

MWES News - Week of 1/27/2020

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Parents,

February Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences for elementary schools will take place on February 13th and 14th. Parents can schedule conferences through Connect Access Jan 30th – Feb 11th. Parents can log into [HCPSS Connect](#) beginning Thursday, January 30th at 9:00 a.m through Tuesday, February 11th at 3:30 pm. Parents will be able to view and select from the time slots provided. Due to the shortened window and fewer conference spots, those parents that feel comfortable with their child's performance in the area of math, their child's data, and report card information **DO NOT** need to schedule a conference during this conference window. GT conferences for all 5th grade GT students are also available. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. DeBord, Mrs. Zinn or your child's homeroom teacher. Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions to log in on 1/30/2020.

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/synergy-parent-teacher-conference-registration.pdf> Here is an instructional video link: <https://youtu.be/QcMwkkIgkls>

Thank you,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

JANUARY

27 - Schools Closed for students - Professional Work Day

30 - Road to Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm Centennial High School

FEBRUARY

3 - Quarter 2 report cards sent home

3-28 - MAP testing 1st-5th grades (see table below)

4 - Schools and Offices Closed - Delegate Election Day

7 - PTA Family Duck Disco 6:30 pm

11 - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

13-14 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students

17 - Schools and Offices Closed- President's Day

19 - PTA restaurant night @UNOs (Long Gate Location)

20 - 5th Grade Parent Puberty Education Meeting 6 pm

MWES School-Wide Events Calendar

If you would like 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.

Congrats to Mrs. Peksa and Family

We'd like to share with you that Mrs. Peksa will be going out on maternity leave beginning February 5, 2020. We wish Mrs. Peksa, her husband and daughter Emma, congratulations as they add a new little surprise to their family. Mrs. Ugiansky, a familiar substitute at Manor Woods, will be substituting for Mrs. Peksa during this time. Best of luck to the Peksa family.

WINTER MAP TESTING SCHEDULE

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

Just Read January

MWES is super excited to share with students and families the special activities/days for the month of January! Watch Mrs. DeBord's and Mrs. Zinn's new read-aloud videos by clicking the links below:

[DeBord on Vimeo](#)

[Zinn on Vimeo](#)

INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

Special Events

- Jan. 28th – Buddy Reading – Each buddy team will pick a time to get together.
- Jan. 31st – Wear a Readable Shirt Day!

NEA is celebrating Read Across America all year long!!! Looking for diverse books/activities check out their website: <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/2019-2020-calendar/>

Road To Kindergarten Workshops

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2020? Please join us for an information session about Kindergarten in the Howard County Public School System.

[Road2KEvent Flier](#)

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.

[READ MORE](#)

[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

Marriotts Ridge High School PTSA is sponsoring a Howard County Drug Free program titled "Not My Child: Teen Vaping and More" on January 29 and we would like to invite the Manor Woods community to join us.

[NotMyKidVaping Flier](#)

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.

[READ MORE](#)

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](#)