

# MWES News - Week of 10/4/2021

**October 5th** - School Picture Day (Individual Photos)

**October 15th** - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

**October 25th** - Chillin in Autumn Week (see details below)

**November 3rd** - End of Quarter 1

**November 4th** - Schools Closed for Students (Professional Work Day)

**November 10th** - Report Cards Issued

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

### "Chillin' in Autumn" at Manor Woods

Dear Manor Woods Families and Friends,

As part of our school system and Manor Wood's commitment for equity and inclusion, we continue to focus on building community and creating welcoming environments for all students. This year, in lieu of our traditional Halloween activities, Manor Woods Elementary will be celebrating all students with a weeklong Spirit Week that will end with a school wide celebration that will include all students.

We are excited to share that during the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>, all students and staff are invited to support the following **"Chillin' in Autumn Event!"**

### **Monday -10/25 - Fall Colors are so BOLD**

Let's make a school-wide autumn leaf tree. Each grade should wear the following colors:

**Grade K: Yellow**

**Grade 1: Red**

**Grade 2: Brown**

**Grade 3: Purple**

**Grade 4: Green**

**Grade 5: Wear any fall color!!**

### **Tuesday -10/26 - Pick of the Patch**

All students wear orange to create a school-wide pumpkin patch. (Add a little green around the collar if you'd like:)

### **Wednesday-10/27 -A Little Bit Corny**

Students can bring out their inner corny side by partaking in any of the following: crazy hair, funky socks, wacky glasses, and or mismatched shoes/clothes. We also are asking that they write a riddle and put it in their pocket to share.

### **Thursday- 10/28 – A Football Frenzie**

Students can wear their personal football uniform (no cleats please) or cheer outfits, favorite team jersey, or Manor Woods Spirit wear.

### **Friday- 10/29 - Falling Into Fun- School-wide kindness activities**

Students can wear their Wackiest, favorite party hat!

During our "Falling into Fun" celebrations, each team will be taking time out of our academic schedule to celebrate and party together. More details to follow. Also, throughout the week, the administrative team will challenge each grade to complete Random Acts of Kindness within the school.

Lastly, we are excited to continue partnering with our PTA to have a neighborhood Halloween parade beyond the school day for students and families who would like to join us. This is a great opportunity to continue our new Halloween tradition, building community and just having plan fun. More information to follow. Please save the date, Thursday, October 28th for our neighborhood parade.

Thank you,

Carol DeBord

Jennifer Zinn

**ABSENT NOTE EMAIL REMINDER** When your child is absent, please send an email on the day your student returns to the following address: [MWESabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsence@hcpss.org)

**Please do not send changes in transportation to this email, as we will not see the changes. Any time there is a change in transportation, and any time your child has an after school activity, you must send a note into your child's homeroom teacher.**

## **FROM OUR HEALTH ROOM**

Thank you parents for keeping your children home when they are experiencing various illnesses. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact the health room, either calling 410-313-8326 or email school nurse at [laura\\_ruiz@hcpss.org](mailto:laura_ruiz@hcpss.org). If you

want to test your child, please don't go to the ER unless their child is having difficulty breathing.

[mobile covid testing sites](#)

### **MWES Flu Vaccine Clinic for Students October 13th**

HCPSS is partnering with the Howard County Health Department and Maryland Partnership for Prevention to offer [free flu vaccines](#) at HCPSS schools October 13-28. **Parents who elect for their child(ren) to receive the flu vaccination must register and provide consent online before Friday, October 8.**

When registering, only put in the name of the school and ignore all other searches (type of clinic, age group, zip code, date) You may notice that on the drop down list, you will see the school two times; do not worry about it because both work.

