

# MWES News - Week of 12/23/19

## DECEMBER

**23 - January 1st (returning January 2nd)** - Winter Break Schools Closed

## JANUARY

**3** - 5th Grade Chorus Cluster Concert Field Trip

Cluster Concert @MRHS 7 pm

**6** - Vision/Hearing Screening

**6-10** - Grade Level Spelling Bees 1st-3rd grades

**13** - MVMS Parent Information Night at MVMS cafe 6 pm

**14** - BMMS Parent Information Night at BMMS cafe 6 pm

**14** - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

**17** - School Wide Spelling Bee 4th-5th grades

**16** - Orchestra Concert @MRHS 7 pm

**20** - Schools and Offices Closed for MLK Birthday

**23** - SJLES incoming transfer student orientation 6:30 pm

**27** - Schools Closed for students - Professional Work Day

## **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.

### **A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn**

Dear Manor Woods Families,

On behalf of the staff and administrative team at Manor Woods Elementary, we would like to wish you a peaceful winter break. We hope you are able to relax, celebrate with your very own traditions, and enjoy time with friends and family. We look forward to the new year and continuing to motivate and strengthen your child(rens) skills. Thank you for all the wonderful treats and gifts that were given to our staff over the last few weeks. Your generosity is overwhelming and very much appreciated. It is so wonderful to work with such a lovely group of students and their families each day.

As we return in January, the weather may turn colder and we may experience more snow days. It is very important if school is delayed, you continue to monitor social media in case the two hour delay is quickly changed into a school closure; as this occurred last week much to our surprise.

Thank you for all you do to make our community inclusive and joyful. Have a wonderful winter break and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Fondly,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

Manor Woods Elementary School

### **NEW SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Health Room News**

Hearing and Vision Screening this year is scheduled for Monday Jan. 6th. The Health Room staff is in need of a few volunteers that morning. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Health Room directly at (410) 313-8326. Thank you!

### **Just Read January**

In honor of the new proclamation of Maryland Reading Month (HCPSS will celebrate in January), we will be planning many reading activities for the month of January at MWES. We're calling it **Just Read January** to celebrate our Diverse Readers!! Our kick-off will take place on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 4:45 pm with Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn going Facebook Live on the Manor Woods PTA Families page!! Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn will be sharing some FUN details about **Just Read January** as well as reading aloud a story together. Can't get on Facebook at 4:45 pm (no worries as Facebook Live replays) or don't have Facebook? No problem as we will be recording it to share via email as well!! Some FUN events being planned by the MWES Literacy Committee include Read ME Day – wear a readable shirt to school, whole school students and staff read together in the halls, buddy reading, and so much more!!! NEA is celebrating Read Across America all year long!!! Looking for diverse books/activities check out their website: <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/2019-2020-calendar/>

### **Road To Kindergarten Workshops**

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2020? Please join us for an information session about Kindergarten in the Howard County Public School System.

[Road2KEvent Flyer](#)

### **INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS**

#### **Read With Me Program**

Read With Me is a program that provides free books to children from birth to 5 yrs. It is an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and is sponsored by the Bright Minds Foundation, Howard County Public School System, and the Howard County Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Click on the link below to register your child(ren) to get a free book each month from birth to age 5.

[https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/find-my-program/?fbclid=IwAR1IxZ\\_AGcOea0rbZMnliclugYwdeXoTnLMN2HXEas2neczaqk3Gp1iv2xU](https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/find-my-program/?fbclid=IwAR1IxZ_AGcOea0rbZMnliclugYwdeXoTnLMN2HXEas2neczaqk3Gp1iv2xU)

### **Trex Recycling Challenge**

Tired of throwing away all the soft plastic packaging and plastic bags in the trash because it can't be recycled? Send that clean, dry plastic to school! MWES is participating in the Trex recycling program.

[READ MORE](#)

[trexrecyclingposter](#)

[trexrecyclingchallenge](#)

The plastic then needs to be taken to a collection site nearby - one of the grocery stores on the [list](#). We need assistance from some parents or PTA members to help collect, weigh and transport the plastic. If you are available to help, please sign up through the link below.

[SignUpLink](#)

**MWES 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade Bumble Bee Spelling Bee Finalists/Alternates**

Congratulations to all first, second, and third grade students for participating in the BumbleBee Spelling Activity last week. Students were given a word list consisting of 100 words to study. This activity gave the students an opportunity to increase their vocabulary, introduce and reinforce spelling tips, and develop self-confidence by speaking in front of others. We would like to recognize the top performers and alternates from our classes. We are looking forward to our grade level BumbleBee activities in January!!

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### **MWES 4th and 5th Grade Spelling Bee Finalists/Alternates**

Congratulations to all fourth and fifth graders for participating in our classroom spelling bees! The following students in 4th and 5th Grade will represent their classes in the school-wide Spelling Bee on Friday, January 17, 2020. Wish them luck!

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### **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**

**Boundary Review Update:** Updates and information can be found at the [Boundary Review](#) page.

**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**

#### **Auditions for the Howard County Summer Theatre's Production of The Music Man**

Auditions will be held in the choir room at Mount Hebron HS on **Monday, January 6th from 7:00pm-9:30pm and on Saturday, January 11th from 10:00am-1:00pm**. Auditions are open for students in grades 2-8, high school and college-aged students and adults. Rehearsals will begin in late April and the show will be the first two weekends in July. Auditioners are asked to prepare a song to sing (under 60 seconds). An accompanist will be provided.

### **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.

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#### **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](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool)