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Mantua PTA Alert News June 5, 2012



Support for Victims of Earthquake in Italy

As part of our 50th year celebration and 50 community service projects we are collecting letters, cards, and pictures to send to give some support to victims impacted by the recent earthquakes that hit Italy. These earthquakes impacted the Mantua, Italy area. Ms. Warren will be collecting the letters, cards, and pictures. Please leave yours in the mailbox outside Ms. Warren's door. The Italian teachers will help us distribute these items to appropriate organizations in Italy. Ms. Warren will be accepting items through Monday, June 11.

A Note About Student Class Placements for 2012-13 School Year

If you plan to share information about your child with Mrs. Fernandez, you will need to use a special form, which can be found on Mantua's website at: <http://www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/>. You will be able to fill it out electronically and send it to JanMarie.Fernandez@fcps.edu. You may also drop it off in the front office.

"Just a reminder, it is not helpful to state the desire to have a specific teacher. Ironically, over the years, I have noted that parents do not always pick the best match for their own children," said Mrs. Fernandez. "They do not have the benefit of actually knowing the different teachers' personalities and teaching styles, as I do. I work many days to thoughtfully complete class placements. Parent requests for specific teachers can often throw off the dynamics of this process and cause a classroom to be filled with too many students with similar needs."

"Please, do not feel that it is critical for you to fill out one of these forms. The teachers fill out cards at the end of the school year on all of their students," said Mrs. Fernandez. "I use this information as well to determine class placements. However, if you do feel the need to share information." All forms must be received by e-mail or dropped off in the main office by June 30.

Sixth Grade Party Volunteers Needed

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over and our 6th graders will be celebrating their achievements and completion of their elementary school years shortly! The 6th Grade Party will begin shortly after the awards ceremony on June 15. Right after the ceremony we will transform the gym into Hollywood. Please consider spending some time at your child's last elementary event and sign up here <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449ACAB2E5-6thgrade>.

Field Day is This Week

Mantua's annual field days are June 5, for grades K-2, June 6, for grades 3-4, and June 7, for grades 5-6. We need volunteers to help walk the classes through the stations, keep the teams working together, make sure everyone understands the directions, demonstrates good sportsmanship and has a lot of FUN! The morning shift is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and the afternoon shift is 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. If you're able to volunteer, contact Teresa LeMair, at teresalemair@aol.com, with the following information: your name, the class and AM or PM shift.

Last PTA Meeting on June 12

The last PTA meeting of the school year will be on TUESDAY, June 12. If you have not yet been able to attend a PTA meeting this year, don't miss this one! A representative from the National PTA will be on hand to present our Phoebe Hears award for Family Engagement. In addition, we will vote on the slate officers, close out this year's budget, and vote on the items the school will purchase with PTA monetary donations. We will have pizza and prizes so come along - meet members of the National PTA and help us gather a quorum for the items we need to vote on.

Don't Miss Saying Goodbye to Ms. Thompson THIS Friday, June 8

Mantua students, staff, families, alumni, and community are invited to a bon voyage BBQ this Friday, June 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. to honor our beloved Assistant Principal Cheryl Thompson, who is retiring after 35 years of dedication to Fairfax County Public Schools - 21 of them at Mantua. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, ice cream, and music. Volunteers are needed to make this a success. Sign up to help [HERE](#).

Additionally, we need help transporting the grills for the BBQ. If you have a truck or a grill - that can be used for the event, please contact Teresa LeMair at

teresalemail@aol.com.

Volunteers Needed for Fifth Grade's Medieval Times Festival

Mantua's 5th grade will celebrate medieval times on Thursday, June 14. Volunteers are needed to help students with crafts and games, serve lunch, etc. Please sign up to help [HERE](#). Contact Teresa LeMair at teresalemair@aol.com, or Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com with questions.

Mantua Front Office Summer Hours

The front office will be open during summer from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Please call a 703-645-6300 if you have any questions during summer. Have a great summer!

End of Year Events

June

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

Important Upcoming Events

Tuesday-Thursday, June 5, 6 & 7: Field Days

Friday, June 8: Farewell to Ms. Thompson BBQ, 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 15: Last Day of School

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

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

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Sincerely, Mantua Elementary School PTA