Parents may also request a paper consent form from the school nurse. You can contact the Health Room at 410-313-8326 or email the school nurse at: [laura\\_ruiz@hcpss.org](mailto:laura_ruiz@hcpss.org)

### **FROM THE MEDIA CENTER**

**Please return all media center books from the 20-21 school year ASAP!**

### **FROM THE PE TEACHERS**

**Please make certain your child wears sneakers on PE days so they can safely participate.**

[2021-2022 Related Arts PDF](#)

## New Information

### Parent Information Resources

- *To opt-in to HCPSS Text messages, text "YES" to 67587 from the device on which you would like to receive messages.*
- *Be sure to click on the "Calendar" link at the top of our website for important dates throughout the school year.*
- *View the breakfast and lunch menus [here](#). Please keep in mind that items on the menus are subject to availability.*

### Howard County GT Program Parent Academy, October 13 and 14, 2021

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (GT) Program are invited to come learn about the advanced-level offerings available and how their students can become involved. The evening will begin with an overview of GT Education Program offerings followed by a question-and-answer session with Central Office GT Education Program staff. Elementary and Secondary programs will be covered on separate days. Families may attend one or both nights. Registration is required for these events.

*Elementary Focus: Wednesday, October 13, 7 – 8:00 p.m., being held virtually via Microsoft Teams*

*Secondary Focus: Thursday, October 14, 7-8:00 p.m., being held virtually via Microsoft Teams*

For more information and to register, please visit the [HCPSS GT Program Parent Academy announcement](#).

## **Parent Empowerment Virtual Conference**

Families of students receiving special education services and anyone interested can register by Oct. 6 to attend this free [conference](#), being held Oct. 12-14 via Google Meet. The conference will cover topics related to supporting your child's learning and participating in the IEP process.

## **SpeakUp HoCo!**

[SpeakUp HoCo!](#) invites high school students to “talk about what matters to you,” discuss difficult social topics, create caring communities and more. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday each month, beginning Monday, October 11, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Pre-register to attend the meeting by emailing Rebecca Dietz at [speakup.hoco@gmail.com](mailto:speakup.hoco@gmail.com).

## **Important Reminders From Past Newsletters**

Repeated Information [Click Here](#)

## **PICTURE DAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

[Pre-order Code](#)

[Fall 2021 Flier](#)

**Envelopes are going home with students today! Please check your child's backpack.**

**Registration for BSAP Saturday Math Academy: [Click Here](#) The registration window opens on September 25. Please contact Ashley Armstead with questions.**

## JOIN THE PTA!

Help us kick off the new school year by joining us for our first PTA meeting of the year NEXT WEDNESDAY, September 8th! This is a great opportunity to learn more about the PTA, hear from our administration and meet other Manor Woods families. We will be voting in our new PTA Board members at this meeting as well. Per our bylaws, a quorum of 15 past PTA members will need to be present to vote in the 2021-2022 PTA board, so please stop by to help get the school year started! Hope to see you there!

And don't forget to JOIN THE PTA! Join now for early bird pricing of just \$25. It's quick, easy and membership funds help to support our school! Becoming a member of the PTA does not mean you need to volunteer, it simply means that you are donating to help enhance the school experience for our students.

The PTA funds school-wide presentations, family fun events, teacher appreciation activities, and items needed by the teachers for their lessons and classrooms.

Join Today! The price goes up October 1st!

<https://mwespta.com/membership/>

## FROM THE DESK OF MS. HEINLEIN AND MS. SALAPATA, SCHOOL COUNSELORS

[School Counseling Newsletter](#)

## Community News

### Mental Health Resources

- [Foreign-Born Support Services/Bilingual Support Services](#) - **Updated Resources**
  - Bilingual Mental Health Professionals
    - [Asian American Health Initiative \(AAHI\) Mental Health Providers Youth](#)
    - [Chinese](#)

- **Grief & Loss - New Resource**
  - Stella Maris (Links to an external site.) - Individual and family grief counseling services are available to anyone in the community (including Howard County) and they are offering both in-person or telehealth sessions. To request counseling, please contact us at 410-252-4500 ext. 7291. Free "Grieving During the Holidays" (virtual presentation) for older teens and adults on Monday, November 15, 2021. 7-8:30 p.m. To register or for more information, please call Stella Maris directly or email [hbenassi@stellamaris.org](mailto:hbenassi@stellamaris.org). New Fall Calendar (Links to an external site.) of Grief support programs also available online.

**Stay up-to-date on vaccine clinics, Covid testing and more.**

[Link to the Howard County Health Department](#)

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations."

Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit [community-programs.hcpss.org](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).

## **HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**

[Flier Attached](#)