

MWES Newsletter – Week of 10/15/18

OCTOBER

- 12 - MAP (math) 3rd Grade 8:50 am
- 15 - student flu clinic
- 15 - MAP (ELA) 3rd Grade 8:50 am
- 15 - MAP (ELA) 5th Grade 1:05 pm
- 16 - MAP (ELA) 2nd Grade 9:00 am
- 17- Kindergarten Field Trip to Green Meadow Farm
- 18 - MAP (ELA) 2nd Grade 9 am
- 18 - MAP (ELA) 5th Grade 1:05 pm
- 19 - **Professional Development Day - Schools Closed for Students**
- 25 - 5th Gr Field Trip to Philadelphia
- 26 - PTA Fun Run (School Wide Fundraiser - Details Below)
- 29 - Individual Student Photos
- 31 - 2nd Gr Field Trip to Rosehill Manor
- 31 - Halloween Classroom Parties 2 pm (**STUDENTS ONLY**)

A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD & MRS. BIALESKI

Dear Manor Woods Families,

Just a reminder and some clarification. Halloween is coming and we will celebrate on Wednesday, October 31st.

Halloween has been part of the Manor Woods culture over the years and continues to be a largely anticipated event by many of our students. This year, we are going to continue with a class party in which children can dress in costume and celebrate with their classmates. As many of you know, we made the decision last year to omit the community parade from our Halloween festivities. There were many factors that went into our decision making and we spent time having conversations with our leadership team and PTA leadership prior to making this decision.

Over the past year, we have worked to create a safer environment within the Howard County Public School System and Manor Woods specifically. We continue to be extremely limited with our parking at Manor Woods and over the past few years, the number of family members that attend the traditional parade has become overwhelming. Part of our decision to omit the community parade is due to our lack of parking, but we cannot overlook the many additional safety issues that a community parade presents. With the addition of over 100 community members on our sprawling campus, we do not feel that we can adequately supervise 640+ students in an outdoor setting under these circumstances. During the school day, it is our responsibility to ensure the safety of our children and we take this role seriously.

On the afternoon of the 31st, children will have the opportunity to dress up for Halloween and take part in classroom games and snacks. They will be given the opportunity to share their costumes with the other students within the building. Unfortunately, this is going to be a MWES student event only. It is our hope that families will have the opportunity to parade around the local neighborhoods and participate with their children as they parade around from house to house for treats on Halloween evening.

The staff at MWES would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with this decision. Again, we would like to stress that our decision was based on the safety of our school campus and the limited parking we have available for you to use.

Although only parents that volunteer will be able to attend our Halloween celebration, we have several other opportunities coming up this year when we encourage you to join us to enrich our community. We would like to encourage you to sign up to assist with the PTA Duck Dash, scheduled for October 26, assist the health room with the flu shots on Monday, chaperone upcoming field trips, and join us during American Education Week to see your child's learning in action in November. In addition, our PTA is seeking several volunteers to lead the planning efforts for this year's Culture Night, to be held on Friday, March 9 at Marriotts Ridge High School. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,
Carol DeBord, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

MSDE SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

This month, our fifth grade students will be completing the MSDE School Climate Survey during a technology class. Please note the date for your child's class. We respectfully request that you avoid scheduling appointments on the date your child will complete the survey. Students who are absent on the day their class completes the survey will be included in a makeup group.

Martin – Monday, October 8

Kaczorowski – Tuesday, October 9

Sorkin – Thursday, October 11

Lewis – Friday, October 12

Thomas – Wednesday, October 17

For more information about the MSDE School Climate Survey, please see [this week's edition of the HCPSS News](#), which you should have received by email on Wednesday, October 3.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The following students are representing Manor Woods in the all county Howard County Children's Choruses. **Aly Benning, Adrian Bolisay, Julian Bolisay, and Abhi Singavarapu are members of the Cantus Chorus. Shirley Gwak, Sebastian Hennessey-Loyo, Arshaan Khan, Sarah Pan, Avani Singavarapu, Cynthia Tan, and Lily Wang are members of the Lyric Chorus.** We are thrilled that they are representing Manor Woods!

~Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Rinaldi

4TH AND 5TH GRADE CHORUS

Permission forms to participate in Chorus are past due! Please email cynthia_rinaldi@hcpss.org or have your child see Mrs. Rinaldi for a Chorus form. Chorus is for students who LOVE to sing! Participation is for Winter and Spring. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Only students new to MWES throughout the year will be eligible to join for the Spring. Thank you for your support of the Music Program at MWES!

