being as we head into 4th quarter. If I can be of assistance to you or your child(ren), I can be reached through email monica_heinlein@hcpss.org, Canvas Inbox or by phone 410-313-7165.

New Information

Audition for Children's Chorus of Maryland Choir & Musicianship Classes!

Children's Chorus of Maryland has started auditions for the 2021-2022 Conservatory Season for children ages 5 ½ to 12. Young choristers attend **online, small-group, playful musicianship classes** Wednesdays & Saturdays, led by one of our Kodaly-trained instructors, all of whom hold masters degrees in music education. Students also participate in a **live choir rehearsal each week on zoom with our Artistic Director**, in addition to **one on one meetings several times during the semester for individual help and feedback** on singing development and learning choir music. CCM will begin taking on a "hybrid" in-person/ online when it is safe to do so. We will also continue our **VERY popular socially-distanced, technology assisted "car choir" rehearsals**, following Maryland State guidelines.

Auditions will be conducted on zoom throughout the spring, with dates currently scheduled for **April 16th and 19th, as well as May 8th**. We will be adding more dates in the coming months as well. Auditions are friendly, playful sessions with our Artistic Director that each last about 20 minutes. Parents are encouraged to sit in and observe. **Register at www.ccmsings.org**. Included with the \$25 audition fee is our special welcome **"Sneak Peek E-Package,"** which includes a **sample audition, lesson examples, and fun songs to learn at home!**

[Virtual Conservatory Auditions Flier](#)

Attention Virtual Students!

If you did not receive a PTA re-usable water bottle (one per student), please pick up from the foyer at MWES between the hours of 9:30am-2:30pm Monday-Wednesday April 19th-21st.

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

MWES 5th Grade T-Shirts



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

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 or the Nothing Bundt Cakes Columbia location email Columbia-MD@nothingbundtcakes.com.

[Tracker PDF](#)

[Bundt Incentive Flier](#)

Community News

Bee City Dandelion Photo Contest

Howard County earned our BEE CITY status last year. Now that spring has finally returned, we are once again celebrating our local bees and pollinators. *Did you know that dandelions are actually a member of the sunflower and daisy family? and they are one of the most important early nectar sources for bees? Dandelions should be celebrated!* Check out the attached flyer for information about a fun Dandelion Photo Contest, open to all Howard County residents. Photo submissions due by May 7, 2021. To enter the contest, visit: <http://bit.ly/BeeDandelion>

Calling all 5th grade teachers, students, and families!

On Saturday, May 1st, the Howard County Conservancy will be joining in the "City Nature Challenge."

They are joining forces with the National Aquarium and other nature centers in the area to represent Baltimore in the world wide bioblitz challenge that weekend! Amazing!

See [more details](#) on the information flyer attached.

Direction questions to Ann Strozyk, HCPSS Environmental Educator @ the Howard County Conservancy, through email (ann_strozyk@hcpss.org) or 410.465.8877

Attention PK Parents

- The Conservancy is excited to be Howard County's first Nature Preschool for ages 3-5, in mixed age group settings! Nature abounds with opportunities for our earliest learners. Location: Belmont Manor and Historic Park, Elkridge, MD
- **Fall Enrollment Opening: March 25, 2021**
- The nature preschool scholarship application for the 21-22 school year is posted. Please help get the word out to families needing assistance!
- Application: <https://www.howardnature.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Nature-Preschool-Scholarship-Application-2021-22-final.pdf>
- Nature Preschool Information: <https://www.howardnature.org/preschool/>

Howard County Arts Council's Camps

Dear Families,

Spring has sprung, flowers are blooming, and it's time to start planning for summer which means - camp! Register today for Howard County Arts Council's Visual & Performing Arts camps. From June 28-August 27, camps will be offered in one-week, full-day sessions for students entering Grades K-7.

We've developed rigorous COVID-19 health and safety protocols for this year's program, enabling us to offer fun and engaging arts camps while minimizing risk for our campers and staff. Individual camps will be structured as learning pods consisting of one instructor, one counselor, and up to 8 campers. The use of face masks, physical distancing, and health screenings are among the other safety precautions that will also be in place.

With limited enrollment, our summer arts camps are filling up fast with several camps already at full enrollment. So don't miss out – register now and get ready for a summer filled with art adventures!

Visit hocoarts.org/camp for more information and to register.

Howard County Arts Council

8510 High Ridge Rd

Ellicott City, MD 21043

info@hocoarts.org

410-313-ARTS (2787)

hocoarts.org

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

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[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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.