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 unchartered waters.

Fondly,
Carol DeBord and Jennifer Zinn

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.

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
#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

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

www.thekindnesspantry.com
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.

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

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 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
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
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.

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

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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