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNSELOR, MS. HEINLEIN

Hello Manor Woods community! It's my pleasure to serve as the school counselor here at Manor Woods. This is my 4th year at Manor Woods & I'm grateful to work with such a supportive & collaborative school community. One of my favorite aspects of my job is visiting all homeroom classes (K-5) to teach monthly guidance lessons. The classroom guidance curriculum covers personal/social, career, & academic development. I look forward to working with your children. Please contact me through email monica_heinlein@hcpss.org or by calling our main office at 410-313-7165 if I can be of assistance to your or your child. We're looking forward to a successful school year!

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Just a reminder that the flu clinic at MWES is on Monday, October 15th. **If you signed your child up to receive the flu vaccination please have them wear short sleeves to school on Monday.** Any questions or concerns please call the health room. 410-313-8326.

REPORT CARD COMMENT INFORMATION

[Comments for 18-19 Elementary Grading and Reporting Dates - Based on New Calendar-1 copy-1-1.pdf](#)

PTA NEWS

Please see the www.mwespta.org for details and additional news.

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC)

Next Meeting Oct 29th Ten Oaks Fire Hall 7-9pm. The September and October meetings are focusing on Dyslexia. The September speaker Karleen Spitulnik was from the group Decoding Dyslexia. The Executive Director of Special Education Terri Savage also spoke about the next grading system for next year recently passed by the board of education.

DUCK DASH FUN RUN

The PTA is planning the Duck Dash fun run for the school on October 26th. A flyer was sent home in Thursday folders with more details. Please register your child online at [Duck Dash Fun Run](#)

We need parent volunteers to make the Duck Dash a success. Please sign up to help at [Duck Dash Volunteers](#)

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Rita or Jen at MWduckdash18@gmail.com

FALL 2018 AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES

The fall flier is out and Recreation and Parks has lots to offer for After School Enrichment activities. Check out Club STEM that offers an exciting hands-on science experience, stretch your creativity with Kidzart or build with Legos. **It's not too late to sign up even if a class has already started!**

[RSD afterschool fliers fall18 manor woods.pdf](#)

IMPORTANT THINGS FOR PARENTS TO REMEMBER

For safety reasons, we cannot release your child to another parent unless that parent is listed on your Family File as one of your emergency contacts. Please be thoughtful in who you choose and be sure to update these names as needed.

Our school is committed to the well-being of our children. We value our students as well as their younger siblings who will be future Mighty Ducks. ***In order to support our academic program as well as guidelines outlined through our Risk and Safety Management Office, we are unfortunately unable to accommodate the presence of younger children and siblings during the school day.*** Please know there will be opportunities for our future Mighty Ducks to join school events through our PTA family fun activities, concerts, and special programs. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers! We have received your Parent Volunteer and Confidentiality forms and Child Abuse Awareness Training Certificates. If you turned in your Confidentiality form but did not complete the Child Abuse portion of the Volunteer training, please view the MD State Law & HCPSS Policy 1030 at https://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf. After viewing, please complete the [Child Abuse Awareness Training Certificate](#) and turn in to the front office.

GT PROGRAM PARENT ACADEMY OCTOBER 17, 2018 7-8:30PM

[GTOverview10_17.pdf](#)

HCPSS G/T INTERN/MENTOR PROGRAM

[gtmentor2018.pdf](#)

If you or someone you know might be interested in serving as a mentor for one of our students, please contact Debbie Blum, Coordinator, HCPSS G/T Education Program, at debbie_blum@hcpss.org or 410-313-6800 or visit <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/gifted-and-talented/high-school-programs/research/> for additional information.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

RHHS PRODUCTION ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

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[Anne of Green Gables-Press Release REVISED FINAL.pdf](#)

BMMS YARD SALE

[YardSaleFlier.pdf](#)

MRHS MUSIC DESSERT DAYS PIES

Dessert Days Pies just in time for fall and winter holidays! Dessert Days offers 16 different pies from which to choose and all come frozen and ready to thaw and eat or bake and serve! Help the Music Foundation reach their goal of 700 pies! Online Orders will be accepted 10/1 thru 10/18 at <https://tinyurl.com/mrhmusic-dessertdays>. Delivery scheduled for November 12 2:30-6:00 in the Marriotts Ridge cafeteria. Questions: mf.fundraiser@gmail.com

BE A DAISY

[Be A Daisy - Tracy Hill.pdf](#)

HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS HAUNTED EXPERIENCE

[Haunted Experience Flyer 2018-1.pdf](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

In alignment with Howard County Board of Education [Policy 10010, Distribution and Display of Materials and Announcements](#), the following announcements have been approved by the Public Information Office for distribution. Please visit [Distributing Community Information through the School System](#) or contact the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682 if you have any questions.

The link below will take you to community notices are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>