

MWES News - Week of 6/14/2021

Important Dates

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

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

June 15 - Last Day of School

June 16 - Report Cards issued in Synergy (after 12 pm)

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students (The Last QUACK Goodbye),

This is our final flight for the 2020-2021 school year. On behalf of the entire Manor Woods staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to each of you swimming along on this wavy ride of a school year. We had an interesting year seeing your children virtually, and some in person. We cannot wait to see them next year and hope that you have an enjoyable summer. We wish our fifth graders the best as they move to middle school and continue their academic journey. We have a lot of joys and successes to share.

Here are a few tidbits!!!

- **One** staff member had new babies....yes, Mrs. Lahan had twins!
- Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn enjoyed their second year together, virtually.
- Our school and PTA started focusing on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- We did not have any staff marriages (pandemic:(
- We continued to have Battle of the Books Teams.
- Our school collected food, money, and school supplies for those in need.
- The MWES teaching staff continues to be rated Effective and Highly Effective in their teacher evaluations.

- **WE ENDURED A PANDEMIC!!!**
- It rained and we didn't have snow day.
- Our newest teachers, Ms. Pitman, Ms. Browder, Mr. Shacreaw finished their first year as teachers.
- We wore masks to school everyday
- MWES students are Ready! Responsible! and Respectful!
- We all made it!

A very special thank you goes out to the entire staff at Manor Woods for the impact they have made during this interesting school year. I am extremely proud of their hard work, countless hours, and dedication to your students. They are quite awesome!!

As the year comes to an end, we often have to say goodbyes. Please note the changes below. We want to thank these staff members for their dedication and commitment to the Manor Woods children and families during their tenure here.

Mrs. Nancy Putman, Special Educator teacher, is retiring after 20+ years of service

Mrs. Moon Kim will be a full time ESOL teacher at Clemens Crossing Elementary

Ms. Marsha Lessley will be a new full time Pre-K teacher at Bushy Park Elementary

We will share additional staffing updates later in the summer as we get closer to the start of our new school year.

As the school year ends, the administrative team and our school staff have already started to reflect on this past school year and are beginning to plan for our upcoming year. Our leadership team will work together to plan for the start another extraordinary school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any suggestions for our school. We also look forward to seeing some of you at our “Duck Dining” events this summer. Won't it be fun to hang out again!

Lastly, we want to recognize our students and families that are going to middle school, other area schools, or are moving out of state. It is with great pride that we

send these wonderful children on to their next school home. We know they have a strong foundation and will continue to excel in school. Please feel free to drop by MWES at any time and say hello!!! The staff will miss you and the children that remain at Manor Woods will miss their friends. We encourage you to continue to connect with one another and maintain these MWES friendships!!

Fondly,
Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Anticipated # of Manor Woods Classes for the upcoming 2021-22 School Year

Kindergarten: 5 classes
1st Grade: 5 classes
2nd grade: 5 classes
3rd grade: 6 classes
4th grade: 4 classes
5th grade: 5 classes

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

From the Desk of Ms Heinlein, School Counselor

Change Matters Campaign Update:

This past year, Grassroots served 93 people in the family shelter including 41 children. In addition to the family shelter, in the past year Grassroots served 247 people in the motel shelter, men's shelter, and Cold Weather Shelter programs. Thank you for your generous support!

New Information

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Important Events For 21-22 School Year

August 24 - Back to School Night - Kindergarten 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm (**parents only**)

Back to School Night - 1st and 2nd grades and Band/Orchestra 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm (**parents only**)

August 26th - Kindergarten Student Visit and Bus Ride 10am-10:45am (parents will meet with RA team in cafeteria during the students' bus ride)

Back to School Night - 5:30 pm-6:00 pm GT Math (parents only)

Back to School Night - 4th and 5th grades 6 pm-6:45 pm (parents only)

Back to School Night - 3rd Grade 7:00 pm-7:45 pm (parents only)

August 27th - New Student Orientation 2:00 pm (students and parents)

Open House for Returning Students - 2:45 pm (students and parents)

August 30, 2021 - First Day of School for all students

School Opening/Closing Times and Secondary Schedule for Next School Year

For the 2021-2022 school year, [start and ending times](#) for each school will return to the pre-COVID schedule, and middle and high schools will return to a 7-period schedule. **Manor Woods will have an 8:45 am start time and a 3:15 pm dismissal.**

MAP Test Results

Spring 2020 MAP test results for students in grades 1-8 who participated in the May MAP assessment are now viewable in Synergy. A PDF copy of the student MAP progress report has also been posted.

link for more information - <https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/fall-2020-MAP-scores>

Free Summer Meals

Free Grab-and-Go meals will be provided at no cost to HCPSS students and any children aged 18 and under throughout the summer. Meals may be received only on Mondays and Thursdays, June 21-August 13. (No meal service Monday, July 5) Free meals will also be provided to all students participating in HCPSS summer programs. Since March 17, 2020, when schools closed for COVID-19, HCPSS Food and Nutrition Service has served more than 6 million meals.

[Learn more](#)

The Howard County Library System (HCLS) is offering in-person, online, and pre-recorded *Kindergarten, Here We Come! 2021* classes in August!

Kindergarten, Here We Come! 2021 is for children entering Kindergarten this fall. Registration required. The class features stories and activities to help mark that all important first day.

[Click Here](#)

Discount at Shake Shack

Shake Shack in Columbia is giving HCPSS Pride/HoCo Rainbow Conference 25% of their sales on our last day of school - **June 15th!** What a great way to end the year AND to help us fund Rainbow-related activities for the 2021-22 school year. You **MUST** use code DONATE25 when ordering through the app or show the attached flyer at checkout for us to receive credit.

[Flier Attached](#)

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

Are You Moving?

If you have moved or are moving soon, please notify us as soon as possible. Please do not wait for us to find out through other means. We are available to assist you with transitioning to your child's new school. Whether it be another HCPSS school, a private school, or a school out of the HCPSS district, we are here to help. Please fill out a **Transfer/Withdraw Notification Form** and submit it to the front office staff as soon as possible. Feel free to email the completed form to christina_shumaker@hcpss.org. **** Please fill out one form for each student.**** Once the Transfer/Withdraw Form is submitted, a transfer packet will be emailed to you. **You will also need to return the county issued chrome book if you are moving out of county or out of state.**

[Transfer/Withdrawal Notification Form](#)

If you have an **address change**, please fill out the attached fillable Address Change Form below and email it back to us with your new deed or lease. We also require a

utility bill with your new address. This way we can electronically verify your school district and update your new address on file. If you have any questions, contact our registrar, Christie Shumaker at christina_shumaker@hcpss.org.

[Fillable Change of Address Form](#)

It is very important for us to have the most accurate information about your residency.

Only students leaving the school system after the current 2020-2021 school year—including those un-enrolling or graduating—must return their assigned HCPSS technology devices, including laptops, Chromebooks, etc. Hot spots need to be returned only if the family does not have other children who will be enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year.

Students who will remain in HCPSS schools for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year may continue to borrow HCPSS technology devices over the summer. Families are encouraged to review HCPSS [Chromebook Care guidelines](#) with their students to ensure that devices are taken care of.

Families returning HCPSS technology devices can log in to HCPSS Connect to ensure they are returning the correct device.

1. [Log in to HCPSS Connect Synergy](#) using parent/guardian credentials
2. Select More Options from the left navigation.
3. Select Student Technology from the list displayed in the center of the screen.
4. Compare the asset tag number that appears on a sticker on the device with the words “Property of HCPSS Inventory” to the one displayed on the Inventory List table.
 1. Check all devices in the household and ensure the correct devices are returned to the appropriate school locations.
 2. If the asset tag number listed in HCPSS Connect does not match any of the devices in the household, let staff know when the device is

being returned so that the data can be updated appropriately and the device can be unassigned.

Please note, schools will communicate with families who have students unenrolling the procedures for the return of HCPSS property, including technology devices.

Families who do not wish to keep possession of HCPSS technology device(s) may return them to their school or [Technology Support Center](#). The devices need to be unassigned. The appropriate technology will be reassigned to the student in the fall.

Families that are enrolling new students for the 2021-2022 school year will receive information regarding device distribution in August before the start of the school year. Only newly enrolled students participating in summer school will receive devices before the start of the school year.

Summer Reading 2021 Howard County Public Library System

June 1 – August 31

Summer Reading will run from June 1 - August 31, 2021 for children Ages birth - 4; Ages 5-10; Ages 11-17; and adults 18+.

Each summer the Howard County Library System's (HCLS) Summer Reading Club provides an educational bridge between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. Children, teens, and adults are invited to participate in Summer Reading. Register and participate online at hcls.readsquared.com ([Links to an external site.](#)) or download and print a paper copy at hclibrary.org/summer ([Links to an external site.](#)) Check back throughout the summer for updates and printable pdfs in English, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish!

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Resources:

- Summer Reading Overview Promotion Video (captioned), 6 min 45 seconds <https://youtu.be/Upprna-igTQ> ([Links to an external site.](#))
- ([Links to an external site.](#)) Individual Title Video Book Talks ([Links to an external site.](#))
 - Pre-recorded captioned book promotions from the 2021 Summer Reading Book lists that will motivate children and teens to keep reading and learning over the summer.
 - New videos are being added to the spreadsheet daily through the end of May
 - Each title will include a 1 minute video and a 3-5 minute video. You may choose how to mix and match.
 - Notes will include which grade levels the video is appropriate for
 - The videos will also appear on the [playlist HCLS Summer Reading Challenge](#) ([Links to an external site.](#)) (currently on the 'Home' of their YouTube

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

Clothing Give-away

[Flier Attached](#)

Child Immunization Clinics at HCHD

Have a student that needs Tdap, MCV4, Varicella, MenB or HPV?

When: every Thursday afternoon in June from 1:00-3:30pm Location: Howard County Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia MD 21045

How: call 410-313-7500 to make an appointment. Bring your immunization record!

Marriotts Ridge Lacrosse Booster Camp

[click here](#)

High Quality, Affordable Dental Hygiene Care at HCC

[Click Here](#)

Food Give-Aways

- 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.