

MWES Newsletter - Week of 6/29/2020

MWES School-Wide Events Calendar

If you would like to 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.

JULY

6- Summer School Begins through July 30

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn:

Hello Manor Woods Families!

Today marks the first day of summer vacation and time for us all to take a break and relax. I must say, this has been the most unusual and unprecedented end to a school year that any of us have ever experienced. When we closed our doors on March 13th, we began to miss our "normal" lives with students more and more each day. As we ended the school year, we reflected on many activities that traditionally mark the closure of a typical year. We were, however, able to celebrate our fifth graders last Friday with a virtual Promotion Ceremony as they move on to middle school. We would like to wish every fifth grader well and let them know we are proud of all of their accomplishments. Each grade celebrated and was able to have time to say goodbye to their friends in a virtual environment. The PTA graciously donated MWES pennants to our fifth graders in order for them to be recognized during a parade through the school parking lot. Our staff missed being able to say their normal goodbyes and clap out our students with our annual tradition of bubbles and farewells to our fifth graders.

We continue to be proud of our students for the learning that continued to take place from home while schools were closed. Our students developed a whole new level of proficiency with the computer, and many of our staff members did as well. A special thank you goes out to our parents and community for supporting our child(ren) as we chartered unknown waters. We appreciate your

partnership as we developed a whole new way to do school. We are so proud of our staff members for their dedication and for their creativity in engaging your children in distance learning.

As we move into summer break, we encourage our families to take a break from screen time or reduce the amount of time connected to technology. Find ways to safely enjoy the outdoors, get outside and stretch those brains but remember..... please, please, please wear masks and use social distancing. We want to return to school!!!

Lastly, and high on our priority list, are our new students that will be arriving to Manor Woods from St. John's Lane Elementary School. When we return to learning in the fall, we will have 113 new students joining the Manor Woods Family!!! If you know any students that will be joining us, please reach out to them and welcome them to MWES. We will have upcoming activities or events planned to transition our new students. We just need to see where we are headed before we make future plans.

Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Fondly,

Carol DeBord and Jen Zinn

HCPSS Seeks Stakeholder Feedback

As the 2019-2020 school year comes to a close, HCPSS staff continue to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year while navigating continuing unknowns of what school will look like in the fall.

“Our primary consideration for fall planning continues to be the health and safety of our students and staff, and equity is a critical priority as we seek to serve the needs of all students, including those who are most vulnerable,” said

HCPSS Superintendent Michael Martirano. “While many decisions will largely depend on guidance from the state and health authorities, all plans will be developed keeping in mind the needs and priorities voiced by our students, staff and families.”

Students, staff, families and community stakeholders are encouraged to provide input and feedback to help guide the solutions for the 2020-2021 school year through online surveys.

Surveys, targeted to each group, are open through noon on **Wednesday, July 1**, and can be accessed through the following links:

Students

- [Grades 3-5](#)
- [Grades 6-12](#)

Parents/guardians

- [English](#)
- [Chinese, 中文](#)
- [Korean, 한국어](#)
- [Spanish, Español](#)

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

Final Report Cards Now Viewable to Parents Online

Quarter four report cards will not be printed. Report cards are available for parents/guardians to view and/or download. To access Q4 report cards:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect Synergy \(https://www.hcpss.org/connect/\)](https://www.hcpss.org/connect/).
2. Select Academic Information from the left panel.
3. Select Student's Report Cards from the middle.
4. Select 2019-2020 Q4 Report Card.

Class Placements for School Year 2020-2021

Class placements for 2020-2021 will once again be available on HCPSS

Connect. You will be able to access all pertinent information regarding your child using your Connect account. This is where you will go to see your CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER for school year 2020-2021. At some point in August, simply login to <http://www.hcpss.org/> and click on HCPSS CONNECT to access your account. Watch news blasts and alerts to notify you when specifically, this will open. You will be required to complete an emergency card for each child BEFORE a HOMEROOM TEACHER will be available for you to see.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Are You Moving?

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. Feel free to email the completed form to christina_shumaker@hcpss.org.

**** Please fill out one form for each student.**** Once the Transfer/Withdrawal Form is submitted, a transfer packet will be emailed to you.

[Transfer/Withdrawal Notification Form](#)

STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT

Counseling Connection Newsletter for Families

“The HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in this [latest issue of the School Counseling Connection newsletter](#) are self-care ideas and fun activities for home.”

If you have an immediate need for help with depression, suicidal thoughts, or other serious mental health issues, please contact:

Grassroots Crisis Intervention at 410-531-6677

The Maryland Crisis Hotline: Dial 211 and then choose option 1

The Crisis Text Line: Text 741741 and a trained counselor will respond.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

NEW INFORMATION FROM HCPSS

Student Access to Lexia Core5 and DreamBox

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Elementary students will have access to DreamBox Learning and Lexia Core5 throughout the summer. Students are not required to work with either learning platform, and their progress will not be monitored by teachers. Parent portals for both tools will continue to be available to review student progress. If you choose to have your child work with these tools over the summer, we encourage you to limit use to the recommended amount of 15-20 minutes per day. For technical support during the summer, please use the following contact information:

DreamBox Technical Support Contact Information

Email: support@dreambox.com

Customer service: 1 (877) 451-7845

Lexia Core5 Technical Support Contact Information

Website: <https://www.lexialearning.com/support>

Email: support@lexialearning.com

Customer service: 1 800-435-3942

The following links provide additional mathematics and language arts resources for students:

- <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/english-language-arts/>
- <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/mathematics/>

REPEATED INFORMATION FROM HCPSS

Click here for more information from HCPSS regarding updates during continuity of learning including new attendance and calendar changes.

[READ MORE](#)

Planning for the 20-21 School Year

[READ MORE](#)

Summer School Update

<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>

HCPSS Free Summer Meal Service: Please share [this link \(Links to an external site.\)](#) with your community so that they are informed of this wonderful opportunity. The program will run from July 1-August 14.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

More Food Distribution Opportunities

A pantry will begin at the Long Reach Village Center this Saturday. It will be there on Saturdays and Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. through the month of June.

The [Lentil](#) and [Indian Cultural Association](#) of Howard County, Maryland

ICA is proud to expand its FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM during the COVID-19 crisis. Beginning May 23rd - thru June 28th, ICA's POP-UP PANTRY will be distributing fresh foods and grains at the MILLER LIBRARY in Ellicott City, MD from 4pm-6pm every Saturday and Sunday. We are thankful to so many for making this possible. All are welcome. As a community united, we can overcome any and all challenges.

Summer Reading Information

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Community Resource for Families

Columbia Cares is an organization that has helped many families throughout the region with food and other household items. There are distribution sites at several of the HCPSS grab and go sites for those families with transportation, or an opportunity to have groceries delivered for those without transportation or in quarantine. Visit [Columbia Cares](#) for more information.

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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