

MWES News - Week of March 2, 2020

MARCH

6 - Quarter 3 interims sent home

9 - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

9-13 - Kindergarten Registration Week 9:30am-2:00pm (details below)

16 - Change Matters Campaign

18-20 - 5th Grade Puberty Education

19 - Kindergarten Field Trip to Toby's

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

3 - 3 hour early dismissal for students

6-13 - Spring Break Schools Closed

14 - SCH Kickoff for 5th Grade

17 - Spring Class and Individual Pictures

23 - Take Your Child to Work Day

Primary Election Day Schools and Offices Closed

A note from Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Families,

As a community, we will be taking time during our social emotional learning circles to discuss the importance of bus safety. The safety and well-being of our students is and continues to be a priority and this includes getting to and from school each day. The vast majority of our students ride a bus to and from school and all of our students ride a bus sometime during the school year as we take field trips.

During instruction next week, students will engage in discussions about school bus expectations and important safety reminders while riding a bus and/or waiting at bus stops. The image below summarizes our expectations. Students will engage in purposeful activities that will help them specifically define what it means to Be Responsible, Use Respect, and Stay Safe on the school bus. We encourage you to continue the discussion with your child(ren) at home. Together, we can uplift the importance of these expectations and encourage safe bus rides.

Be Responsible

Use Respect

Stay Safe



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.

CogAT Score Information

Parents of Third and Fifth Graders,

Placement letters and CogAT score reports for fifth grade students were mailed home Friday, February 21st. By now, you should have received your child's information. Letters and reports for third grade students will be mailed home on Monday, March 9th. If you have any questions about your child's report or did not receive a report, please contact Mrs. Zinn at Jennifer.Zinn@hcpss.org.

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

March is National Youth Art Month

In celebration of March as National Youth Art Month, we will be holding art-themed spirit days each Friday throughout the month. Ideas were generated by some of our 5th grade students. We can't wait to see what you will be wearing each Friday!

Friday, March 6 – Animal Day - A common theme in art, wear animals or animal prints on your clothing, animal ear headbands, etc.

Friday, March 13 – Cool Color Day - Wear as much blue, green and/or purple as you can.

Friday, March 20 – Monochromatic Color Day - Dress in tints and shades of all one color.

Friday, March 27 – Creativity Day - A day to let your creativity shine. What will you wear?

Let Me Run Starts April 15th

Become a Let Me Run athlete!

[Let Me Run Flier](#)

INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

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.



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 am-2:00 pm at Manor Woods Elementary. [Kindergarten enrollment information](#) is now available online. Additionally, [Early admission to Pre-K](#) and [Early Admission to First Grade](#) opens March 1st. Those webpages will be updated immediately prior to the application open date. The [Pre-K application](#) period opens March 16th. **MWES is not a Pre-K location. If your child is already enrolled at MWES, please do not re-enroll!!**

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)

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](mailto:Jeanine_Smith@hcpss.org) for more information.

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.

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

Guys and Dolls, Jr at MVMS February 28th and 29th

First, come see Guys and Dolls, Jr presented by our very own MVMS students at 7 pm in the Cafeteria. Many MWES Alumni are in the play!

[Buy your tickets HERE for \\$5](#), or get them at the door for \$10

THEN, Head over to Yogi Castle after the show!

MVMS PTA will receive 25% of the sales proceeds, and you can enjoy a sweet treat in the company of MV families and friends!

See you there!

Marriotts Ridge Softball Clinic

[Softball Flier](#)

Marriotts Ridge Flea Market

[2020 Mustang Flea Market Flyer v2.jpg](#)

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

[CLICK HERE FOR FLIER](#)

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](#)