

# MWES News- Week of June 22, 2020

## **MWES School-Wide Events Calendar**

If you would link to sync your phone to our website calendar, please click on the subscribe link on the MWES [calendar page](#) on our [MWES website](#) and follow the prompts.

### **JUNE**

**19, 22, 23 - Half Days for Students**

**23 - Last Day of School**

**23 - 5th Grade Pick-up Parade 1-2pm**

### **JULY**

**6- Summer School Begins through July 30**

## **A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn:**

Dear Manor Woods Families,

So I need to start by saying, this year was bittersweet. In fact, it was a good year, but difficult as we put a close to the 19-20 school year. Things just were not the same. With that being said, our students put their best foot forward, staff members defeated a huge learning curve, and our families survived being at home 24/7 with children!!! We made it.

As we close this year, there are a few things to remind our families. First of all, we are excited to share that this morning at 10:00am, our fifth graders watched their virtual 5th Grade Closing Ceremony. As each child was recognized, staff members praised them, and the event closed with a wonderful slide show. A special thank you to the fifth grade teachers for working so hard on the slide show, Mrs. Ostericher for creating the student's certificates and making the slide show with help from Mrs. Williams, and our teachers for sharing special messages. A special thanks also goes to the parents for sending in pictures to make the slide show complete. Friday is the last day for our fifth grade students, however, we will be having one

more parade through the parking lot of MWES in order for the 5th graders to pick up their special gift from the PTA (due to the pandemic) and also any belongings they left behind. Each child should have or will pick up their 5th grade completion certificate as well. Details about the parade will be sent by the PTA, but the time and date is **Tuesday, June 23rd from 1-2 pm.**

Monday is the last "work" day for students. Each team, except for our 5th grade team, will be having a special activity. We would like to encourage all K-4 graders to join their last virtual check in to have a little fun and say your goodbyes. The schedule is as follows:

**9:00 - Fourth Grade**

**9:30 - Kindergarten**

**10:00 - First Grade**

**10:30 - Second Grade**

**11:00 - Third Grade**

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to give accolades to our 5th graders for completing 6 wonderful elementary years! Best of luck to you! I would also like to thank all the MWES families for being patient, loving, and kind during a world-wide pandemic that severely impacted our typical school setting. Lastly, I would like to thank all the children for becoming virtual learning experts and working so hard since March 16th. It's been a journey.

Thank you so much, and as I gain information about next year, I will continue to send out communication. Have a lovely summer, stay safe, and enjoy!

Fondly,

Carol DeBord  
Jennifer Zinn

### **NEW SCHOOL NEWS**

**ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS!** The PTA would like to virtually recognize our 5th graders on our Facebook page! Each day we'll be featuring a 5th grade student (or students) to celebrate their hard work and honor their time with us at Manor Woods. If you would like your child to be featured, please send a photo of your child, their name, 5th grade teacher's name and their favorite thing about Manor Woods to Meghan Beno at [mwesPTAcomms@gmail.com](mailto:mwesPTAcomms@gmail.com). We'll continue to spotlight students

as requests come in and will post in the order they are received.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **Are You Moving?**

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. 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.\*\*** Once the Transfer/Withdrawal Form is submitted, a transfer packet will be prepared for pick up once buildings re-open.

[Transfer/Withdrawal Notification Form](#)

## **STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT**

### **Counseling Connection Newsletter for Families**

“The HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in this [latest issue of the School Counseling Connection newsletter](#) are self-care ideas and fun activities for home.”

### **News from Ms. Heinlein, School Counselor**

These unprecedented times provide us with challenges which we've never faced. During this time, finding healthy ways to cope is more important than ever. Mary Jo Pgulisi, with The Thrive Center in Columbia, has shared the following information about reducing stress in our homes. This is a wonderful resource for parents & caregivers. [Familying in the Time of COVID-19](#)

I want to remind all families that I'm here to support you. You can visit my Canvas page (accessible on each homeroom teacher's Lang. Arts page), contact me through Canvas Inbox or email [monica\\_heinlein@hcpss.org](mailto:monica_heinlein@hcpss.org) if I can be of assistance. Take good care

& be well!

## **School Psychologist Office Hours**

### **[READ MORE](#)**

If you have an immediate need for help with depression, suicidal thoughts, or other serious mental health issues, please contact:

Grassroots Crisis Intervention at 410-531-6677

The Maryland Crisis Hotline: Dial 211 and then choose option 1

The Crisis Text Line: Text 741741 and a trained counselor will respond.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

## **NEW INFORMATION FROM HCPSS**

### **Student Access to Lexia Core5 and DreamBox**

:

Elementary students will have access to DreamBox Learning and Lexia Core5 throughout the summer. Students are not required to work with either learning platform, and their progress will not be monitored by teachers. Parent portals for both tools will continue to be available to review student progress. If you choose to have your child work with these tools over the summer, we encourage you to limit use to the recommended amount of 15-20 minutes per day. For technical support during the summer, please use the following contact information:

### **DreamBox Technical Support Contact Information**

Email: [support@dreambox.com](mailto:support@dreambox.com)

Customer service: 1 (877) 451-7845

## **Lexia Core5 Technical Support Contact Information**

Website: <https://www.lexialearning.com/support>

Email: [support@lexialearning.com](mailto:support@lexialearning.com)

Customer service: 1 800-435-3942

The following links provide additional mathematics and language arts resources for students:

- <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/english-language-arts/>
- <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/mathematics/>

### **REPEATED INFORMATION FROM HCPSS**

Click here for more information from HCPSS regarding updates during continuity of learning including new attendance and calendar changes. **There's a lot of new information this week embedded in the link below including new HCPSS calendar information.**

#### **READ MORE**

#### **Summer School Update**

<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>

#### **Attendance Reminders:**

Students are marked PRESENT for the week if they engage in at least one of the following activities each week:

Participates in a Google Meet Virtual Check-in with their teacher (either ELA/Math)

Engages in Dreambox

Engages in LexiaCore5

Clearly this is a very flexible requirement, so we would expect all students to be present.

#### **4th Quarter Grading Reminders:**

All grades are PASS or INCOMPLETE this quarter. To earn a PASSING Grade, a student must complete 50% of the activities throughout this Distance Learning Window. Clearly we would like students to complete all of the assigned work each week, but understand that this may be difficult which is why there is flexibility built into the grading. Our goal is that ALL students can earn a PASSING grade by completing at least 50% of the work.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS**

##### **Emergency Food Distribution and Free Covid Testing**

##### **[Freedoms Flier](#)**

##### **More Food Distribution Opportunities**

A pantry will begin at the Long Reach Village Center this Saturday. It will be there on Saturdays and Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. through the month of June.

The [Lentil](#) and [Indian Cultural Association](#) of Howard County, Maryland

**ICA is proud to expand its FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM during the COVID-19 crisis. Beginning May 23rd - thru June 28th, ICA's POP-UP PANTRY will be distributing fresh foods and grains at the MILLER LIBRARY in Ellicott City, MD from 4pm-6pm every Saturday and Sunday. We are thankful to so many for making this possible. All are welcome. As a community united, we can overcome any and all challenges.**

##### **Summer Reading Information**

[READ MORE](#)

### **Community Resource for Families**

Columbia Cares is an organization that has helped many families throughout the region with food and other household items. There are distribution sites at several of the HCPSS grab and go sites for those families with transportation, or an opportunity to have groceries delivered for those without transportation or in quarantine. Visit [Columbia Cares](#) for more information.

Find out what is going on within Howard County and surrounding areas. Notices are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

[READ MORE](#)