

# MWES News - Week of 10/19/2020

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## A Note From Our Administrators

Happy Friday, Manor Woods,

I hope this weekly newsletter finds you well and excited for the weekend. Parents, you deserve a break and we all know the children and staff members do as well. I am impressed, more and more, by the knowledge and understanding our children are gaining daily. It is impressive that in just one month, our students have tackled a deeper understanding of virtual learning. They are doing Pear Deck, Google Meets, Flip-Grid etc. Who heard of that stuff before now?

All joking and fun aside, I am extremely proud of the determination our community has shown while entering so many "unknowns." This week, at our October PTA meeting, parents shared some frustrations and asked some great questions. I hope their insight and our answers help to perpetuate you and your student forward and learning on-line becomes a smoother process.

- It's not late and you're not in trouble! We know there has been a lot of concern around the due dates of assignments on Canvas. Please understand that in order for an assignment to display on Canvas calendars, teachers must enter a due date. Our teachers are incredibly understanding of the challenges of virtual learning and the workload of students and will approach lateness with grace. We do ask that assignments are submitted within a week of the due date so that teachers can have ample time to grade prior to report cards. Students will not be penalized for lateness if assignments are submitted within a week of the due date. If your child needs additional time to complete an assignment please communicate this need to his/her teacher and we will work with you to

ensure your child's success.

- Wondering if your child completed the assignment? A quick way to determine completion is to click on "Grades" on the left sidebar of each Canvas course. A "dash" indicates that the child has not completed the assignment. The "dash" does not factor into the final grade until the assignment is graded by the teacher. Please do not use the "final grade" as an indicator of completion of all assignments.

## Updates from Related Arts:

- In our modules, there may be both "synchronous" and "asynchronous" lessons. Please do not complete the synchronous lesson prior to our related arts synchronous instruction time. We will do this together during our face-to-face instruction time. Students only need to complete the asynchronous lesson.
- We do not want students spending more than 30 minutes on asynchronous lessons. However, it is important that students submit the assignment part of the lesson as this indicates completion of the asynchronous lesson. Pacing throughout the task is important. For example, some asynchronous lessons might give various practice resources and then a quiz at the end. Submitting the quiz indicates that your child completed the lesson. Some students are spending 30 or more minutes on the "resources" portion and never complete the quiz.
- Please submit assignments according to the instructions in the task.
- If you need to reach out to a Related Arts team member, please be sure to add your child's name and grade to the email.

Thank you,

## New Information

### Family Survey for Second Semester Planning

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The Howard County Public School System and Board of Education are evaluating possibilities for a hybrid instructional model for the second semester, beginning February 1, 2021, which could include opportunities for in-person instruction. A hybrid model could provide an option for parents/guardians to send their child to school part of the week and learn virtually for the remainder of the week.

This fall, there will be significant public discussion and consideration around the second semester. At this time, HCPSS is seeking to understand families' intentions regarding sending their students back to school, if that option becomes available, or continuing fully virtual learning. Please see directions below for accessing this questionnaire. Please note, this is separate from the small group instruction survey that some families have received. Additionally, it is crucial for planning to know if students who qualify to receive bus service would use it. Parent/guardian response is not a commitment for the second semester; you will be able to change your decision when plans for second semester are finalized. Your intention at this time will help facilitate planning. **Please complete the form by 4 p.m., Friday, October 23.** Contact your school if you require assistance completing the form.

To complete the form:

1. [Log in to HCPSS Connect](#) (**PARENT ACCOUNT**)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Intent to Participate in Hybrid In-Person Instruction from the middle of the page
4. Complete the questions in the form for each child and select "Save"

### MAP Updates

For information on how to view your child's MAP scores, please

visit <https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/fall-2020-MAP-scores>.

If your child did not start or finish the reading and/or math MAP test on October 7 or 14, they will be invited to the following make-up session(s). A message with login information will be sent to these students prior to the make-up session(s).

**Reading MAP Make-Up - Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00pm**

**Math MAP Make-up - Wednesday, October 28 at 1:00pm**

If you have any questions regarding the MAP assessment, please contact Mrs. Zinn at [jennifer\\_zinn@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_zinn@hcpss.org).

## HC Drug Free Parenting Classes

Beginning on October 20, HC DrugFree and the State's Attorney's Office (with funding from the Health Department) are partnering to provide a series of 4 free online parenting classes open to Howard County parents/guardians.

[Guiding Good Choices Flier \(Oct-Nov 2020 parenting classes\) \(9-28\).pdf](#)

## Pantry on the Go

Glen Mar Church will be hosting a Pantry on the Go Friday, Oct. 23, from 4 - 6 p.m. They'll be giving away not only boxes of fresh produce, but free face masks and children's books. See the attached flyers (in English and Spanish) for details.

[English- Glen Mar Panty on the Go .pdf](#)

[Spanish- Glen Mar Pantry on the Go.pdf](#)

## Important Reminders From Past Newsletters

[click here](#)

## After School Activities

### Sign up for Club STEM After School

Mondays, for 6 classes November 2, 4:30-5:30pm, at Kiwanis-Wallas Hall (located at 3300 Norberts Way in Ellicott City; not far from Manor Woods ES). Or receive supplies and instruction needed to attend virtually on your own schedule from your own home.

[RP3344.101 - Manor Woods ES students](#)

To register, please use the hyperlink provided above, or call our Registration hotline at 410-313-7275 (open 8am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday).

### Maryland Arts Institute of Racial Justice

As institutions move toward Racial Equity, it is necessary to examine and reconcile the past, understand the present, and create change for the future. [The Maryland Arts Institute of Racial Justice](#) has two types of offerings to explore racial justice together as the Maryland Arts sector. Registration is FREE.

### Lunchtime Book Club

Connect with members of Maryland's arts sector to build shared language and understandings about racial justice through guided discussions and sharing. This event occurs on select Tuesdays at noon.

For dates, times, and registration, visit the [book club registration page](#).

## Community News

Please visit the HCPSS website [Community News and Programs page](#) for upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.