

# MAYFIELD WOODS

MAYFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL/ DECEMBER 5, 2014



## From the Principal's Desk...

We had two wonderful concerts this week, the concert band and the orchestra performances were excellent. It always amazes me seeing the talents of our students. I know everyone worked very hard and I want to thank Mr. Hunter and Mrs. Fullerton for helping our student shine. Next week we have the Chorus concert on Monday and the Symphonic Band on Wednesday. Please join us if you can.

Interim reports will be sent home with students on Friday, December 12th. Just a reminder that all classes with the exception of Related Arts will have an interim grade. Students in Related Arts classes have an adjusted, grade-reporting schedule for those courses since they are offered on an every other day schedule, over a semester. Their interim progress report grade was issued on the first quarter report card, which was the midpoint of the course. A final grade will be issued on the second quarter report card and marks the end of the course.

Please review your child's progress and check to see if there are any supplies or materials they need. We have found that a number of students are in need of pencils, paper and pens. This is an excellent time to go through your child's backpack to clean out unnecessary papers. It is important to celebrate the successes with praise and to recognize students' weaknesses with support. After school support is available again with the winter sessions of both the After School and Bridges programs. Please look for the flyer with more information in your child's next Monday folder.

Congratulations to Lily Nolan for winning our school-wide Spelling Bee. She was our winner last year, too, and we are very proud of her. Our runner-up was Ciera Hudson. All the students who participated deserve recognition for trying their best!

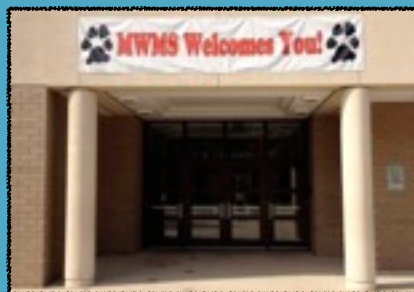
Regards,

**JoAnn Hutchens**



**Family Portal**

<https://hcpss.me/fp>



**WEB SITE:**

<http://mwms.hcpss.org>

**FRONT OFFICE: 410-313-5022**



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# STUDENT RECOGNITION & ACTIVITIES

## CITIZENS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

6th Grade: Brendan O'Reilly, Zulal Beyaz

7th Grade: Mekhail Sherman, Maria Paula Murcia Nieto

8th Grade: Declan Donnelly, Luisa Gumeta Solis

Related Arts: Carlos Barahona, Molly Kane

Congratulations to these students for demonstrating BARK attributes: Be Safe, Act Responsibly, Respect Self and Others, and Keep Focused!

## MWMS CHARACTER AWARD - Gratitude

6th Grade: Emma Klingensmith

7th Grade: Na' Shae Early

8th Grade: Dahki Adams

These students continually show appreciation and express thankfulness throughout the school day!

## CONCERTS, CONCERTS, CONCERTS!

Our Concert Band and Orchestra started our holiday season off with wonderful concerts. The music continues so please join us for the following concerts:

Chorus: Mon., Dec. 8 - 7:00 p.m. at MWMS

Symphonic Band: Wed., Dec. 10 - 7:00 p.m. at Long Reach High School

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - WINTER SESSION

Look for the winter session after school flyer in your student's December 8th Monday folder. The winter session will be held from January 13 - February 26. *Permission slips and money will be collected at homeroom time during the week of December 15-19 only.* Classes are on a first come, first served basis so be sure to return the form and money as soon as possible during that week.

## INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS

The second quarter interims will go home with students on Friday, December 12.

## 8th GRADE HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - December 19

The LRHS counselors will visit MWMS to share scheduling information with our students.

## SCHOOL MEALS

Dec. 8 Beef Taco, Chicken Patty/Roll, Grilled Veggie Sandwich

Dec. 9 Chicken Stir Fry w/Rice, Deli Wrap, Popcorn Chicken, Original Boca Burger w/Roll

Dec. 10 Chicken Patty/Roll, Turkey Salad Sandwich, Original Boca Chicken w/Roll

Dec. 11 BBQ Rib Sub, chicken Nuggets, Grilled Veggie Sandwich

Dec. 12 Popcorn Chicken, Hot Ham & Cheese, Original Boca Spicy Chicken

Dec. 15 Lasagna, Chicken Nuggets, Original Boca Burger

Dec. 16 Chicken Nuggets, Steak & Cheese Sub, Grilled Veggie Sandwich

Dec. 17 Hot Turkey Sandwich, Chicken Patty/Roll, Original Boca Spicy Chicken

Dec. 18 Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Popcorn Chicken, Original Boca Chicken

Dec. 19 Beef Tacos, Chicken Patty/Roll, Grilled Veggie Sandwich

## More Information...

### Grading and Reporting

(Policies 8010 and 8020)

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students meet or exceed rigorous performance standards.

Accordingly, grading and achievement information must be determined in a consistent manner and regularly reported to students and their parents.

Grading and promotion within the school system is based on the degree of success the individual student has achieved in the educational program. Decisions regarding promotion, retention and acceleration are made based on a student's performance and academic progress over the entire school year.

