

MWES News - Week of 5/10/2021

Important Dates

May 13 - Schools Closed for Students (Articulation Day)

May 19 - MAP Math test Grades 1-5

May 28 - **USA Day**: Wear **Red, White** and **Blue**

May 31 - Schools and Offices Closed (Memorial Day)

June 4 - **Spirit Day**: Wear Your Favorite Hat

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

June 11 - **Spirit Day**: Crazy Hair Day (the CRAZIER, the better!)

June 14 - **Flag Day**: Wear **Red, White** and **Blue**

June 15 - Last Day of School

MAP Testing Information

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.

May 19th (Math) students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students

to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

Specific information will be coming directly from your classroom teacher.

A Note From Our Administrators

MWES Electronic Consideration Card 2021 Due May 21st

Dear Parents,

This [electronic form](#) is what our school staff will use to consider parent input as we engage in the articulation process. As our staff works to form thoughtful, well-balanced classes for the 2021-22 school year, we take many factors into account, including our students' academic and social-emotional needs, input from all stakeholders, and staffing needs.

Thank you,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

Celebrate Our School Lunch Heroes

Since March 17, 2020, many of our food and nutrition employees have gone beyond their normal duties to keep students and families fed - packing thousands of breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and dinners every week. May 7th is School Lunch Hero Day!! Please be sure to thank our School Lunch Heroes, Mrs. Parker and Ms. Pascoe!! Send them a thank you note!! malissia_parker@hcpss.org and diana_pascoe@hcpss.org

From the Music Department

Congratulations to our wonderful Manor Woods musicians who performed for the Howard County Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, May 1st. We are so proud of your wonderful efforts and the way you represented our school!

Avaneesh Alibilli

Prisha Anireddy

Sam Burleigh

Connor Chen

Isabelle Chen

Sharon Cho

Aayush Dhotre

Alfred Francis

Aarya Gupta

Aarav Gupta

Aneira Hegde

Grace Heist

Gina Hong

Shannon Ivory

Antwan Johnson

Anjali Konikkara

Claire Krasnoff

Madison Liu

Ashwin Narayan

Arundhati Nimgaonkar

Aiden Okomo

Sriram Parimi

Meghna Pillai

Kavin Ramaswamy

Ishna Reddy

Krishiv Reddy

José Rodríguez-Bosques

Pragyadipta Roy

Abigail Shah

Anisha Shirgur

Madhavi Siva

Penelope Techathuvanan

Sanvi Thiyaharajan

Catherine Wang

Nancy Wang

Sherry Wei

Violet Yang

Gopal Yegnasubramanian

News from Ms. Heinlein

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The past 13 months have been life altering and have presented challenges & stressors never faced before. Now more than ever it's vital to focus on the mental health & well-being of ourselves and our children. Check out the [MWES ABC Mental Health Countdown to Summer](#) calendar for fun, well-being activities that families can do together throughout the months of May and June.

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.

Change Matters is Coming to Manor Woods May 7th - 14th!

Manor Woods will participate in a Virtual Change Matters Campaign to support Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Howard County's ONLY homeless shelter. Grassroots depends upon the generosity of the community to support its **free** services to people with a personal, mental health, family, or shelter crisis. Counselors staff Grassroots' 24-7 crisis hotline; provide suicide prevention and outreach programs; operate the Mobile Crisis Team and Day Resource Center; and manage the emergency overnight shelter and cold weather shelters. All donations go directly to Grassroots to continue providing help & support to those in need. Information on how to make an online donation can be found [here](#). Thank you for your support!

New Information

Meals Revisions for Week of May 10-14

With schools being closed for students on Thursday, May 13, adjustments to meals pickups are in effect for next week. There will be no meal service on May 13 and additional meals will be available prior to the closure.

[See details](#)

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

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.

[click here](#)

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](#) Use This Tracker for May

[Bundt Incentive Flier](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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**

Capture Your Memories in This Year's MWES Yearbook

See Yearbook Flier for more information on how you can order a yearbook. Sales continue through the remainder of the school year.

[Yearbook Flier](#)

Community News

High Quality, Affordable Dental Hygiene Care at HCC

[Click Here](#)

Covid Vaccine Clinic

The Health Ministry Team of Ellicott City Church will be hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on May 13th, 2021 & June 10th, 2021 from 4 PM-7 PM at 3291 St. John's Lane Ellicott City MD 21042. The Moderna vaccine, will be administered by Giant Pharmacy.

[Ellicott City Church Vaccine Flier](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)

Free Parenting Classes: HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, partnering with HCPSS and the Health Department, will once again provide evidence-based classes for families to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will engage in risky behaviors including using drugs. This 4-class series for parents of 9-14 year olds will be held on Zoom from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 4, 11 and June 1, 8. Parents/guardians must register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCDrugFreeSpring2021> If you have questions, email Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree's Executive Director at Admin@hcdrugfree.org

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

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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

- Free Food Distribution every Saturday in May - [English](#) - [Spanish](#)
- The Salvation Army - Food Distribution - May 19th & June 16th - information in [English & Spanish](#)

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.