

MWES News - Week of 10/7/19

OCTOBER

8 - Interim Progress Reports Go Home

9 - Schools closed for staff and students Yom Kippur

14 - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

17 - Flu Clinic

18 - Professional Work Day - Schools closed for students

24 - 5th Gr Field Trip to Mt. Vernon and K Field Trip to Green Meadows Farm

25 - PTA Duck Dash

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Families,

Happy Autumn! Our school is so busy with students engaging in our new Being a Writer program, Dreambox, daily read-alouds, problem solving and community building that the month of September blew by. It is amazing to see how the Community Circles have really encouraged our students to talk with one another, problem solve together, and learn names of classmates much faster! Relationships have been established and students are invested in their classroom communities.

It was wonderful to see so many families at Bingo Night, and a big THANK YOU goes out to our PTA for organizing this event. Fun was had by all! We value your involvement and investment in your child's education and hope to see you at the many school events we have planned this year. The

PTA's next event is The 2nd Annual DUCK DASH! This is the fundraiser for our school this year and we hope that you are able to participate! Information about our DUCK DASH was sent home on October 3rd with all students, can be found below in our PTA section, and also located on the PTA website.

Lastly, if you would like to volunteer at Manor Woods at any time, please ensure you review and complete the Confidentiality form and also the Child Abuse and Neglect volunteer procedures and form found at : <https://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>. All volunteers must review this volunteer information, sign both forms, and return them to the front office.

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

MWES Wears Pink to Support Breast Cancer Awareness Month

We are encouraging our staff members and students to wear pink every Thursday during the month of October. We will wear pink in honor of our family, friends, and staff members who have won the battle against breast cancer, are fighting the fight or those that have passed away from this disease. **Think Pink Thursdays are here!!! Wear pink to show support for your loved ones.**

Change in Interim Progress Reports

New this school year, interim progress reports will be issued only to students in elementary school. In both progress reports and report cards, [the Pre-K-5 Learning Behaviors section](#) is modified to better support parents and teachers in identifying areas of focus.

FALL

2019 MAP TESTING DATES

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Grade	Reading	Math
1	September 24	September 25
2	October 8	October 16
3	October 22 and 23	October 15 and 16
4	October 14 and 17	October 3 and 4
5	October 1 and 2	October 10 and 11

FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Please keep the MWES Important Brochure handy for your reference throughout the school year.

[FAQbrochure.pdf](#)

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 reasons for their absence.

MWESabsences@hcpss.org

SCHOOL NEWS

SPIRIT WEAR SALE CLOSES OCTOBER 7TH!

It's time for our MWES spirit wear sale! Please take a minute to view our [on-line store](#) to make purchases. Throughout the year, we will have spirit days where students are encouraged to wear their favorite sports team and/or their MWES school spirit wear. We want to give students the opportunity to show their Manor Woods pride by sporting their new MWES spirit wear.

Click on the link below. Be sure to look at the back of the shirts. Some have the Manny logo on the back, others do not. **The store is now open and will close on OCTOBER 7th! The best part of our spirit wear sale is that 10% of all sales benefits our school!!** Thank you in advance for supporting the school!!

<https://stores.bigjoeink.com/mwes>

Orders will be delivered to school and distributed to students to bring home.

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES ART COMPETITION

[NSLW.pdf](#)

The department of Food and Nutrition Services is celebrating National School Lunch Week 2019 with an art competition. The art competition will take place during National School Lunch Week on October 14th-18th, 2019.

YOUNG AUTHORS' CONTEST

[YA Student Coversheet, 2019-20 MWES.docx](#)

Students in Grades 1-5 are invited to write a poem and/or story.

- Entries must be original work.
- Students may enter a previously unsubmitted short story and/or poem written within the previous or current school year.
- All entries must use no smaller than 12 point font in Times New Roman.
- Short story entry must range between 100-400 words (gr. 1-2) and 300-800 words (gr. 3-5).
- Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, and must range between 25-150 words (all grade levels).
- Entries must not include graphics.
- Save an electronic copy of the story or poem. Winners at the school level will be asked to submit the electronic copy for the county and state levels of the contest
- Each entry must include a completed cover sheet signed by the student author's parent.
- Entries due to your classroom teacher by Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

Sponsored by the State of Maryland Literacy Association.

For additional details and guidelines, contact: Mrs. Miskimins by email:

Natalie_Miskimins@hcpss.org

FROM OUR READING SPECIALIST

Dear Manor Woods ES Families,

We are in need of a few parent volunteers to help on a weekly basis in the MWES Book Closets. You be volunteering to organize, label, inventory books, as well as put books away. If this is something you might be interested in and/or might be able to share your time with Manor Woods on a weekly basis for 30 or more minutes. Please email natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org.

Thank you,

Natalie Miskimins

Reading Specialist

PTA NEWS

DUCK DASH - OCTOBER 25TH

The Manor Woods PTA Duck Dash is officially being kicked off this week! This is a school-wide event designed to build community, increase fitness and to raise funds for the school. Please see the information letter that was sent home with students in the Thursday folders. All students should register on the fundraiser [website](#).

Questions? Email Jen Flury at MWduckdash18@gmail.com.

[ManorWoodsDuckDashFlyer](#)

PTA MEETING - OCTOBER 14TH

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, October 14th at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

ROOM PARENTS

Your child's classroom parents will be reaching out soon to collect contact information for class communication throughout the year. Please check your child's take home folders for a handout from your room parent. It is important to fill this information out clearly and send back to school as soon as possible.

JOIN THE PTA!

It's not too late to join the PTA! All funds raised from membership go directly toward our school! Please join today to help us reach our goal and meet last year's membership numbers. Don't forget, all membership dues are tax-deductible. You can also easily join online at our [website](#)!

STAY CONNECTED

Did you know the PTA has a Facebook group for our families to connect? Join [here](#) today!

Please contact PTA President Sri Tademeti at mwesptapres@gmail.com should you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS

Mustang Market

[mmmarketpdf](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

Columbia Orchestra Concert

Join the Columbia Orchestra for RUSSIAN DREAMS on Saturday, October 12th at 7:30pm at the Jim Rouse Theatre in Columbia. Baltimore Symphony Violinist Ivan Stefanovic performs Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2. The program will also include Tchaikovsky's 6th Symphony, "Pathetique", and Sofia Gubaidulina's Concerto for Orchestra and Jazz Band featuring members of The Columbia Jazz Band. HCPSS students, teachers, and families will receive \$5 off each ticket. To redeem this offer, use discount code HCPSS5 online [here](#), call the office at 410-465-8777, or mention the code at the box office the day of the concert.

HC DrugFree Updates for Parents/Guardians:

Free Parenting Classes for Parents/Guardians of 9-14 Year Olds: HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, partnering with the Howard County Public School System and the Howard County Health Department, will once again provide the evidence-based series Guiding Good Choices for parents to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use

drugs. This 4-week series will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, October 22, 29 and November 5, 12 at Wilde Lake Middle School in Columbia. Parents are expected to attend all 4 sessions. To register, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGCOct2019> or see [attached flier](#). Free workbook included. If you have questions, email Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree's Executive Director at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040.

Drive-thru EpiPen, Medication and More Collection: Howard County's next convenient drive-thru collection for over-the-counter and prescription medication and “sharps” (needles, syringes and EpiPens) will be held on Saturday, October 26 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near the Swim Center and The UPS Store. HC DrugFree and the Howard County Police urge you to clean out your medicine cabinets. Teams, clubs, students, PTAs/PTSAs, families, scouts, etc. are welcome to volunteer at the event and receive community service hours. Please visit HC DrugFree's website at www.hcdrugfree.org and go to the Events/Drug Take Back Day page for more information about medication disposal, or let us know you plan to volunteer by emailing Admin@hcdrugfree.org or calling 443-325-0040.

Community Service Hours: All students (elementary through college) may receive community service hours for volunteering during any HC DrugFree event. For information, please email Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040.

Thank you.

Staff

HC DrugFree, 5305 Village Center Dr., Ste. 206, Columbia, MD 21044

443-325-0040

www.hcdrugfree.org

HCPSS G/T Intern/Mentor Program is Looking for Mentors & G/T Education Program Overview

[Read More](#)

Empowering Parents as Partners

[IEPempowerparents.pdf](#)

Community Conversation on Restorative Justice

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, in sponsorship with the Howard County Education Association and the Restorative Justice Partnership, will be hosting a community conversation on restorative justice. The event will take place October 7 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm in Rouse Theater. Refreshments will be served from 6-6:30 pm.

[restorativejusticefler.pdf](#)

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](#)

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