

# MWES News Week of April 6, 2020

## APRIL

**Now- April 10** - Scholastic Online Book Fair

**6-13** - Spring Break Schools Closed

**20** - Remote Learning Begins

### **A note from Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn**

Dear Manor Woods Families,

Happy Friday, Manor Woods Families!

I hope this email finds you well as you continue your staycation, virtual work, virtual learning, and maintaining some type of order in your household. This is not an easy time for any of us but I hope that you are able to enjoy some quality time with your family. Yesterday, our staff shared a "flipgrid" via our school messenger and if you haven't had a chance to show it to your MWES student(s), please take a minute to share the videos. The kids will love seeing their teachers.

As your students continue to work on the distance learning paper/packet, I would like to share a point of clarification. As you are completing the Math learning activities provided by [Howard County Public Schools Continuity of Learning](#), an above grade level student should choose activities from the next grade level's selections. For example, a 1st grade student who is in the Above Grade Level math class should be selecting activities from the 2nd grade math options. If you've already been working with the grade level activities, that's ok. I would now encourage you just to switch to the next grade's math activities as you will find they are more on par with what students have been doing in their math classes.

Before closing, I would just like to acknowledge the hard work the Manor Woods staff has been putting in over the last few weeks. We are working to move to our virtual learning platform and teachers are putting their heart and soul into preparing great instruction for your children. As I often share with the staff, "Children are our business. We are not used to working with just

computers." Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate uncharted waters.

Fondly,  
Carol DeBord and Jennifer Zinn

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

If you would like to 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.

### **TECH TIDBITS**

#### **Check Your Canvas Notifications**

Parents/guardians should check your Canvas notification settings to ensure you are receiving announcements, assignments and messages from teachers. [Directions on updating your parent profile and notification settings](#) are available online. Parents/guardians unfamiliar with Canvas may find it helpful to review the features in this [Canvas Orientation](#).

#### **Account Self-Service for Students**

Students now have the ability to reset their usernames and passwords, independent of teachers and staff. [Directions on using self-service](#) can be found online.

### **NEW SCHOOL NEWS**

# SHOP ONLINE

for an expanded selection of books!



**Over 6,000 products including award-winning books, bestsellers, boxed sets, and much more**

**Limited time only: [ March 30- April 10 ]**

All orders ship home | Free shipping on book-only orders over \$25  
All purchases benefit our school

**Visit our Book Fair homepage to get started:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/manorwoodselemschool>**

There may be differences in pricing or formats between online and in-school offerings.



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**#dressupforkindness**



**The Kindness Pantry Presents:**

# *Dress Up For Dinner*

**Fundraiser**

**Friday, April 3, 2020**



**Here's what you do...  
...easy as 1-2-3-4!**

1. Order from your favorite local restaurant or cook a meal at home.
2. Put on your fanciest clothes.
3. Snap a photo & share it with us.
4. Donate to The Kindness Pantry.

**[Donate through PayPal - www.thekindnesspantry.com/donate](https://www.thekindnesspantry.com/donate)**

## **Did you know?**

Many shared school supplies had to be thrown away due to the outbreak of COVID-19. When our schools reopen, we want to make sure that all of our Howard County teachers and children come back to their classrooms fully stocked with school supplies and snacks!

*Thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## **INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS**

We are looking for a business or community member to donate 750 river rocks to our school for our PBIS project. If you are interested or able, please contact Mrs. DeBord at [carol\\_debord@hcpss.org](mailto:carol_debord@hcpss.org).

### **2020-2021 Kindergarten and New Family Registration (Not Current Students)**

*Please make certain you are in the screen for 20-21 if registering for the next school year. Please read this message in its entirety.*

[Kindergarten enrollment information](#) is now available online. Additionally, [Early admission to Pre-K](#) and [Early Admission to First Grade](#) opens March 1st. Those webpages will be updated immediately prior to the application open date. The [Pre-K application](#) period opens March 16th. **MWES is not a Pre-K location. If your child is already enrolled at MWES, please do not re-enroll!!**

Step 1: Register Online Here: [https://sisparents.hcpss.org/PXP2\\_OEN\\_Login.aspx](https://sisparents.hcpss.org/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx)

Step 2: Complete registration in person by providing the documents listed below. ***The registration process is easier if you bring copies of the documents for us to keep or upload them during online registration.***

The following documents are needed for registration:

- Child's evidence of birth
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a signed lease or deed including signature pages
- Current utility bill
- Photo ID of parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

**If you have a child currently attending an HCPSS PreK program, there is no need to re-register your student for Kindergarten. Also, if your child is a current HCPSS student at MWES or any other HCPSS school, please DO NOT re-register your student.**

**If you have a multi-family living arrangement, an appointment with our PPW, Jeanine Smith is required. A representative of the host family and guest family must be present for the appointment. Email [Jeanine\\_Smith@hcpss.org](mailto:Jeanine_Smith@hcpss.org) for more information.**

### **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 reason for their absence. If a reason is not included, the absence will be recorded as unlawful. [MWESabsences@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsences@hcpss.org)

## **INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD**

### **Stay Up-to-Date on Continuity of Learning During the Coronavirus - (COVID-19) Crisis**

[Click Here](#)

### **3rd Quarter Grading**

[Yesterday's message](#) included details on how HCPSS is proceeding with grading for the third-quarter. Please find answers to related [frequently asked questions](#) on the HCPSS website.

