**MWMS Newsletter**

**May 19, 2017**

**From the Principal’s Desk**

The next few weeks are sure to be exciting ones for our students as we wind up the school year and start to think about summer! Please keep a few things in mind as the last day of school approaches:

* **Attention Students with Medication in the Health Room**

All medications will need to be picked up by the last day of school, Wednesday, June 14 no later than 11 am. [Click here](http://mwms.hcpss.org/events/attention-students-medication-health-room) for more information.

* **Textbooks** Teachers will soon begin to collect textbooks from students. This is a good time to start asking your child to start gathering these books, and looking for ones that might be under the bed or missing somewhere in your home. Typical textbook fines are between $65-$85 when they are lost or damaged, so please start to locate these books in order to avoid a fine. Thanks!
* **Media materials** All media books and materials are due back to Mayfield by June 2. Please be on the look-out for these items while you are checking for textbooks. Sometimes these get mixed in with personal items and looking for them now will avoid stress later (I speak from personal experience here…). Thanks!
* **MAP testing** Spring MAP testing will begin at the end of the month. [Click here](http://mwms.hcpss.org/events/spring-map-testing) for your child’s schedule.

## **Volunteers needed for “Carnival at the Woods”.** On June 12, we have our final incentive day of the year and we want to make this one the BEST one yet! We still need a few volunteers in the afternoon: Can you help us? If so, visit this link: <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4AA5AF2EA7F85-carnival> Questions?  Contact Ms. Reed for more information at [casey\_reed@hcpss.org](mailto:casey_reed@hcpss.org?subject=Carnival%20at%20the%20Woods)

This past weekend was **Mayfest**. I am so proud of our talented band, orchestra and chorus students who gracefully and harmoniously performed in front of hundreds and hundreds of people. It was a wonderful community event, as groups from Deep Run Elementary, Bellows Spring Elementary and Long Reach High School performed during the day, too. Thank you to our music teachers - Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Morris – and to Erin Oberuch and the Boosters for everything they did to make the day amazing, and continue this wonderful tradition.

Last night we held our annual **Enrichment Fair**! Our building was filled with student work ranging from a live student “Mock Debate” and “Facing Injustice Showcase”, to project/demonstrations from various clubs and seminars including robotics, coding, memory book, history day and so many more. Thanks to Ms. Singleton and her student leadership team for all of their hard work in planning this event, and to all of the parents, teachers and students who attended! If you are like me, you left last night blown away by the projects and work displayed - pretty impressive!

Finally, as you read this we have several students in our band, orchestra and chorus who are performing, being assessed and competing in Busch Gardens for the annual **Music in the Parks** festival. Please join me in wishing them luck – I know they are going to be fantastic!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Melissa Shindel

Principal

**Stay Connected**

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Principal's Instagram: [principal\_shindel](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=SKrxk3wHFk-hiNvPcurtA60PP-SozdIIYce0667i0aLB2WSqBxXN0OBjXOvvhw3zmK_7zr99e6w.&URL=https%3a%2f%2finstagram.com%2fprincipal_shindel)

PTA email: [mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=SKrxk3wHFk-hiNvPcurtA60PP-SozdIIYce0667i0aLB2WSqBxXN0OBjXOvvhw3zmK_7zr99e6w.&URL=mailto%3amayfieldwoodspta%40gmail.com)

PTA's Facebook Page: MWMS PTA Facebook Page

**Save the Dates**

5/19: Music In the Parks Field Trip

5/23: 5th Graders Visit Mayfield, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

5/23: After School Program

5/24: 8th Grade Picture, 8:15 AM

5/24: Interim Progress Reports

5/24: 8th Grade Dance Committee Meeting, Media 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

5/25: After School Program Ends

5/25: High Achievers

5/25: Chorus Concert, 7:00 PM

5/26: 8th Grade – Ho Co Library Summer Reading Program Presentation

5/26: 7th Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times

5/29: Memorial Day – Schools and Offices Closed

5/30: 8th Grade Field Trip to Fort McHenry

5/31: Monster Mash, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6/1: Outdoor Band Concert

6/2: GT Field Trip

6/2: Due Date for All Media Books

6/5: 6th Grade – Ho Co Library Summer Reading Program Presentation

6/6: 7th Grade – Ho Co Library Summer Reading Program Presentation

6/7: 8th Graders Visit High Schools

6/7: 8th Grade Music Awards Night

6/7: Citizens of the Month Ceremony

6/7: PTA Restaurant, 7:00 PM – Area Restaurant TBD

6/8: High Achievers

6/9: 8th Grade Dinner/Dance

6/12: Incentive Day #4 – Mayfield Carnival at the Woods

6/13: All Schools Close 3 Hours Early

6/14: All Schools Close 3 Hours Early – **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**

**PTA News**

**MWMS PTA WEBSITE**

The website includes:

• On-going access to up-to-date MWMS and MWMS PTA news

• Links for joining the PTA and volunteering in and out of school

• Calendars of MWMS, MWMS PTA and MWMS Music events

• Spirit Gear purchase info

• MWMS Music Boosters Page

• MWMS Teacher/Staff Gift Guide

• And more …

We hope the new site will be a great resource for MWMS Families. Please take time to explore the site and bookmark us on your computers and smart devices today!

Our address is: ***http://mayfieldwoodspta.weebly.com***

**School News**

**From the Cafeteria Manager:**

**As of May 22 the cafeteria will be unable to loan money to students for lunches. Students must have money in their accounts in order to purchase a lunch.**

**If parents do not want their children to purchase snacks please call the Food and Nutrition Office and request that a block be put on your student’s account. Food and Nutrition: 410-313-7134**

Please note that all checks for your child’s lunch account should be made out to “Food and Nutrition” and not MWMS.

**A Message from the Health Room**

Attendance at school is one of our greatest priorities.  Student learning is much more successful when students are fully engaged in classroom lessons and activities.  Therefore, we want to encourage attendance as much as possible unless a student is truly ill.

When students become ill during the school day, they are expected to go to the Health Room so that the cluster nurse, Ms. Breck, and health assistant, Ms. Mohamed, can assess the situation.  This helps them get to know our students better and also be cognizant of any possible major health issues.  Having this knowledge also helps our Health Room staff proactively address possible health

issues that could affect larger groups of people, such as influenza, lice, or other illnesses.  Our health room staff will communicate with the student's family if there is a need for an early dismissal or medical follow-up.

If you are contacted by your son or daughter during the school day, please encourage them to report to the health room for evaluation.

Thank you so much for your cooperation ... hopefully, this will allow us to provide the best care possible for all of our students!

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Breck at or Ms. Mohamed at 410-313-5022. You may also email Ms. Breck at:  Adriane\_Breck@hcpss.org

**Community News**

**Community Fair**

The Howard County MultiService Center will host it's 8th Annual Community Fair on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**Long Reach High School Cheerleading**

Information about free cheerleading clinics, summer conditioning, and tryouts can be found in the attachment at the end of this newsletter.

**May is Mental Health Month**: Concerned about stress and your child? Sign up for HC DrugFree’s free electronic newsletter to stay informed; send your email address to Admin@hcdrugfree.

A new community news and programs webpage is now available!! This page contains brief announcements of upcoming events and announcements from community organizations. Please visit the HCPSS website for details about upcoming events.

[LRHS CHEERLEADING Flyer.pdf](LRHS%20CHEERLEADING%20Flyer.pdf)

[HoCo Community Fair.pdf](HoCo%20Community%20Fair.pdf)

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