

# MWES News - Week of May 20, 2019

## MAY

**17 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (12:15 pm)**

**21** - 5th Gr Middle School Visitation Day

**21** - Evening of Excellence/STEM Night 5:30 pm

**21** - PTA Restaurant Night at Rita's (Marriottsville) 2pm-9pm

**22** - 2nd Grade MD Zoo Field Trip

**23** - 4th Grade Biz Town Field Trip

**27 - Memorial Day: Schools and Offices Closed**

**30** - Band Concert 7 pm

**31** - Field Day

## **JUNE**

**4 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (12:15 pm)**

**5** - 3rd Grade Picnic

**5** - 5th Grade Living Classrooms Field Trip (Lewis, Martin, Kaz)

**6** - Spring Orchestra Concert 7 pm MRHS

**7** - 1st Grade Picnic

**7** - 5th Grade Living Classrooms Field Trip (Thomas, Sorkin)

**10** - SCH 5th Grade

**11** - 4th Grade Picnic

**12** - 2nd Grade Picnic

**13** - Kindergarten Promotion Program 9:15 am/ K Picnic 10 am

**19** - 5th Grade Picnic and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

**20** - 5th Grade Promotion 9:15 am and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

**21** - Last Day of School and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

**A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD AND MRS. BIALESKI**

Dear Families,

On behalf of the staff and students at Manor Woods Elementary School, I would personally like to invite you to join us as we celebrate our annual Evening of Excellence, scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30-7:30 pm (families may come and go as you please). It is during this event that every student in the school will have a piece of work on display, as well as those students who participate in our enrichment classes and those that completed a Science Fair project. Some of our orchestra students will be playing throughout the building and beautiful artwork will be on display. Our Evening of Excellence will be a night you won't want to miss!

We also have many other events happening at school and the children are really working hard. The fifth graders are preparing for their Simulated Congressional Hearings, and some of them participated in a "Trout Release." BizTown, a mock town, will be a culminating activity for our fourth graders to ensure their knowledge of financial literacy. Other grades heard presentations from the Howard County Conservancy and 1st grade took a field trip to the Toby's Theater. The school also had a fantastic Fun Day at Adventure Park USA where many, many students had a blast seeing their friends and participating in many fun games and rides. A special thank you goes out to the PTA for sponsoring this event.

As time ticks by quickly, we continue to look forward to a final learning push and finishing out our curriculum. Our teachers are bench marking their students to record the student's progress in reading. Our students have focused their efforts on the three genres of writing, and we look forward to seeing their growth within their spring writing activities.

A special thank you goes out to all of our families, the PTA, and community members for honoring the staff last week during Staff Appreciation Week. We were treated like royalty while we were presented with flowers, gifts, special notes and lots of yummy treats. Thank you to Rita's Ice and the Lipton family for their generous donation of Italian Ice!!! Stop by their Marriottsville location when you have the chance!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Carol DeBord, Principal

Mrs. Julia Bialeski, Assistant Principal

Happy Ramadan to our MWES families who will be celebrating next week through June 4th! If your child will be fasting any day during the holiday, and would like to choose to spend his/her lunch period in a space other than the cafeteria, please call or email our school counselor, Ms. Heinlein at [monica\\_heinlein@hcpss.org](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org) or call 410-313-7165. We will work to find an alternative activity for your child during the lunch period if needed.

### **Update to 2018-2019 Academic Calendar (Current School Year)**

The last day of school for students will be Friday, June 21. Schools will dismiss three-hours early Wednesday, June 19-Friday, June 21, and there is no half-day Pre-K/RECC. [Learn more →](#)

### **PLANNING A MOVE?**

If you are planning to move this summer, please fill out a Transfer/Withdrawal Notification Form and submit it to the front office staff as soon as possible. Please submit the attached form by **Friday, June 7th**. Feel free to email the completed form to [christina\\_shumaker@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_shumaker@hcpss.org). **\*\* Please fill out one form for each student.\*\*** Transfer packets will be available for pick-up on Friday, June 21st after dismissal.

[MD Student Xfer Form \(MWES\).pdf](#)

## **REPORTING ABSENCES**

Please use the following link to report your child's absence. Your child needs a note to return to school each time they are absent. Please be sure to state the reasons for their absence.

