

# MWES Newsletter - Week of 11/5/18

## NOVEMBER

**6 - Election Day - Schools and Offices Closed**

**7 - Professional Work Day - Schools Closed for Students**

**12-16 - American Education Week (DETAILS BELOW)**

**12 - PTA Meeting 7 pm**

**13 - Math Night 6 pm (DETAILS BELOW)**

**14 - Quarter 1 Report Cards sent home**

**19 - Turkey Trot (\*Rain Date 11/20)**

**19 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students; Parent/Teacher Conferences (DETAILS BELOW)**

**20 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students; Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**21 - Schools Closed for Students**

**22-23 - Schools and Offices CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!**

**27 - MWES Chorus Concert @ MRHS 7pm**

## **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)

## **A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD & MRS. BIALESKI**

Dear MWES families,

As partners in your child's education, we invite you to sign up for our yearly Parent Teacher Conferences. The HCPSS window for conferences is scheduled for [November 19th, 20th, and 21st](#).

Parents can log into [HCPSS Connect](#) beginning Wednesday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m through Friday, November 16th at 3:30 pm. Parents will be able to view and select from the time slots provided. Conferences for the fall will be Language Arts only unless your child is enrolled in 4th grade GT math program with Mrs. Broadhurst. GT conferences for all 5th grade GT students will be held in the Spring. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. DeBord or Mrs. Bialeski or your child's homeroom teacher. Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions to log in on 11/08/18.

[SYN073 Parent Conference Parent.pdf](#)

Here is an instructional video link: <https://youtu.be/QcMwkkIgkls>

\*\*Please know that per the teacher's contract, they will not be able to accommodate conferences the week before or the week after the conference window.

Sincerely,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Julia Bialeski, Assistant Principal

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

Do you want to support your child's math thinking, but don't want to just give them more work to do? Are you looking for fun ways to engage with your child? Does your child like playing games? If you answered Yes to any of these questions, then mark your calendar for our Family Math Night on Tuesday, November 13th! You won't want to miss it! Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/O2d5xPd6DFZzJeye2>

## **RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

**Veterans Day-Monday, November 12, 2018**

Manor Woods will be observing Veterans Day on Monday, November 12, 2018. We value and appreciate the important role played by our veterans and service men and women. In honor of Veterans Day, Manor Woods would like to recognize these heroes who serve our country. To all those who have served or are currently serving, we thank you!

During our morning announcements, we will be sharing the name(s) of veterans and/or service men or women connected to our Manor Woods students who have served or are currently serving. Please use the following link to provide this information, including your child's name and grade, by Thursday, November 8th:

Link: [Veteran's and Service Member Recognition](#)

We will also have a spirit day in honor of Veterans Day on Monday, November 12. Students and staff are invited to wear red, white and blue to school on this day.

We'd truly appreciate your service to us!!

### **CONGRATS TO OUR STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE TCOE!**

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County (TCOE), in partnership with the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS), will hold its Celebration of Academic Achievement on Thursday, November 8, celebrating students' academic performance during the 2017 – 2018 school year! This annual event publicly acknowledges and honors students of African and African-American heritage, encouraging children to continue on the path of excellence through high school and beyond. This accomplishment is a tremendous achievement for our students. This celebration honors students who are currently in Grades 4 – 6. The criteria for celebration is as follows: Students in Grades 4-6 must earn As or Bs in all areas under language arts or mathematics for all four marking periods. Students cannot earn Ds or Es in any of the following subjects: language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and health education for all four quarters. Congratulations to the following Manor Woods students!

**Nathaniel Eniola, Aniyah Lee, Isabel Nsubuga, Kellan Patcha, Jordan Smith, Joshua Akinladenu, Julian Clay, Dean Semper, Sharon Tewodros, Dename (Ruthie) Warman**

**American Education Week—November 12-16, 2018**—will present all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

The staff and administration of Manor Woods Elementary School cordially invites you to this year's American Education Week, Reach. Educate. Inspire. During the week of November 12-16, our school will be open to parents and community members that would like to observe the rigor and enthusiasm of our classrooms. We would like to share with you a snapshot into your child's daily routine. **We invite you to join us anytime between 9:15 am-2:30 pm throughout the week.** We are hoping with a flexible, open schedule, you will be able to find a time that is convenient during your day to visit us. As you know, parking is often an issue and spreading your visits throughout the week should lessen the crowded parking lot.

During your visit, you will see children in action. Teachers will not be creating special activities or events but will continue with their daily instruction. During this visit, younger siblings should not attend. This is a special time to see your elementary student shine.

A few last reminders: This is an educational time for your student. Our daily instruction will continue while you visit. Therefore, please limit any interaction you may have with your child and understand that teachers will not be able to hold personal conversations at this time. We also ask that you keep your cell phones off out of respect for the classroom environment. Taking pictures is very distracting to the students and we would like to ask that you refrain from taking photos during your visit. Please be sure that when you visit, you stop by the sign in at the table in the lobby. There will be sign in sheets and visitor stickers available at the table. We hope to see you during American Education Week, 2018!