The grading system for kindergarten through Grade 8 includes evaluation, effort, and instructional codes and/or comments. When the performance of any K-8 student is below grade level, the teacher, with appropriate participation of parents, will develop strategies and apply appropriate interventions to assist the student.

The decision to retain or accelerate a student is based on a number of factors that may include but are not limited to:

- Academic achievement level
- Demonstrated progress in response to academic interventions

- Age of the student
- Previous retention or acceleration
- Attendance record
- Parental concerns
- Developmental, health, and emotional factors
- Report card
- IEP or 504 Plan

An elementary student who is not performing on grade level in reading and mathematics will automatically be considered for retention.

Middle school students must meet the following requirements or automatically be considered for retention. To pass from one grade to the next, a middle student must pass all courses and receive a final grade of not lower than "C" in English, social studies, reading, mathematics, and science. A student who does not meet this requirement may be recommended to attend summer school. Any student below grade level in reading and/or mathematics at the end of eighth grade will be required to participate in appropriate interventions.

In high school, a 5-letter grading system is used to indicate the achievement of each student in relation to attainment of course objectives. No plus or minus signs are used for official records.

The following factors are used in determining level of achievement:

- Competence

- Assignments and preparation
- Participation
- Daily classroom work habits

Note: High school midterm and final examinations may NOT be taken before the scheduled dates, under any circumstances.

Weighted GPA will be used for academic eligibility for extracurricular activities, National Honor Society, honor roll, and any other activity requiring the reporting of a grade point average.

School staff will communicate with students and parents on a regular basis the level of academic performance in the essential curriculum (Grades K-8) or in relation to attainment of course objectives (Grades 9-12) as measured by county, teacher-made and other assessments, and by teacher observations via individual conferences, progress reports and report cards.

### JROTC 2015-2016

If your child is interested in participating, you must contact the high school's JROTC program to schedule an interview between Dec. 8 - Jan. 17. Once the interview is scheduled, contact Student Services for an interview packet.

#### ARMY

Atholton HS 410-313-7065

Howard HS 410-313-2867

#### AIR FORCE

Oakland Mills HS 410-313-6945

## CALENDAR DATES

**Dec. 8** Chorus Concert -  
7pm @ MWMS

**Dec. 9** Spelling Bee Snow  
Date

**Dec. 9** PTA Meeting - 7pm

**Dec. 10** Symphonic Band  
Concert - 7pm @ LRHS

**Dec. 12** Interim Reports

**Dec. 15-19** After School  
Program Permission slip/fee  
collection

**Dec. 17** Leadership  
Outlook

**Dec. 24 - Jan. 2** Winter  
Break

**Jan. 5** Students return to  
school

**Jan. 7** Red Robin PTA  
Restaurant Night

**Jan. 12** Bridges resumes

**Jan. 13** Winter After  
School Program begins

**Jan. 14** PTA 8th Gr EOY  
Celebration Meeting - 6:30  
pm

**Jan. 14** PTA Meeting - 7pm

**Jan. 12** Bridges begins

**Jan. 13** After School  
Program begins

**Jan. 19** Schools & Offices  
closed

**Jan. 22 & 23** Early  
Dismissal - Schools close 3  
hours early

## PTA NEWS

[mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com)

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- **BOOK FAIR : Another successful year!**  
**Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to all of the volunteers!**
- **Join us for our next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Mark your calendars early for our next Restaurant Night! Join us on Wednesday, January 7, at Red Robin!**
- **8th Grade Parents :**
  - **We are looking for parents who are interested in participating on the 8th Grade Celebration Planning Committee. The celebration will take place in June prior to the last day of school. The first meeting will be held directly before the PTA meeting on January 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the MWMS Media Center.**
  - **We are also looking for a Chairperson to organize the sale of 8th Grade T-shirts.**
  - **If you are interested in chairing the T-Shirt project and/or are interested in joining the 8th Grade Celebration Planning Committee, please contact Donna Blackwell @ 443-755-9946 or [dmbblackwell3@verizon.net](mailto:dmbblackwell3@verizon.net) , 443-755-9946 or [dmbblackwell3@verizon.net](mailto:dmbblackwell3@verizon.net)**

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### Howard County General Hospital Annual Symphony of Lights

Symphony Woods off of  
Broken Land Parkway in  
Columbia, Md. Wed.-Mon.,  
6-10 p.m. starting Nov. 17 -  
Jan. 4.

In addition to nightly drives,  
Symphony of Lights offers  
special events. Event  
information is available by  
calling the Symphony of  
Lights Information Line at  
410-740-7666 or by visiting  
[www.hcgh.org/  
symphonyoflights](http://www.hcgh.org/symphonyoflights) .

### Winter Indoor Soccer

Attention All Soccer  
Enthusiasts - It's Time for  
Winter Indoor Soccer -  
Register Your Youth Soccer  
Team Now with Maryland  
Sports Services at  
Soccerdome. U7 through HS  
teams can choose from two  
sessions. See all the details at  
[www.soccerdome.com](http://www.soccerdome.com) or  
call Jody Boyer at  
443-668-6019 for assistance.