[MWESabsences@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsences@hcpss.org)

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **FROM OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

*Congratulations to the MWES 4th and 5th Grade Choruses for two great concerts this week!*

*It continues to be a wonderful week for choral music.*

*You are welcome to attend the following concerts this week featuring many MWES students!*

*The Fifth Grade Festival Chorus Concert is on Friday, May 17 at 7:30 PM at Oakland Mills High School. MWES participants are: Aubrie Cunningham, Noah Gettleman, Tiya Mehta, and Nathaniel Silverston.*

*On Sunday, May 19, the Howard County Children's Cantus and Lyric Choruses will perform at 3 PM at Mt. Hebron High School. MWES participants are: in Cantus Chorus - Aly Benning, Adrian Bolisay, Julian Bolisay, and Abhi Singavarapu and in Lyric Chorus - Shirley Gwak, Sebastian Hennessey-Loyo, Arshaan Khan, Sarah Pan, Avani Singavarapu, Cynthia Tan, and Lily Wang. Mrs. Rinaldi will be conducting the Lyric Chorus.*

### **FROM OUR PE DEPARTMENT**

**Field Day 2019 is May 31st.** We are looking for volunteers to assist students at the activity stations outside. If you would like to help for part or all of the day, please sign up online <https://tinyurl.com/MWESFD2019>. If you have questions about Field Day, please email [Karyn\\_peksa@hcpss.org](mailto:Karyn_peksa@hcpss.org) or [Allison\\_holocker@hcpss.org](mailto:Allison_holocker@hcpss.org).

## **FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

### **May is Mental Health Awareness Month!**

Throughout the month of May, Manor Woods will celebrate National Mental Health Awareness Month. The key topics we're focusing on throughout the month will be shared with students through our morning announcements, class discussions, journal writing & learning activities. The key topics are: Taking care of your body (eating, sleeping & exercising); Calming Strategies/Stress Relief; & Caring About Others. Please ask your students to share what they're learning about mental health awareness throughout the month. For more information visit:

<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may> or <https://www.ffcmh.org/>. Attached is a link for a calendar of ideas from Mental Health America that you can use at home for yourself & with your children to focus on well-being. <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ae5681477-c578-4069-a6c3-d99319909c71>

### **ELECTRONIC CONSIDERATION CARD DEADLINE IS 5/24**

With the school year soon drawing to a close, our staff is beginning the process of grouping students for the 2019-2020 year. The administration and staff at Manor Woods Elementary recognize that parental input plays a significant part in decisions about individual students. As parents, you know your child's specific strengths and needs.

Because your input is valued, we invite you to provide us with information about your child. The link below will bring you to an electronic form of the Consideration Card. This link is being provided to families who have students entering grades 1-5. The purpose of the card is to give you the opportunity to write specific comments that would be reviewed by your child's current teacher as

well as next year's teacher. You may include statements about learning style, special interests, social/emotional needs, and so forth. Please understand that this card is not intended to request a certain teacher.

The administration and teaching staff utilize a wide range of criteria when grouping students for the upcoming year. Our articulation process is thoughtful and detailed, and our decisions are made upon the best interest of each individual student. We ask that you respect our professionalism and trust that our placement recommendation is reflective of what is the best instructional match for your child.

Once again, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to provide helpful information about your child. Please use the link to complete the electronic consideration card on or before Friday, May 24. If you have more than one child who will be attending MWES in September, you may complete a separate form for each of your children.

[ELECTRONIC CONSIDERATION CARD](#)

## **FROM OUR READING SPECIALIST**

### **BOWIE BAYSOX READING INCENTIVE**

Baseball tickets will be arriving to Manor Woods close to the game day. Game Day is May 18, 2019 at 6:35 pm Bowie Baysox vs. Erie. Each student will receive 2 free tickets for the game. Families will have an option to purchase additional tickets at a reduced rate close to the game day. If you have any questions please reach out to our Reading Specialist [Natalie\\_Miskimins@hcpss.org](mailto:Natalie_Miskimins@hcpss.org) or call Kelsey Carter, Baysox Community Programs Manager at 301-464-4871.

## **PTA NEWS**

The PTA is a very integral part of the school community. Please read about the **upcoming events and activities that are being planned for your student by accessing their website here.** [READ MORE](#)

Support Manor Woods by joining us for **restaurant nights**. A portion of your dining bill benefits our PTA. You can also support MWES by shopping through **Amazon Smile!** [READ MORE](#)

### **COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS**

Our community includes other schools within the area and provides activities that often encompass the Manor Woods Community. Find out about events being held at Mt. View MS, Burleigh Manor MS and Marriotts Ridge HS. Area summer camp information can also be found under this link. [READ MORE](#)

### **COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS**

#### **Manor Woods Pack 333 Cub Scout Spring Recruitment Event**

Please join us to learn all about Scouts for Kindergarten through 5th grade with Manor Woods' Pack 333. We are a Family Pack for boys and girls.

**When:** June 11, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** West Friendship Elementary School's Cafeteria

**RSVP by June 10th:** Margaret Hargrove by email: [margarethargrove@verizon.net](mailto:margarethargrove@verizon.net)

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### **HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY PRESENTS: Kindergarten, Here We Come!**

Kindergarten, Here We Come! is a 45 - 60 minute class for children entering Kindergarten this fall. Registration required. The class features stories and activities to help mark that all important first day, including boarding a real school bus. Cosponsored by Friends & Foundation of HCLS and Howard County Public School System.

<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/748/files/12305973>

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES WITH HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS**

For Complete information on these Before & After School classes, including how to Register, please go to [www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool)