

MWES Newsletter- Week of May 18, 2020

MWES School-Wide Events Calendar

If you would 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.

MAY

18 - Distance Learning Continues

25 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

26 - Distance Learning Continues

JUNE

8 - Rising 6th Grade Middle School Virtual Visit Day

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn:

Happy Friday Manor Woods!

Thank you ALL for your hard work to monitor, follow-up and understand the expectations the county has created as part of our Distance Learning plan. We truly understand that there are a lot of moving parts to follow and that our elementary kids need parent support and guidance. The release dates and times are created by the county, and we understand that these times may not fit within all of our families' schedules. Please feel free to be flexible, adjust the date you have your children work on certain assignments, and know that not all work needs to be completed by the end of the week. Stretch it out if needed. We are giving you the weekends to complete work as well. The information below will clarify the expectations for new scheduling, as shared by our teachers.

Teachers have sent reminders about enhancements to the K-5 check-in schedule beginning May 18, 2020. This message will summarize these enhancements, as many of you are supporting multiple children. Starting on Monday, students in grades K-5 will attend two Google Meet check-ins each week: one morning check-in for Language Arts and content areas and one afternoon check-in for mathematics. The weekly schedule is as follows.

Kindergarten

Mathematics Check-in: Tuesday afternoon

Language Arts/Content Check-in: Thursday morning

Grade 1

Mathematics Check-in: Tuesday afternoon

Language Arts/Content Check-in: Thursday morning

Grade 2

Mathematics Check-in: Wednesday afternoon

Language Arts/Content Check-in: Friday morning

Grade 3

Mathematics Check-in: Wednesday afternoon

Language Arts/Content Check-in: Friday morning

Grade 4

Language Arts/Content Check-in: Wednesday morning

Mathematics Check-in: Thursday afternoon

Grade 5

Language Arts/Content Check-in: Wednesday morning

Mathematics Check-in: Thursday afternoon

Your child's teacher(s) have shared specific times and Google Meet access codes for the check-ins. Students will continue to engage in Dreambox and Lexia Core, as well as lesson activities posted in Canvas for all content areas.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Adjustments to Distance Learning Schedule: Week of May 25

Schools and offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day. The following adjustments have been made to the distance learning schedules to accommodate this school closure:

All teachers will publish required weekly assignments by 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Students will only be expected to engage in Dreambox and Lexia Core four days this week.

The regular distance learning weekly schedule will resume June 1, 2020.

Attendance Reminders:

Students are marked PRESENT for the week if they engage in at least one of the following activities each week:

Participates in a Google Meet Virtual Check-in with their teacher (either ELA/Math)

Engages in Dreambox

Engages in LexiaCore5

Clearly this is a very flexible requirement, so we would expect all students to be present.

4th Quarter Grading Reminders:

All grades are PASS or INCOMPLETE this quarter. To earn a PASSING Grade, a student must complete 50% of the activities throughout this Distance Learning Window. Clearly we would like students to complete all of the assigned work each week, but understand that this may be difficult which is why there is flexibility built into the grading. Our goal is that ALL students can earn a PASSING grade by completing at least 50% of the work.

Sincerely,

Carol B. DeBord
Principal

Jennifer Zinn

Assistant Principal

Virtual Student Visit Days

Students and families attending a new school for the 2020-2021 school year are invited to a Virtual Student Visit Day to meet school administrators and learn more about the school. Additional information about the Virtual Student Visit Day and how to participate will be sent out by individual schools before each date. Please contact your child's current school counselor with any questions related to the upcoming virtual student visits.

May 18: Redistricted rising 1st and 2nd graders

May 19: Redistricted rising 3rd-5th graders

June 8: All rising 6th graders

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 prepared for pick up once buildings re-open.

[Transfer/Withdrawal Notification Form](#)

Please Fill Out Your Consideration Card!

With the school year soon drawing to a close, our staff is beginning the process of grouping students for the 2020-2021 school year. The administration and staff at Manor Woods Elementary recognize that parental input plays a significant part in decisions about individual students. As parents, you know your child's specific strengths and needs.

Because your input is valued, we invite you to provide us with information about your child. The link below will bring you to an electronic form of the Consideration Card. This link is being provided to families who have students entering grades 1-5. The purpose of the card is to give you the opportunity to write specific comments that would be reviewed by your child's current teacher as well as next year's teacher. You may include statements about learning style, special interests, social/emotional needs, and so forth. Please understand that this card is not intended to request a certain teacher.

The administration and teaching staff utilize a wide range of criteria when grouping students for the upcoming year. Our articulation process is thoughtful and detailed, and our decisions are made upon the best interest of each individual student. We ask that you respect our professionalism and trust that our placement recommendation is reflective of what is the best instructional match for your child.

Once again, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to provide helpful information about your child. Please use the link to complete the electronic consideration card on or before **Wednesday, May 27th**. If you have more than one child who will be attending MWES in September, you may complete a separate form for each of your children.

[Electronic Consideration Card](#)

TECH TIDBITS

For additional information about Parent Notification Preferences in Canvas, visit the link below.

<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/9495/pages/parents-notifications>

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

HCPSS Student Group Makes Face Shields for Area Hospitals During COVID-19 Crisis

Ellie Qin, a 4th grader at MWES, and her sister Erica Qin, an 8th grader at MVMS (and a MWES graduate!), are part of this group. They made 60 face shields which have been donated to hospitals like Johns Hopkins Hospital and Anne Arundel Medical Center, and they plan to make more. As Governor Hogan stated, "We are all in this together, and we will get through this together."

<https://www.facebook.com/907931509251615/posts/3299986220046120/?d=n>

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/coronavirus/cng-ho-teens-donate-face-shields-20200505-kxqaknpicvb6nn6kzfwu4soomi-story.html?fbclid=IwAR2zSFaGuCKm54IWtZId6JQq4KKQClfsVq4xUxspOiY7qPjpMr0xPDh2bqQ>

STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT

Counseling Connection Newsletter for Families

The [HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter](#) (Links to an external site.) is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in the School Counseling Connection newsletter are celebrations, activities for home as well as self-care ideas. Newsletters will be created and shared bi-monthly.

News from Ms. Heinlein

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Check out the linked calendar that contains a variety of fun & healthy activities that you & your family can do each day throughout the month. [Mental Health Awareness Month Calendar](#)

The [Mental Health Association of Maryland](#) provides a variety of free resources including virtual workshops & information to support families during this unprecedented time.

I want to remind all families that I'm here to support you. You can visit my Canvas page (accessible on each homeroom teacher's Lang. Arts page), contact me through Canvas Inbox or email monica_heinlein@hcpss.org if I can be of assistance. Take good care & be well!

School Psychologist Office Hours

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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

INFORMATION FROM HCPSS

Click here for more information from HCPSS regarding updates during continuity of learning including new attendance and calendar changes. **There's a lot of new information this week embedded in the link below.**

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

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