

## **A NOTE FROM MRS. DEBORD AND MRS. BIALESKI:**

Hello Manor Woods Families!!

We've had a wonderful first week at Manor Woods with our students and staff. The children are full of energy and are quite happy as they move about the building. With many new students arriving, our children are building relationships and establishing routines with their new teachers. As we move about the school to greet students and observe their learning, we see an excitement for learning. Mrs. Bialeski and I have met with each team sharing the message of "Being Kind." We are encouraging the children to take a minute to say hello to a new friend, help when needed, and use kind words. Being kind is easy!

We have already had our Back to School Nights for our primary grades and would like to encourage our intermediate parents to join us on Monday, September 17th for a general information sharing. For this evening, we encourage you to find child-care if at all possible in order for you to enjoy the evening the teachers have planned for you.

On a different note, the children have been extremely excited to play on our new playground and to take a book from our new "Little Free Library." These are just a couple of large additions to our school community. Stop by on the weekend for a visit and play on the new equipment or just drop by to exchange a book. The kids will be thrilled!!

Throughout the school-year, I will continue writing little information blurbs within our newsletter. I hope you find the information that I share enjoyable and meaningful. Another way to engage in our school community is to follow us on Twitter. We often "tweet" photos of activities going throughout our building. Also, please bookmark our school web-site in order to connect with us there as well. Many of you often request the daily schedule and it is now posted right on our site!!

We hope the start of the school year was smooth for you and your family. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email the administrative team.

Thank you,  
**Carol DeBord**  
**Principal**  
**Julia Bialeski**  
**Assistant Principal**

## **SAVE THE DATES**

**Back -to- School Nights for the 2018-2019 School Year**

**September 17, 2018**

**6:00 pm** Fourth and Fifth Grades

**7:00 pm** Third Grade & GT Math

**September 28, 2018**

**5:30-7:30 pm** PTA Back-to-School Picnic - More details coming soon!

## **CALENDAR**

- **September 10, 2018** - Rosh Hashanah - Schools and Offices Closed
- **September 17, 2018** - 6:00 pm New Orchestra Parent Orientation in Cafeteria
- **September 19, 2018** - Yom Kippur - Schools and Offices Closed
- **September 24, 2018** - MAP (math) testing 1st Grade 12 pm
- **September 25, 2018** - MAP (ELA) testing 1st Grade 9:00 am

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **WEATHER GUIDELINES/RECESS**

Exercise outdoors is healthy and is strongly encouraged. It provides a break from the regular school routine, a chance to get some outside air, and an opportunity to burn off excess energy. If conditions preclude the full recess time, even a five minute break can revitalize children and prepare them for more sitting and academic learning. Children are expected to wear clothing appropriate for forecasted conditions when participating in recess or outside activities. The decision to go out or stay in for recess is the decision of the Administrator at individual schools. On rare occasions due to extreme weather, a decision may be made at the school system level. The following factors are considered in determining if recess is to be held outside:

- Temperature and humidity
- Wind chill
- Heat index and air quality
- Age of students
- Length of time outdoors
- Adequacy of the children's clothing
- Condition of the playground
- Falling precipitation (more than a sprinkle or mist)
- Thunder and lightning

Generally, it is assumed that students will be outside for recess when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit or the heat index reading is less than 95. Children with certain health conditions may need special accommodations during extremely

hot or cold weather. Parents of those children should provide medical documentation and may be consulted to determine if other arrangements are necessary. During hot weather, teachers should provide students a water break before and after recess. Additionally, any student who shows signs of heat exhaustion or overheating should be allowed a water break during recess.

Manor Woods will follow the 20 degree Fahrenheit or the heat index of less than 95 suggested guidelines. We will use the following website to determine our recess plans:

<https://weather.com/weather/today/1/21042:4:US>

### **MWES Has a New Drop-Off Table in the Vestibule**

Dear Families, Did your child(ren) forget their lunch, backpack, instrument, homework, or anything else of importance? Have no worries! We now have an "OOPS TABLE" in our vestibule! Just stop in the vestibule, label the items with the provided pens and paper, and leave the rest to us. You don't need to ring the bell. We are trying to make your mornings easier and to minimize disruption to the front office. (We have over a dozen of forgotten items dropped off daily.) We will be monitoring the table throughout the day and will ensure that your child receives their forgotten items. Happy New School Year! ~The Front Office Staff

### **ABSENT NOTE EMAIL REMINDER**

When your child is absent, please send an email to the following address:

[MWESabsences@hcpss.org](mailto:MWESabsences@hcpss.org)

**Please bookmark this as a tab on your computer, and on the day your student returns from their absence, please send an email to the above address. NOTE: DO NOT send an email to your child's teacher. Often these emails are not forwarded to the front office for documentation. You may copy your child's teacher on the attendance email if you'd like.**

We appreciate your help to ensure that our children are marked accurately on their attendance record. Thank you for taking the time to use our new email address created specifically for absences.

### **FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

Please look for flu consents to come home with your child next week. The flu clinic is scheduled for October 15th at MWES and will take place during the school day. Consents are due back to

school by September 21st or can be completed on line. Any questions please call the health room.

[Howard County ENGLISH Letter and Consent 2018 flu.pdf](#)

[Howard County SPANISH Letter and Consent 2018 flu.pdf](#)

### **ORCHESTRA INFORMATION**

Welcome back to orchestra! Returning students can enroll today at the this link:

<http://mwesorchestra.weebly.com/enrollment.html>. Are you new to the orchestra? Please attend our Orchestra Orientation on **September 17th** at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria!

### **PTA NEWS**

Please see the [PTA website](#) for details and additional news as PTA information is now sent separately via School Messenger.