

MWES Newsletter - Week of 1/20/2020

JANUARY

- 20** - MLK Birthday - Schools and Offices Closed
- 22**- Mix It Up Day 3rd-5th grade lunch shifts (see details below)
- 22** - Road to Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm Hammond High School
- 23** - Road to Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm Oakland Mills High School
- 23** - SJLES incoming transfer student orientation 6:30 pm
- 27** - Schools Closed for students - Professional Work Day
- 30** - Road to Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm Centennial High School

FEBRUARY

- 3** - Quarter 2 report cards sent home
- 3-28** - MAP testing 1st-5th grades (see table below)
- 7** - PTA Family Duck Disco 6:30 pm
- 11** - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13-14** - Parent Teacher Conferences - 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students
- 17** - President's Day - Schools and Offices Closed
- 19** - PTA restaurant night @UNOs (Long Gate Location)
- 20** - 5th Grade Parent Puberty Education Meeting 6 pm

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.

A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn

Dear Manor Woods Families and our Incoming Saint John's Lane Families,

As we blend our community with our new students that have been redistricted to Manor Woods, I would like to welcome our 115 new students that will join us for the 2020-21 school year. Today I am sending our weekly messenger to all our families that are on our roster for next year just to share how excited we are to welcome our new families into our inclusive school environment. We love our school and will be opening our doors for an orientation to our NEW families on January 23rd from 6:30-7:30 pm. During this time, students will tour our building, meet the staff and administrative team, and have the opportunity to see what it is like to be a Mighty Duck. We are proud of our students and their accomplishments and we hope that while touring our school, you will feel the warm and nurturing environment that we have built at Manor Woods.

A note to our NEW SJLES: All Families in 1st-5th grades attending Manor Woods for the 2020-2021 school year are invited to an orientation to meet school administrators and learn more about the school. ****Please note, orientations/open houses for incoming kindergarteners will be scheduled and communicated in the spring and summer.**** Also, we will not be sending our weekly newsletters to you directly until the new school year begins, but you can always use our [website](#) to access newsletters and other information pertaining to Manor Woods. We look forward to seeing you on January 23rd.

Thank you,

Carol DeBord, Principal

Jennifer Zinn, Assistant Principal

February Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences for elementary schools will take place on February 13th and 14th. Parents can schedule conferences through Connect Access Jan 30th – Feb 11th (details coming soon). Due to the shortened window and fewer conference spots, those parents that feel comfortable with their child's performance in the area of math, their child's data, and report card information do not need to schedule a conference during this conference window. Thank you!

WINTER 2020

Grade	Reading	Math
1	February 12	February 3
2	February 21	February 7
3	February 18 and 19	February 5 and 6
4	February 7 and 10	February 11 and 12
5	February 5 and 6	February 10 and 11

WINTER MAP TESTING SCHEDULE

NEW SCHOOL NEWS

Just Read January

MWES is super excited to share with students and families the special activities/days for the month of January! Watch Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn kickoff this month's celebrations with a read aloud at <https://vimeo.com/382594470>

Just Read January Bookmark Contest

Manor Woods students may choose to participate in designing a bookmark for Just Read January to celebrate Maryland Reading Month. Use the bookmark template to design the bookmark within the template. Turn your bookmark contest design into the front office and/or give to your classroom teacher. **All bookmark designs are due Friday, January 24, 2020.** If you have any questions please email Natalie Miskimins at natalie_miskimins@hcpss.org. Happy Reading!!!

[BOOKMARK TEMPLATE](#)

Special Events

- Jan. 24th – School Wide Hallway Community Reading – This is similar to Drop Everything and Read, except every student will be sitting along the walls in the hallway to read their books.
- Jan. 28th – Buddy Reading – Each buddy team will pick a time to get together.
- Jan. 31st – Wear a Readable Shirt Day!

NEA is celebrating Read Across America all year long!!! Looking for diverse books/activities check out their website: <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/2019-2020-calendar/>

Mix It Up Day at Manor Woods Elementary (grades 3, 4, & 5)

Next Wednesday, Jan. 22 students in grades 3, 4, & 5 will participate in Mix it Up at Lunch Day, an international campaign that encourages students to identify, question and cross social boundaries. We ask students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch. It's a simple act with profound implications for promoting healthy, welcoming school environments.

When students interact with those who are different from them, biases and misperceptions can fall away. Please ask your child(ren) about their mix-it-up experience & the importance of “mixing it up”. For more info. visit www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up.

INFORMATION FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

Road To Kindergarten Workshops

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2020? Please join us for an information session about Kindergarten in the Howard County Public School System.

[Road2KEvent Flier](#)

Trex Recycling Challenge

Tired of throwing away all the soft plastic packaging and plastic bags in the trash because it can't be recycled? Send that clean, dry plastic to school! MWES is participating in the Trex recycling program.

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[trexrecyclingposter](#)

[trexrecyclingchallenge](#)

The plastic then needs to be taken to a collection site nearby - one of the grocery stores on the [list](#). We need assistance from some parents or PTA members to help collect, weigh and transport the plastic. If you are available to help, please sign up through the link below.

[SignUpLink](#)

MWES 4th and 5th Grade Spelling Bee Finalists/Alternates

Congratulations to all fourth and fifth graders for participating in our classroom spelling bees! The following students in 4th and 5th Grade will represent their classes in the school-wide Spelling Bee on Friday, January 17, 2020. Wish them luck!

[READ MORE](#)

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 reason for their absence. If a reason is not included, the absence will be recorded as unlawful. MWESabsences@hcpss.org

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

Boundary Review Update: Updates and information can be found at the [Boundary Review](#) page.

Board Approves 2020–2021 Academic Calendar: The [next school year](#) will begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, for students and on Monday, August 17, 2020, for school staff. Winter break will be December 24–January 1, with schools reopening on Monday, January 4, 2021. Spring Break will run from April 2–9, 2021. The last day of school is scheduled for June 10, 2021.

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS

No news this week

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

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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Free Eye Exams and Glasses

The Beyond 20/20 Maryland Optometric Association (MOA) outreach program will provide FREE Eye Exams and Glasses to participating Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students in February and March.

[Beyond 2020 Flier](#)

[Beyond 2020 Flier2](#)

Summer School Program Information

Each summer, HCPSS offers learning experiences and educational opportunities through a variety of programs and classes. Contact Information for Summer Institute is available through the following links.

[Summer School Programs 2020](#)

[Summer School Preview 2020](#)

Columbia Association Summer Camps

[CLICK HERE FOR FLIER](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES WITH HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS

For Complete information on these Before & After School classes, including how to Register, please go to www.howardcountymd.gov/afterschool

[WinterClasses](#)