

MWES News - Week of 4/5/2021

Important Dates

April 2 - April 6 - Schools Closed for Spring Break

April 8 - B Student Picture Day

April 14th - Qtr 3 ends; 3-Hour Early Dismissal

April 22 - Qtr 3 Report Cards issued in Synergy

A Note From Our Administrators

Dear Manor Woods Families

Now that we have completed our 5th or 6th first day of school (we've lost count), we are happy to report how wonderful it has been to have some of the students in the building with us. We love our virtual students as well, and we miss seeing them in person! We wanted to take a moment to wish all of you a safe, relaxing spring break. Although our break is short, we hope your students come back rejuvenated, refreshed and ready to learn!

Fondly,

Carol DeBord
Jennifer Zinn

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 MWESabsent@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.

New Information

Reflections 2020-21 / Matter Because Art Contest:

Congratulations **MWES 2nd grader Anay Desphande!** Anay's literature entry placed 1st at MWES! Anay Desphande will receive a Barnes and Noble gift card for his interpretation of theme, creativity, and literary technique. Anay hopes his poem inspires others to bring love, peace, and kindness to the world.

I want...

by: Anay Deshpande

I want to bring kindness from my home to my community,

Doesn't matter what age you are.

I want to bring friendship from my school to my county,

Doesn't matter what color of skin you are.

I want to bring love from my city to my country,

Doesn't matter how different you are.

I want to bring peace from my continent to the World,

Doesn't matter wherever you are.

Like each and every seed in a beautiful garden matters

To make World better everyone's attitude matters!

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 manorwoodsyarbook@gmail.com.

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

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

Picture Day is Coming!

[Pre-Order Pictures Here](#)

B Day Students Thursday, April 8th

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

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](#)

Spring Cleaning of Chromebooks

Start using a clean lens cloth or micro fiber cloth. Open the device so the keyboard and screen are flat on the table facing up at you. Apply some pressure with the cloth and wipe the keyboard and screen. There is no solution on the cloth, but this does clean and remove germs. Wash the cloth after repeated use. Other options are linked below.

[ZEISS Lens Wipes](#)

[XHL-Oumin Monitor Wipes](#)

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

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

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.