### **Simulated Congressional Hearings Update**

Due to the unforeseen schedule changes due to COVID-19, the 2020 Simulated Congressional Hearings will be canceled for this year. We look forward to resuming them next year.

### **Supporting Instruction at Home**

A new [resource to help students and parents](#) adjust to continuing learning from home is provided on the [HCPSS Continuity of Learning](#) website. Suggestions are provided for establishing a schedule, creating an environment conducive to learning, and transitioning to distance learning. Print copies are available at HCPSS meal sites.

We are continuing in Phase 2 of the Continuity of Learning Plan. To bridge the gap before Phase 3 distance learning begins, a set of resources is posted to the HCPSS Continuity of Learning website. These resources are organized by grade and/or course. Multiple languages are available. These additional materials will not be collected or graded. Phase 3 begins for elementary schools on April 20th.

### **Expanded Meal Distribution**

HCPSS is providing free [Grab-N-Go meals](#) through April 24 to anyone age 18 and under and/or any HCPSS student, regardless of age, at locations countywide. Deep Run Elementary will be added to site locations beginning Thursday, April 2. Meals are available from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., weekdays. Participants receive a snack, lunch and dinner for that day, as well as a breakfast for the following day, and are encouraged to bring a bag to carry home meals each day. Friday distributions at school locations also will include weekend meals. Parents have the option of collecting meals for their children, who do not need to be present.

There are three confirmed locations for the Pop Up Pantries. Details below.

Howard Crossing Apartments (T & C)

8732 Town & Country Blvd.

Ellicott City, MD

Contact: Jeannie Brynes / Assistant Property Manager

410-465-3400

jbrynes@harbargroupmanagement.com

Instructions:

Use the large parking lot to the side of the business office.

Owen Brown Place / 188 apartments, approx. 70% seniors

7080 Cradlework Way

Columbia, MD

Contact: Tina Roman / Property Manager

410-381-9544

owenbrown@enterpriseresidential.org

Instructions:

They will set up tables out front.

Shalom Square / 50 units, approx. 80 residents

6240 Foreland Garth

Columbia, MD 21045

Contact: Jessica Harris, Resident Services & Community Manager

Cell: 443-261-5377

JHarris.SHLP@gmail.com

Instructions:

Two tables will be set up in the center of the property in front of the Community Center

### **Professional Development to Accelerate Continuity of Learning**

All this week, our teachers have been deeply engaged in professional development sessions to prepare to lead distance learning. Many factors are involved in planning effective, engaging and equitable online instruction, including scheduling, accessibility, special needs accommodation, grading and reporting,

maintaining connections with families, and more. These sessions have been intensive to quickly prepare teachers to pivot to a completely new mode of instruction. I am proud, although not surprised, that our educators have embraced this process with such professionalism and enthusiasm. This journey will continue to be a process of learning and discovery for us all, and I look forward to seeing the inventive approaches that our teachers will use to engage students in whole new ways.

## **Need Internet Access?**

### **Free Wifi through Comcast Xfinity**

In addition to providing low cost internet access to eligible families through its [Comcast Internet Essentials](#) program, Comcast has opened free access to its Xfinity WiFi network, making hotspots across the country available to anyone, including non-subscribers, at no cost. Search by zip code or city to find a hotspot near you at [wifi.xfinity.com](http://wifi.xfinity.com).

## **Spring Break**

This year will be a shortened Spring Break for staff, who next week will continue taking part in professional learning to prepare for the teacher-led instruction that will begin later this month. These staff training sessions are intensive, and although you should feel free to contact teachers and principals next week with any questions or concerns, please understand there may be a delay before they are able to respond.

## **Access to Learning Fund**

Bright Minds Foundation has launched an emergency Access to Learning Fund to raise money for critical education access supports for HCPSS students during the extended COVID-19 school closure. Find more information on the [Bright Minds website](#).

## **2020 Census**

Several HCPSS programs rely on funding based on accurate census information, so all families are encouraged to participate in the 2020 census, which may be completed [online](#). [Learn more](#).

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

The COVID-19 FAQ section of the website has been expanded and is being updated regularly with additional answers to questions. Please visit the [FAQ page](#) on a regular basis for additional information.

## **Counseling Services for Students, Families and Staff**

The COVID-19 pandemic has made this an especially stressful time for many, especially those already impacted by mental health concerns. Find information about local and online resources for counseling and mental health supports for you and your family on our [website](#).

**Board Approves 2020–2021 Academic Calendar:** The [next school year](#) will begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, for students and on Monday, August 17, 2020, for school staff. Winter break will be December



24–January 1, with schools reopening on Monday, January 4, 2021. Spring Break will run from April 2–9, 2021. The last day of school is scheduled for June 10, 2021.

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

*\*Events subject to change*

### **Marriotts Ridge Softball Clinic**

[Softball Flier](#)

### **Hammond High School Baseball Clinics**

[HHS baseball flier](#)

### **Summer Sports Camp at Reservoir HS**

[Summer Sports Flier](#)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS**

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](#)

### **Columbia Association Summer Camps**

[CLICK HERE FOR FLIER](#)

## **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)