

MWES News - Week of February 24, 2020

MARCH

6 - Quarter 3 interims sent home

9 - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

9-13 - Kindergarten Registration Week (details coming soon)

16 - Change Matters Campaign

18-20 - 5th Grade Puberty Education

23-24; 26-27 - 5th Grade Puberty Education

20 - PTA Culture Night at MRHS

23 - MISA Testing for 5th Grade 11am-1pm

25 - April 2 - Scholastic Book Fair

APRIL

1 - Scholastic Book Fair Family Night and Ice Cream Social

A note from Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Community,

As part of our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) monthly celebration and our Social Emotional Learning Program (SEL), we would like to create a "bed of rocks." The bed of rocks would entail each child painting their own river rock to represent their likes, uniqueness, etc. It would be the goal to have every child and staff member in our school paint a rock to create a

colorful path outside our school building. We will also include our newly redistricted students into our bed of rocks as well.

We are looking for a business or community member to donate 750 river rocks to our school. If you are interested or able, please contact Mrs. DeBord at carol_debord@hcpss.org. A photograph is attached below to show you the outcome of the project.



Thank you,

Mrs. Carol DeBord, Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

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.

Screening for Students at Risk for Reading Difficulties

In accordance with Maryland's Ready to Read Act (2019), all HCPSS kindergarten students* will be administered a screener assessment that includes a battery of four one-minute reading measures (DIBELS 8th Edition) to examine their letter naming, decoding, and word reading skills. The assessments will occur throughout winter, 2020. Parents and guardians will be notified if assessment results indicate that your child would benefit from an intervention. Testing will be administered by our Reading Specialist, Natalie Miskimins natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org and our Reading Support Specialist, Elizabeth Shaffer elizabeth_shaffer@hcpss.org.

*This includes kindergarten students who do not have a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) with reading foundational skills goals.

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

None at this time

INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

2020-2021 Kindergarten and New Family Registration (Not Current Students)

Please make certain you are in the screen for 20-21 if registering for the next school year. Please read this message in its entirety.

Registration for students entering Kindergarten in Fall 2020- starts on Monday, March 9th and runs through Friday, March 13th from 9:30-2:15 at Manor Woods Elementary. Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland, so if your child turns 5 by September 1, 2020, you must register your child for the 2020-21 school year. Parents or guardians are to register students at the school serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Information on neighborhood schools can be found through School Locator <http://hcpss-gis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=06528401636a4a48b1ef681c66a61a07> on the [school system web site](#) or by calling the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682.

Step 1: Register Online Here: https://sisparents.hcpss.org/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx

Step 2: Complete registration in person by providing the documents listed below. *The registration process is easier if you bring copies of the documents for us to keep or upload them during online registration.*

The following documents are needed for registration:

- Child's evidence of birth
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a signed lease or deed including signature pages
- Current utility bill
- Photo ID of parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

Please visit <https://www.hcpss.org/enroll/kindergarten/> to view important information about registering your student. You can also find a complete list of documents required for registration. If you have any questions about Kindergarten Registration, please call Manor Woods Elementary at 410-313-7165.

If you have a child currently attending an HCPSS PreK program, there is no need to re-register your student for Kindergarten. Also, if your child is a current HCPSS student at MWES or any other HCPSS school, please DO NOT re-register your student.

If you have a multi-family living arrangement, an appointment with our PPW, Jeanine Smith is required. A representative of the host family and guest family must be present for the appointment. Email Jeanine_Smith@hcpss.org for more information.

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.

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[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](#)

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

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

No news this week

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

Columbia Association A Story Called Kindness Poster Contest

Design a poster illustrating acts of kindness.

[2020 Poster Contest Flier](#)

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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Free Eye Exams and Glasses

The Beyond 20/20 Maryland Optometric Association (MOA) outreach program will provide FREE Eye Exams and Glasses to participating Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students in February and March.

[Beyond 2020 Flier](#)

[Beyond 2020 Flier2](#)

Summer School Program Information

Each summer, HCPSS offers learning experiences and educational opportunities through a variety of programs and classes. Contact Information for Summer Institute is available through the following links.

[Summer School Programs 2020](#)

[Summer School Preview 2020](#)

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

[WinterClasses](#)