

# MWES News - Week of June 17, 2019

## JUNE

**19** - 5th Grade Picnic and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

**20** - 5th Grade Promotion 9:15 am and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

**21** - Last Day of School and **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (12:15 pm)**

## A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD AND MRS. BIALESKI

Dear Manor Woods Families,

As the year winds down, I would like to take some time to acknowledge our outgoing PTA president. Mrs. Wendy Williams-Abrams has been our PTA President for the last 2 years. During her time as President, she has advocated for your children in so many different ways. When I first came to MWES, I knew Mrs. Williams-Abrams as the "Yellow Shirt" lady. She was the person that went to the Board of Education meeting to share with them the importance of APFO (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance). Mrs. Williams-Abrams worked hand in hand with the staff to ensure that our rooms and portables were ready for students when we redistricted 150+ students last year. She also worked with the PTA to provide Dreambox accounts for every single student in grades K-5. Under her leadership, we were able to move our Spring Fling to Adventure Park where the children and parents are able to socialize and play in a safe environment.

Over the past two years, Mrs. Williams-Abrams worked with the PTA board to fund-raise in a new way. The children were able to participate in a fun-run which brought the teams together to run and complete various obstacles. It was a blast for all! Mrs. Williams-Abrams initiated numerous fun activities at Manor Woods and always kept the children in the front of all our decisions. We will miss her leadership, but hope to see her at all of our future school functions

We are excited to welcome another PTA Executive Board on staff. Thanks to our PTA

membership, you voted in the following people to complete our Executive Board. We look forward to working with this team of dedicated people.

President: Sri Tadameti

1st VP: Alex Cratin

2ND VP: Mandy Sharp

Treasurer: Alicia Mabry

Recording Secretary: Hellen Sedghi

Corresponding Secretary: Meghan Beno

Lastly, I would like to recognize all the wonderful things the PTA does for our children. Besides purchasing Dreambox, they purchase snacks for our 5th grade closing ceremony, pay for every Cultural Arts program the students see during the school year, organize and finance the ice-cream social, create the yearbook, financially support and organize Staff Appreciation Week, create the student directory and many other things too numerous to mention.

From the bottom of my heart, a special thank you goes out to our PTA Executive Board and the family members that have committed to this fine group.

Fondly,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Julia Bialeski, Assistant Principal

## **Update to 2018-2019 Academic Calendar (Current School Year)**

The last day of school for students will be Friday, June 21. Schools will dismiss three-hours early Wednesday, June 19-Friday, June 21, and there is no half-day Pre-K/RECC. [Learn more →](#)

## **PLANNING A MOVE?**

If you are planning to move this summer, please fill out a Transfer/Withdrawal Notification Form and submit it to the front office staff as soon as possible. Please submit the attached form by **Friday, June 7th**. Feel free to email the completed form to [christina\\_shumaker@hcpss.org](mailto:christina_shumaker@hcpss.org). **\*\* Please fill out one form for each student.\*\*** Transfer packets will be available for pick-up on Friday, June 21st after dismissal.

[MD Student Xfer Form \(MWES\).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](mailto:MWESabsences@hcpss.org)

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Get Your Student(s) Supplies Delivered to Your Home!**

MWES PTA is partnering with School Tool Box to sell prepackaged school supplies for the 2019-2020 school year. Order online and the boxes will be mailed straight to your home address. You can CUSTOMIZE your box by adding or removing items. (Note - This program

is TOTALLY OPTIONAL! You may also purchase your supplies at the store of your choice). Order today! [www.schooltoolbox.com](http://www.schooltoolbox.com)

Questions? contact Jen Shea at [mwesptasupplies@gmail.com](mailto:mwesptasupplies@gmail.com)

[Manor Woods ElemMD Flyer-14.pdf](#)

## **FROM OUR HEALTH ROOM**

If you have medication held in the health room for your child(ren), please plan to pick up the medication any time between now and before Noon on 6/21/19. If you do not pick up the medication, it will be discarded.

