

MWES Newsletter - Week of 12/24/18

DECEMBER

24-January 1, 2019 - Winter Break: Schools Closed for Students

24-25 and January 1, 2019 - Winter Break: Offices Closed

JANUARY

3 - School-Wide Spelling Bee Grades 4 and 5 (snow date 1/10/19)

4 - Bumblebee Grade 1

7 - Bumblebee Grade 2

7 - 6:30 pm CogAT parent information night (**FIFTH GRADE PARENTS ONLY**)

9 - Bumblebee Grade 3

Winter-Sing-Along!

On Friday, December 21st, students will be participating in our school-wide sing-a-long. Due to space limitations, this is a student/staff only event. If you are planning to sign your child out early on Friday, December 21st, please sign them out before 2:00pm.

We have implemented the following changes to our recess and lunch schedule for this day only.

Recess

K 10:05-10:35

1 10:35-11:05

2 11:05-11:35

3 11:35-12:05

- 4 12:05-12:35
- 5 12:35-1:05

Lunch

- K 10:35-11:05
- 1 11:05-11:35
- 2 11:35-12:05
- 3 12:05-12:35
- 4 12:35-1:05
- 5 1:05-1:35

A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD & MRS. BIALESKI

As our winter break approaches, the entire staff at Manor Woods would like to wish you and your family a wonderful time together, lots of snow, and lots of laughter. We are looking forward to beginning a new year with your child(ren) when they return in January. The teachers are planning meaningful instruction and engaging activities in order to build upon our expectations to prepare your child social, emotionally, and academically for their future endeavors.

Today, we will bring closure to the year 2018. We are happy to share that we have made steady gains so far this school year with our "Being a Writer" program, Dreambox, MAP scores, and math and reading levels. Behavior has been stellar as we continue to collect hundreds of yellow tickets for positive behavior.

If you've been a member of the Manor Woods community for awhile, you know that we celebrate the children and the end of the calendar year year with a school-wide sing-a-long. We will be continuing this tradition today with winter songs permeating our building while kicking off the holiday season. The children also participated in a school-wide BINGO game

as a celebration for moving Manny the duck forward, part of our PBIS program. Great things are going on around our school.

Again, we wish you a wonderful break and holidays full of cheer. Be safe and enjoy the New Year!

Fondly,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Julia Bialeski, Assistant Principal

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

PICK UP AND DROP OFF REMINDER

When picking up or dropping off your child before or after school, we encourage you to use the car-pool loop. If you choose to park in the lot to wait for your child in the pm, you **MUST** park in a designated spaces and walk to get greet them. They may not walk unaccompanied to your car. Also, please pull in the handicapped spot only if you have tags or a placard. We appreciate your help for the safety of our children.

FARMS PROGRAM

The Free and Reduced-Priced Meals (FARMS) program provides access to an array of services for qualified families including free and reduced-priced breakfasts and lunches, free SAT and ACT registration, free tuition to take college courses at Howard Community.

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Howard County Executive Calvin Ball and Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) Superintendent Michael J. Martirano [released a video](#) urging families to take advantage of supports for which they qualify – specifically the Free and Reduced Meals program (FARMS). Please share with your school communities.

SCHOOL NEWS

YOUNG AUTHOR'S GRADE LEVEL 2ND-5TH GRADE WINNERS

Congrats to all of our winners and all 40 students who entered the writing contest! All of the entries were absolutely amazing.

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MWES 1ST, 2ND, 3RD GRADE BUMBLE BEE SPELLING BEE FINALISTS/ALTERNATES

We would like to recognize the top performers and alternates from our classes. We are looking forward to our grade level BumbleBee activities in January!!

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MWES 4TH AND 5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE FINALISTS/ALTERNATES

The following students will represent their classes in the school-wide spelling bee for 4th and 5th grades. Wish them luck!

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PTA NEWS

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. [READ MORE](#)

Support Manor Woods by joining us for restaurant nights. A portion of your dining bill benefits our PTA. [READ MORE](#)

Support Manor Woods by shopping on Amazon 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. [READ MORE](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

Community Action Council

[General Info CAC Dec2018](#) - flyer about Howard County's Community Action Council's supports for families needing assistance at the food bank, with paying the heating bill, or with housing payment assistance.

Howard County Food Bank Donation Items

[Items Needed at Food Bank Dec2018](#) - flyer about what and how to donate to the Howard County Community Action Council's Food Bank

Winter Meals on December 27-28

Please let your communities know that Free Winter Break Meals will be offered at two Howard County locations on Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28, 2018. Details can be found at [HCPSS News Post re Winter Meals](#).

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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