

MWES News - Week of June 1, 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

1 - Distance Learning Continues

8 - Rising 6th Grade Middle School Virtual Visit Day

8 - Distance Learning Continues

15 - Distance Learning Continues

19, 22, 23 - Half Days for Students

23 - Last Day of School

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn:

Good Afternoon Manor Woods!

I hope this email finds you well and excited for the weekend. Well, at Manor Woods, we are getting excited to celebrate our 5th graders!! I want to share with you that although we are not in brick and mortar, we haven't forgotten the 124 students that are anxiously awaiting middle school.

As we all have felt the impact of this very different school year, it has been a huge transition for all of us; especially for our fifth graders. Not only have they been unable to spend the last three months with their peers, some of them will be going to different middle schools, and some may be moving. The staff at MWES realizes a big transition is coming for all of our fifth graders....and we haven't forgotten them!!

Working with the fifth grade team, the PTA, and the staff at MWES, we are creating opportunities for the fifth graders to be lifted up. During their last week of virtual learning, we will be having a celebration for each individual fifth grade class to recognize our students, speak to their accomplishments, and wish them well. As we get closer to the end of June, specific details will be shared.

Our PTA has worked with the administrative team to open up their Facebook page to acknowledge our fifth graders as well. If you are not on the Manor Woods PTA Families page, please be sure to join. We would love for your 5th grader to be included and acknowledged. The PTA is also purchasing pennants for the 5th graders as a memory of the 2020 pandemic and to recognize them in a special way. These pennants may be hung on your front doors, in your child's bedroom, or anywhere prominent in your home. Our 5th graders rock!

Lastly, we worked directly with School Picture Inc. to ensure our 5th graders have a panoramic photograph. More information will come to you shortly on how to purchase the traditional panoramic. However, it will be a collage of individual class photos since we weren't able to get a picture of one big group. It will be another original way to recognize these students ending their elementary school years during a pandemic. They are making history!

Thank you so much for your support and patience as we move toward our end of the year activities. Continue to motivate your children for the on-line learning and continue to stay up-to-date with our weekly newsletters, as information changes daily!! We appreciate your support.

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. We'll continue to spotlight students as requests come in and will post in the order they are received.

A Message From the MWES PTA

Congratulations and best wishes to all of our 5th graders. We will miss your sweet faces in the hallways and PTA events. Using our PTA Facebook page, we would love to virtually recognize your 5th graders on Facebook. You can send a photo of your child, their name, their teacher's name and their favorite thing about MWES via email to mwesPTAcomms@gmail.com. We'd also like to encourage you to join our [MWES PTA Facebook](#) page. We have great information about PTA events and activities on this page. We don't want you to miss out!

Secondly, in lieu of a 5th grade picnic, and based on initial guidance from HCPSS to avoid yard signs, the PTA is in the process of finalizing a design to purchase pennants for all 5th grade MWES students. These pennants will be given to all of our amazing fifth graders in recognition of the hard work and great character during their years at Manor Woods Elementary School. All children will receive a pennant as a gift from the MWES PTA. We wanted to acknowledge our fifth graders as they end their elementary years during a world-wide pandemic.

One of our 5th grade moms, Heather DeVito, has purchased yards signs for her children, independent of the PTA or any HCPSS recognition. The signs cost \$3.50 each and can be purchased directly through Venmo - @Brian-Harlan-5 - please note Manor Woods 5th grade signs on your order and then email Heather at hmd3010@gmail.com to let her know you paid for a sign. **Orders are due by June 3 at 3 pm.** We apologize for the late notice!

Last but not least, it has been an honor to serve on the PTA board. With tremendous gratitude and respect, I would like to thank Alicia Mabry for serving as our Treasurer for the past two years. Her leadership and wise guidance will be sorely missed, and we wish her all the best as her twin boys venture onto middle school.

We miss our MWES community dearly and wish you all good health. Please be on the look out for communication regarding elections for the upcoming school year and details on distribution of the pennants for our 5th grade students.

Sincerely,
Sri Tademeti
MWES PTA President

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Virtual Student Visit Days

Students and families attending a new school for the 2020-2021 school year are invited to a Virtual Student Visit Day to meet school administrators and learn more about the school. Additional information about the Virtual Student Visit Day and how to participate will be sent out by individual schools before each date. Please contact your child's current school counselor with any questions related to the upcoming virtual student visits.

June 8: All rising 6th graders

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.

**** 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](#)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Check out the linked calendar that contains a variety of fun & healthy activities that you & your family can do each day throughout the month. [Mental Health Awareness Month Calendar](#)

The [Mental Health Association of Maryland](#) provides a variety of free resources including virtual workshops & information to support families during this unprecedented time.

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 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

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](#)

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

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](#)