

MWES News - Week of 3/4/2019

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 1** - Sleep Book (Wear pjs, buddy reading and bring your favorite Dr. Seuss book.)
- 6** - Interim Reports issued
- 8** - Spirit Day: Career/Professional Dress Day
- PTA Culture Night at Marriotts Ridge High School 5-7pm
- 11** - PTA Meeting 7 pm
- 12-15** - MISA Testing Grade 5
- 21** - Puberty Education 5th Grade Parent Information Meeting 6 pm

A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD AND MRS. BIALESKI

Dear Manor Woods families,

March is Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM), an annual celebration which engages music educators, students, and communities from around the country in promoting the benefits of music education programs in schools.

Music in Our Schools month began as a single statewide advocacy day and celebration in New York in 1973 and grew to become a month-long celebration of school music in 1985.

During MIOSM, the MWES halls will be alive with the sound of music each morning during the student's arrival. We will be treated to musical performances by MWES staff and students. We are looking forward to a wonderful showcase!

Also, March is a terrific time to introduce your child(ren) to live theater. Many Howard County high schools will be presenting musical productions this month. Please keep your eye out on the Community News section at the bottom of the Manor Woods newsletter for up-to-date show information.

As we celebrate music in our schools, I would also like to acknowledge our dedicated musical staff at Manor Woods. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Bonnie Zeitler and Mrs. Sarah Lahan, orchestra teachers, Mrs. Cynthia Rinaldi and Mrs. Kerry Phelps, vocal music teachers, and Ms. Alexis Kalivretenos, band teacher.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol DeBord, Principal

Mrs. Julia Bialeski, Assistant Principal

Kindergarten Registration

Online registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open for new students. Online registration must be completed before coming in person. Parents can complete the registration process for students entering Kindergarten in Fall 2019 (finalize paperwork) starting on **Monday, March 11th through Friday, March 15th from 9:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.** at Manor Woods Elementary.

After beginning the registration process online, parents/guardians will need to contact their child's new school and schedule a registration appointment.

This final step confirms area residency, guardianship of the child and ensures that the registration process is completed correctly.

Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland, so if your child turns 5 by September 1, 2019, you must register your child for the 2019-20 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](#) on the [school system web site](#) or by calling the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682.

The following documents are needed for registration:

- Child's evidence of birth (birth certificate, birth registration or baptismal certificate)
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a signed complete lease (including landlord signatures) or deed
- 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.**

****If you are a multi-family enrollment, please email our PPW, Kevin Lee at kevin_lee@hcpss.org for an appointment. Both host and guest must attend the appointment.**

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

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Nathaniel Silverston and Tyler Wang for representing Manor Woods in the 2019 Howard County Honors Orchestra! They performed an outstanding concert on February 23rd.

MD SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

Parents of students receiving special education services are encouraged to complete the MSDE survey, which will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services. Complete the hard copy recently mailed to parents, or complete the survey online at www.mdparentsurvey.com.

PTA NEWS

Culture Night:

Thank you to all the families who have expressed interest in participating, volunteering, hosting a table, and contributing to Culture Night on March 8th from 5-7pm at Marriotts Ridge High School. We look forward to showcasing 13 countries and hosting a night rich of cultures, food and performances from our school community. We hope you all attend and take the time to sign up to help via the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4CACAA2BA1F58-culture>

Culture Night Flyer

The PTA is a very integral part of the school community. Please read about the **upcoming events and activities** that are being planned for your student. [READ MORE](#)

Support Manor Woods by joining us for **restaurant nights**. A portion of your dining bill benefits our PTA. [READ MORE](#)

Support Manor Woods by shopping on Amazon through **Amazon Smile!** [Read more](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS

Our community includes other schools within the area and provides activities that often encompass the Manor Woods Community. Find out about events being held at Mt. View MS,

Burleigh Manor MS and Marriotts Ridge HS. Area summer camp information can also be found under this link. [READ MORE](#)

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM - PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The Waverly Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) prekindergarten programs are making preparations for classes for the 2019-2020 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2019 may pick up an application packet in the school office beginning February 15, 2019.

All applications must be returned by Friday March 29, 2019. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Whitehead at (410) 313-2819 or andrea_whitehead@hcpss.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

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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JOHN HOPKINS' STEM EXPO

John's Hopkins APL is hosting a FREE "Girl Power, a STEM Expo" for elementary and middle school students, with support from the Maryland Space Business Roundtable.

[GirlPowerFlyer](#)

MWES WINTER 2019 AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES WITH HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS

Howard County Recreation and Parks offers a variety of after-school classes at Manor Woods. Keep your child active during the cold winter months. [READ MORE](#)

For Complete information on these Before & After School classes, including how to Register, please go to www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool