

MWES News 9-3-2021

Important Dates

September 6th - Schools and Offices Closed for Labor Day

September 7th - Schools and Offices Closed for Rosh Hashanah

September 8th - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

September 10th - MAP (math) Grades 4 & 5 **NEW students only**

September 13th - Instrumental Music Parent Info. Night 6 pm

September 16th - Schools and Offices Closed for Yom Kippur

October 15th - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Families,

It was a great first week at Manor Woods. Students poured in through the front door with excitement and with the energy associated with the start of a school year. Our staff was there to meet and greet every student, directing them all to their classrooms where teachers happily met students at their classroom doors. (Our teachers try to meet their students at their classroom door every day to greet them)

The week was filled with re-connecting with friends, reviewing routines and procedures, and acclimating to the school environment. We even threw in a three-hour early dismissal to practice what to do in case of inclement weather. (That was a real surprise for us:) During the upcoming weeks, our teachers are going to be spending a lot of time ensuring all students are provided with the tools to learn. As I reflect on the happiness expressed by our students as they entered the building, I am reminded of the tremendous importance of happiness and belonging as a foundation for learning. We hope all students experience this joy of learning each and every

day at Manor Woods. We are focused on DUCK. **Do** your Best, Be an **Up**stander, Show **Com**passion and Be **K**ind!!!

We currently have 96% of our emergency cards complete on Family File. Most of our families have done an excellent job completing this task. If you need assistance to complete your Family File, please contact the front office. It is important that we have emergency contact information for every child in case of a situation that occurred on Wednesday with the tornado warnings, and the need to close early. You can get started by visiting [HCPSS Connect](#).

We thank you for your patience in the car loop as students, parents, and staff learn the procedures. With a larger number of parents dropping off and picking up, please be prepared for delays. We also thank you for your patience with our bus drivers as they learn their routes. **Please be at your stop 10-15 minutes early this upcoming week.**

Thank you for all you have done to help prepare your child for this new school year! We are looking forward to an exciting and successful school year. Enjoy your long weekend. No school on Monday or Tuesday. Happy New Year to our families that celebrate Rosh Hashanah!

Kindly,

Carol DeBord

Principal

Jennifer Zinn

Assistant Principal

NEW INFORMATION

FALL TESTING INFORMATION

2021 Early Fall Assessments

As part of continued COVID-19 recovery efforts, the Maryland State Department of Education is conducting an early fall student assessment as one of several strategies to identify how students are performing academically. The results will help educators better understand student needs, so that we can address disrupted education and accelerate learning opportunities for all students. These results never stand alone in assessing student growth and will be used in combination with other assessments and class work to gauge overall student performance.

Students in grades 4 and 5 will participate in early fall assessments for ELA and Math between September 13 and October 8. Specific dates and times for testing at Manor Woods will be announced soon. [Click here](#) for more information about MCAP Early Fall Assessments.

JOIN THE PTA!

Help us kick off the new school year by joining us for our first PTA meeting of the year NEXT WEDNESDAY, September 8th! This is a great opportunity to learn more about the PTA, hear from our administration and meet other Manor Woods families. We will be voting in our new PTA Board members at this meeting as well. Per our bylaws, a quorum of 15 past PTA members will need to be present to vote in the 2021-2022 PTA board, so please stop by to help get the school year started! Hope to see you there!

And don't forget to JOIN THE PTA! Join now for early bird pricing of just \$25. It's quick, easy and membership funds help to support our school! Becoming a member of the PTA does not mean you need to volunteer, it simply means that you are donating to help enhance the school experience for our students.

The PTA funds school-wide presentations, family fun events, teacher appreciation activities, and items needed by the teachers for their lessons and classrooms.

Join Today! The price goes up October 1st!

<https://mwespta.com/membership/>

DOES YOUR STUDENT WANT TO PLAY A STRINGS INSTRUMENT?

3rd, 4th and 5th grade students can play string instruments in orchestra this year! All students who wish to be part of the orchestra this year must [Enroll](#), even if they previously participated. Please visit manorwoodsmusic.weebly.com to see information about program details and materials. **Parents who are new to MWES instrumental music are invited to attend an Information Session at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 13th in the Cafeteria.**

FROM THE DESK OF MS. HEINLEIN AND MS. SALAPATA, SCHOOL COUNSELORS

[School Counseling Newsletter](#)

Important Reminders

ABSENT NOTE EMAIL REMINDER

When your child is absent, please send an email **on the day your student returns** to the following address:

MWESabsence@hcpss.org

Please bookmark this as a tab on your computer, and on the day your student returns from their absence, please send an email to the above address with your child's name, the date of absence and the reason for the absence. If a reason is not included, the absence will be considered unlawful. NOTE: DO NOT send an email to your child's teacher. Often these emails are not forwarded to the front office for documentation. You may copy your child's teacher on the attendance email if you'd like.

We appreciate your help to ensure that our children are marked accurately on their attendance record. Thank you for taking the time to use our new email address created specifically for absences.

PLEASE BOOKMARK OUR WEBSITE

Our website is updated on a weekly basis and contains lots of important information. Please bookmark this important resource. It will save you a phone call as most of your questions can be answered from the website information.

mwes.hcpss.org

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please understand that students will not be able to enter the building after 4:00pm to retrieve forgotten items. Our office staff will not be ringing students or parents into the building after 4:00 pm unless they are participating in a scheduled after-school activity. When you arrive to pick your student up from an after-school activity, please wait in the vestibule for the instructor to bring the students to you. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we tighten the security in the building. We would like to remind parents that dismissal is a very busy time of the day for the front office. **Every once in a while, we realize that you may need to pick your child up early from school. We are asking parents that need to pick up their child (ren) early to do so before 3:00 pm. If you arrive after this time, you will be asked to wait outside until your child is dismissed with their class at 3:15. Teachers are not finished with instruction until 3:10 pm. We will not be able to dismiss your child between 3:00-3:15.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping us have a safe and orderly dismissal at the end of the day.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DISMISSALS

- **School opens at 8:30 am. *If your student isn't in their classroom by the late bell (8:45 am), he/she is considered late. You must accompany your child into and out of the building each time your child has a late arrival or early dismissal. You must bring a photo ID.***
- If your student has an early dismissal, please make certain he/she is picked up by 3:00 pm to make certain you are out before our buses begin to arrive
- Please provide a note each day your child has an after-school activity. This helps the teacher and your child remember the activity on a weekly basis.

FAMILY FILE REMINDER

We still have 44 students that don't have the family file completed. PLEASE complete asap.

[Directions Here](#)

TECH CENTER UPDATE

[Click Here for More Info](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

[Click Here for More Info](#)

FARMS APPLICATIONS

[Click Here for More Info](#)

Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

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.

Community News

Stay up-to-date on vaccine clinics, Covid testing and more.

[Link to the Howard County Health Department](#)

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.

HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

[Flier Attached](#)