

# MWES Newsletter - Week of 5/25/2020

## MWES School-Wide Events Calendar

If you would like to 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

**25 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL**

**26 - Distance Learning Continues**

**27 - Consideration Cards Due**

### JUNE

**1 - Distance Learning Continues**

**8 - Rising 6th Grade Middle School Virtual Visit Day**

### **A Note From Mrs. DeBord and Mrs. Zinn:**

Happy Friday Manor Woods!

As we move into this Memorial Day weekend, we'd like to acknowledge and lift up the many brave individuals who died for our country while serving in the United States Military. Our hearts go out to them for representing our country, and to their families as they remember their loved ones. We'd also like to give a big "shout out" to those who currently serve in all branches of the military for giving their time away from their families to protect and serve. Bravo! You are our heroes.

We hope that everyone takes a few minutes this weekend to relax, refresh, and reset. We will see your students beginning next Tuesday as we continue our virtual learning. Another special acknowledgement goes out to our staff, our students, and our families. The past month has been a big learning curve and adjustment for all of us. We have persevered and are making great strides together. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to distance learning.

On behalf of the staff at Manor Woods, we'd like to wish you a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your support. We appreciate all you do to for our school and community.

Fondly,  
Carol DeBord  
Jennifer Zinn

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **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.

**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](mailto: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](#)**

### **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.

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.

### **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.

### **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](#)

## **STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT**

### **Counseling Connection Newsletter for Families**

“The HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in this [latest issue of the School Counseling Connection newsletter](#) are self-care ideas and fun activities for home.”

### **News from Ms. Heinlein, School Counselor**

These unprecedented times provide us with challenges which we've never faced. During this time, finding healthy ways to cope is more important than ever. Mary Jo Pgulisi, with The Thrive Center in Columbia, has shared the following information about reducing stress in our homes. This is a wonderful resource for parents & caregivers. [Familying in the Time of COVID-19](#)

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](mailto: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 including new HCPSS calendar information.**

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