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Sol Testing Schedule and End Of Year Events

April

- 27: Mantua vs. Greenhawks - Basketball Game at Woodson
- 30: AAP Orientation, 2:30 p.m.

May

- 3: Literacy/Heritage Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 4: 6th Grade Panoramic Picture
- 7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7: Kindergarten Orientation, 2 p.m.
- 8: Spring Band Concert
- 12: Mantua Raccoon Run (5K)
- 14-18: Principal Appreciation Week
- 14: SOL Grade 3 -Reading Part 1
- 15: SOL Grade 3 - Reading Part II
- 16: SOL Grade 4 - Reading
- 17: SOL Grade 5 - Reading
- 18: SOL Grade 6 - Reading
- 18: Spirit Day - wear your sports jersey
- 21: SOL Grade 3 - Social Studies
- 21: Spring Choral Concert
- 22: SOL Grade 4 - Math
- 23: SOL Grade 5 - Math/Advanced Math Take Grade 6 SOL Test
- 24: SOL Grade 6 - Math/Advanced Math Take Grade 7 SOL Test
- 24: Spring Strings Concerts
- 25: SOL Grade 3 - Science
- 25: Regular School Day - No Early Dismissal

28: Memorial Day Holiday

29: SOL Grade 4 - Virginia Studies

30: SOL Grade 5 - Science

31: SOL Grade 6 - U.S. History

June

1: SOL Grade 3 - Math

4: 6th Grade Musical (Secret Garden)

5-7: Field Days

8: Spirit Day - wear your sunglasses

8: Cheryl Thompson Celebration, 5 to 7 p.m.

13: 5th Grade Play (Magic School Bus)

14: 5th Grade Medieval Day

14: 6th Grade Award Ceremony Rehearsal

14: Patrol/GMM Picnic at Eakin Park

15: 6th Grade Awards Ceremony/Party

15: Last Day of School/Final Report Cards sent home

Note: There are no scheduled SOL makeup days. Every effort will be made to test students who miss their scheduled testing days. However, all tests must be completed by June 1.

Human Relations Committee Meeting This Friday

The Human Relations Committee will meet this Friday, April 27, from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the library. Contact Mrs. McConnel, at tamcconnel@fcps.edu, with concerns or if you would like to attend. All are welcome.

Mantua Faculty Basketball Game Week

The Green Hawks vs. Mantua faculty basketball game is this Friday, April 27. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a 7 p.m. tip-off in the Woodson gym. This is a must-see event for you and your family. Advanced tickets are \$4 for kids and \$8 for adults. Tickets can be purchased before school beginning at 8:30 a.m. this Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. There will be a pep rally Friday afternoon. A few of the Green Hawks' players will be on hand. This is the perfect opportunity to wear your Mantua t-shirt and show your school spirit. Volunteers are still needed to sell tickets, or to help out on game night. Check out volunteer opportunities [HERE](#). Contact Teresa

LeMair at teresalemair@aol.com, with questions.

Family Fun Comic Book Night

Mantua's PTA will host a Family Fun Comic Book Night on this Wednesday, April 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Come and enjoy an evening about comic books. Bring you favorite comic books to share or trade with your friends. Learn about the annual National Free Comic Book Day to be held on Saturday, May 5. Meet Bentley Boyd, comic book author of Chester Comix. He will draw and talk about his books that bring social studies concepts to elementary school readers. The audience will brain storm a cartoon idea with Mr. Boyd and create a drawing. Bring a pencil for the drawing lesson. Many of the Chester Comix are in the school library. Chester Comix can be purchased at the event for \$5. A book signing will be held at the end of the evening. Visit www.chestercomix.com for more information. There is no fee to attend this event. Children must be accompanys by an adult. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

Parenting in the Digital Age

On Thursday, May 10, Pamela Huffman, Fairfax County Public Schools Family and School Partnerships facilitator will present information about the latest research on media use, a sampling of the digital marketplace (including Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, cell phones, Internet and more), an overview of our changing technological world, and your role as a parent in monitoring and guiding your child. Following the presentation, which will be at 7:30 p.m. immediately following the regular monthly PTA meeting, there will be time for parents to ask questions, and share suggestions, concerns and comments. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be offered for a nominal fee. Look for more information about this informative presentation in your child's Tuesday folder. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Bike Rodeo

Mantua's PE department is sponsoring a bike rodeo on Saturday, May 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. During that time, shot races, bike inspections, and a technical obstacle course will take place. In addition bike inspections will be available. Don't forget your helmet!

Mantua's Odyssey of the Mind Team Advances to World Championship

Mantua's Odyssey of the Mind team won 2nd place in the Virginia State

Championship on April 14, and 1st place in the regional competition in March. The team will now compete at the world championship in Ames, Iowa, on May 26. The team, which includes 6th graders SeoJin Ahn, James Livingston, Justin Kane, and Jayson Mangis, as well as 4th grader Jenna Mangis and 2nd grader Justin Mangis, worked hard to address the "To Be or Not To Be" problem. In this classics problem, the team put a humorous, musical theatre spin on one of William Shakespeare's most famous lines: "To Be Or Not To Be." They created a character who pondered a similar question, in a team-created dilemma. They also incorporated a character that portrayed Hamlet's conscience, a creative scene change, a creative costume change, and the use of a "trap door." The team spent 6 months creating a skit, building props, making their costumes, composing music, song and dance, and presenting their solution, which needed to be less than 8 minutes in length. Congratulations team and good luck at the world finals!

Important Upcoming Events

Friday, April 27: Mantua teachers vs. GreenHawks basketball game, at Woodson, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 30: AAP Orientation, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 3: Literacy/Heritage Night, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12: Mantua Raccoon Run

TJHSST Launches Newsletters Aimed at Elementary Students

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology has launched two newsletters - one for grades 4-5 and one for grades 6-7. Known as the STEM Times, the newsletters are about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). These publications include information about STEM news, activities, and opportunities in the Washington, D.C. metro area. The newsletter for grade 4-5 can be found [HERE](#). The 6-7 grade version is available [HERE](#).

Alert News Contributions

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Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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