

MWES News - Week of May 4, 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.

MAY

4 - Distance Learning B-Week

4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

5 - Report Cards delivered in Synergy

11 - Distance Learning A-Week

18 - Distance Learning B-Week

25 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

26 - Distance Learning A-Week

Please Fill Out Your Consideration Card!

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the school year soon drawing to a close, our staff is beginning the process of grouping students for the 2020-2021 school year. The administration and staff at Manor Woods Elementary recognize that parental input plays a significant part in decisions about individual students. As parents, you know your child's specific strengths and needs.

Because your input is valued, we invite you to provide us with information about your child. The link below will bring you to an electronic form of the Consideration Card. This link is being provided to families who have students entering grades 1-5. The purpose of the card is to give you the opportunity to write specific comments that would be reviewed by your child's current teacher as well as next year's teacher. You may include statements about learning style, special interests, social/emotional needs, and so forth. Please understand that this card is not intended to request a certain teacher.

The administration and teaching staff utilize a wide range of criteria when grouping students for the

upcoming year. Our articulation process is thoughtful and detailed, and our decisions are made upon the best interest of each individual student. We ask that you respect our professionalism and trust that our placement recommendation is reflective of what is the best instructional match for your child.

Once again, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to provide helpful information about your child. Please use the link to complete the electronic consideration card on or before **Wednesday, May 27th**. If you have more than one child who will be attending MWES in September, you may complete a separate form for each of your children.

[Electronic Consideration Card](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Carol B. DeBord
Principal

Jennifer Zinn
Assistant Principal

Free Meal Services Extended Through May 15

HCPSS will continue to provide free Grab-N-Go meals to anyone age 18 and under and/or any HCPSS student, regardless of age, throughout state-mandated school closures, extended through May 15.

Participants will be given a Grab-N-Go snack, lunch and dinner for that day, as well as a Grab-N-Go breakfast for the following day. Friday distributions at school-based locations only also will include meals to sustain children through the weekend. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag to carry home meals each day.

Children do not need to be present; parents/guardians may pick up meals for their child(ren). There is no application, enrollment, or fees to participate in this program.

More information, including a list of meal distribution locations, is [provided online](#).

Devices for Student Learning

Most of the more than 13,000 student technology devices that have been requested have been delivered to students through device distribution locations or by FedEx delivery. Unfortunately, due to unprecedented volume at FedEx, there still are some devices that have not yet reached their destination. We expect devices that were requested before April 10 and have not yet been received to be delivered by the end of the day Tuesday, April 21. Devices that were requested after April 10 will be packaged and shipped as soon as possible. Teachers are aware that not all students may have immediate access to a device and will accommodate those students as necessary.

Families who did not initially request to borrow a device, or indicated they did not need one but now see the need for one, can request a device via HCPSS Connect. Directions on requesting a device can be found on the [HCPSS website](#).

TECH TIDBITS

For additional information about Parent Notification Preferences in Canvas, visit the link below. <https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/9495/pages/parents-notifications>

STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT

Counseling Connection Newsletter for Families

The [HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter](#) (Links to an external site.) is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in the School Counseling Connection newsletter are celebrations, activities for home as well as self-care ideas. Newsletters will be created and shared bi-monthly.

News from Ms. Heinlein

Hello, Manor Woods! May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Everyone faces challenges that can affect their mental health. Now more than ever, practicing self care is vital for our overall well-being. Self care involves showing up for ourselves the same way that we show up for someone we love. It also involves taking time to nurture your mind, body & spirit. Check out the calendar below. It contains a variety of fun & healthy activities that you & your family can do each day throughout the month.

[Mental Health Awareness Month Calendar](#) Have fun! For more information about mental health awareness, visit [Mental Health America](#). Remember- I'm here to support our students & families. Please contact me at monica_heinlein@hcpss.org if I can be of assistance. Take care & be well!

From Our School Psychologist, Craig Cooper

Dear parents and students, You can schedule an 'appointment' with me to chat on Google Meet using the following link, from 9:30-10:30 each morning. Of course, you can email me at craig_cooper@hcpss.org and we can arrange to discuss/meet at other times. This link will take you to my calendar where you can sign up for a slot. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need to talk.

Sincerely,

Mr. Craig Cooper
School Psychologist, HCPSS
County Diagnostic Center M, T, W
Manor Woods Elementary R, F

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/selfsched?sstoken=UUFwMHpaY1VJaU13fGRlZmF1bHR8MDU5MGZhMjA2YWVmY2QzOTQ4ZmE2YjI3NDlhYWQ4ODM>

From Our School Psychologist Intern, Michal Boyars

Office Hours Message:

Dear Parents and Teachers,

I hope you are all safe and healthy. Beginning Monday the 20th, I will be holding daily office hours from 1:00-2:00pm. During this time I will have appointments available to meet virtually with parents and staff in order to answer questions or address other concerns about students. Meetings will take place via Google Meet or over the phone.

If you are interested in setting up an appointment, you can either fill out this [form](#) or email me directly at michal_boyars@hcpss.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

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 PAST NEWSLETTERS

Click here for more information about virtual learning, purchasing yearbooks and kindergarten registration.

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INFORMATION FROM HCPSS

Click here for more information from HCPSS regarding updates during continuity of learning.

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