## **FROM OUR READING SPECIALIST**

### **ENROLL in Howard County Library Summer Reading Program**

Children, teens, and adults can participate! [Enroll online](#) from home or at any HCLS branch OR pick up a paper booklet at any branch.

- After you've enrolled online or picked up your Summer Reading booklet, log the books you read and mark off activities as you complete them.
- Mix and match any combination of 20 books read and/or activities completed
- For every book/activity you complete, you receive an entry into a branch and systemwide prize drawing for your age group.

**FOR ONLINE PARTICIPANTS:** HCLS has a new online summer reading portal called [BookPoints!](#) Beginning June 1, 2019 you can register for a FREE summer reading account and create your BookPoints Username and password. Earn up to 41 entries into end-of-summer prize drawings by participating online!

**FOR PAPER ONLY PARTICIPANTS:** Between July 1 and August 31, return your completed booklet to any library branch to receive one entry into the end-of-summer prize

drawings for each book or activity you complete. Check off a minimum of 20 books and/or activities to officially complete Summer Reading 2019: A Universe of Stories!

## READING LISTS

- [PreK Book List | printable](#)
- [K to Grade 1 Book List | printable](#)
- [Grades 2 – 3 Book List | printable](#)
- [Grades 4 – 5 Book List | printable](#)
- [Middle School Book List | printable](#)
- [High School Book List | printable](#)
- [Adult |](#)

Participation Prizes include:

\$300 gift certificates from RacePace toward the purchase of a bicycle and a helmet

Telescope Kits

Pen Boutique Baskets

Books for children ages infant to 4.

Kindle tablets (ADULTS ONLY)

Prize drawings will occur in early September, with winners notified by mid-September. All prizes and coupons while supplies last. One prize per reader.

## MORE SUMMER READING FUN

Dear MWES families,

It has been a wonderful year at Manor Woods. Your child has done a wonderful job of building their reading and writing skills that will prepare him/her for the upcoming grade. Continuing to read and write over the summer will help to keep those skills sharp.

Sincerely, Natalie Miskimins, Reading Specialist

[READ MORE FOR SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES](#)

[READING CALENDAR](#)

### **PTA NEWS**

**Volunteers Needed!** The PTA sponsors a Cookie Reception following the the 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up on Thursday morning, June 20th, from approximately 9:30 - 11:30.

The PTA will purchase the cookies and waters. Email Jen Shea at [mwesptasupplies@gmail.com](mailto:mwesptasupplies@gmail.com) if you can help!

Note - 5th grade parents, no need to volunteer - please just enjoy the day!

### **Manor Woods PTA Executive Board Nominees for 2019-2020 School Year:**

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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 by accessing their website here.** [READ MORE](#)

Support Manor Woods by joining us for **restaurant nights**. A portion of your dining bill benefits our PTA. You can also support MWES by shopping 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](#)

### **COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS**

#### **Summer Meals Program**

We are pleased to inform you that our 2019 Open Site Summer Meals Program will begin on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 and run through Wednesday, August 21, 2019. The program hours will vary from location to location. All children 18 years of age and younger who drop in at any of the sites may receive free meals. Parents or guardians do not need to apply to get these summer meals for their children.

[SummerMealsProgram.Color.4.19.pdf](#)

[Summer Meals FAQ's.pdf](#)

[Community Partner Communication-2.pdf](#)

[FY19 Summer meals - Weekend Warrior Flier.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](#)

### **HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY PRESENTS: Kindergarten, Here We Come!**

Kindergarten, Here We Come! is a 45 - 60 minute class for children entering Kindergarten this fall. Registration required. The class features stories and activities to help mark that all important first day, including boarding a real school bus. Cosponsored by Friends & Foundation of HCLS and Howard County Public School System.

<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/748/files/12305973>

### **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](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool)

Camp Information: [www.howardcountymd.gov/camps](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/camps)