### **TURKEY TROT IS COMING SOON!**

The Annual Manor Woods Turkey Trot will be on Monday, November 19th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during students Related Arts block. Volunteers are needed to guide students around the course and cheer them on as they cross the finish line. If you would like to

volunteer, please contact Mrs. Peksa at [karyn\\_peksa@hcpss.org](mailto:karyn_peksa@hcpss.org) or Ms. Holocker at [allison\\_holocker@hcpss.org](mailto:allison_holocker@hcpss.org).

### **FROM THE MEDIA CENTER**

We are so happy that many students are taking advantage of our new “Little Free Library” located at the front of our school. One of our former students was nice enough to not only build it, but he also provided us with a starter collection. Sadly, we are running very low on books and it seems that many students are borrowing, but not returning the books. If you have any gently used books that you would like to donate, please have your child bring them to the media center and label them “Little Free Library”. If you know your child has borrowed books from the box, please encourage them to return them when finished. Thank you!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Dear MWES Families,

Please consider volunteering your time to help with labeling, filing, and organizing our NEW nonfiction guided reading materials for classroom teachers. Volunteers can come to school anytime during the day and I will leave directions and etc. If you are able to help please reach out to me at [natalie\\_miskimins@hcpss.org](mailto:natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org). Happy Reading!

Thank you,

Natalie Miskimins

Reading Specialist

### **YOUNG AUTHORS' WRITING CONTEST 2018-2019**

Students in Grades 2nd through 5th are invited to participate in the State of Maryland Literacy Association SoMLA - Young Authors' Writing Contest. In this writing contest, students submit an original poem or short story or both. **Each writing entry requires its own cover sheet.** Parents, students, and homeroom teacher are required to sign the cover sheet.

Student work must be typed on the computer and saved. If a student does not have access to a computer to type their entry please let Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist know to arrange for the student to type their entry. **The cover sheet and original writing entry is due on or before Friday, December 14, 2018.** Students can pick-up forms for the writing contest from their classroom teacher, off of Mrs. Miskimins' Reading Board, or on the MWES website. All cover sheets and original work are to be turned into Mrs. Miskimins' Reading Board where there are folders for each grade level to turn in writing contest submissions. Please reach out to Natalie Miskimins, MWES Reading Specialist at [natalie\\_miskimins@hcpss.org](mailto:natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org) if any questions! Happy Writing!!

[CORRECT DATE YA Poster Announcing Contest Elementary 2018 .pdf](#)

[YA Student Cover Sheet 2018\[1\].pdf](#)

[YA Writing Rubric.pdf](#)

## **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](http://www.mwespta.org) for details and additional news.

## **Amazon Smile**

Help support Manor Wood's PTA by shopping on Amazon through Amazon Smile. You get the same great deals and benefits offered by Amazon while supporting your children's school! Just go [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and login to Amazon using your regular username and password. Search for Manor Woods under charitable organization, and you are ready to shop!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon Sammis at [mwesptavp1@gmail.com](mailto:mwesptavp1@gmail.com).

## **Restaurant Nights**

**Tuesday, November 27** (5pm-9pm) at **Chick Fil A (4905 Executive Park Dr, Columbia, MD 21045)**

## **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.

## **FALL 2018 AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES**

The NEW flier is out and Parks and Rec has lots to offer for After School Enrichment activities. Check out the new session of Club STEM class that offers an exciting hands-on science experience, stretch your creativity with KidsArt or build with Legos! Classes fill up fast!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y84h3jqe>

## **IMPORTANT THINGS FOR PARENTS TO REMEMBER**

### **PARENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

In order to volunteer in the building or on field trips, **both the confidentiality and child abuse training must be completed**, and the printed certificates turned into the front office.

Please click the following link to complete volunteer (**data confidentiality**) training:  
[www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information](http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information)

**Child Abuse Training:** [https://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse\\_ppt.pdf](https://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf)

## **NO DOGS/PETS PERMITTED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

[pet policy.pdf](#)

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

### **MRHS PRODUCTION OF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU**

Marriotts Ridge High School is proud to present our fall production, You Can't Take It With You, a whimsical comedy that follows the romance of Alice Sycamore and Tony Kirby as they explore what can only be described as the "madness of sanity" when allowing their very different families to get acquainted. A heartfelt story about the importance of acceptance and living life to the fullest, this production is sure to resonate with a 21st-century audience.

The show runs November 15-17th at 7 PM and November 18th at 3 PM. Tickets will be priced \$8 in advance [Order Tickets Here](#) and \$10 at the door. Enjoy the show!

### **RHHS PRODUCTION ANNE OF GREEN GABLES**

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[Anne of Green Gables-Press Release REVISED FINAL.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.

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