



JCC Closed THIS Wednesday and Thursday

Please note: the JCC is closed on Wednesday, **May 15th** and Thursday, **May 16th**. If your child usually goes to the JCC for afterschool childcare, please send an email to [Barbara Hinton](#) by 1:00 p.m. to let her know how your children are going home on those days.

May 20th Chorus Concert Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for the spring Chorus Concert on Monday, **May 20th** at Mantua. Note that the concert begins at 6:30 p.m. that evening. (The time was listed incorrectly in the last Alert News.) We hope to see you there!

PTA Executive Board Elections Held at June PTA Meeting

The PTA 2013-14 Executive Board Elections will be held on Friday, **June 7th** at 9:30 am. The slate for the next school year is:

- President: Jennifer Epley
- First Vice-President (Programs) - Nominees: Teresa Willebeek-LeMair or Laszlo Pentek
- Second Vice-President (Fundraising and Membership): Meri Farling
- Treasurer: Carolyn Stephan
- Secretary: Julie Middleton

Only dues-paying PTA members are eligible to vote. If you have not yet joined, the deadline for becoming a PTA member for the 2012-13 year is May 17th. Dues are \$15 per family. If you have any questions, please contact [Shannon Murphy](#) or [Liz Schatzman](#).

Please join us on Friday, June 7th at 9:30 a.m. during our regularly scheduled General PTA meeting to vote. This will be the last PTA meeting of the 2012-13 school year.

Foundations at Mantua

Why does my child "tap" out her words? Why is he underlining certain letter combinations? How can I help my child with spelling and reading? Please join us for an informational session to learn about the Foundations Program on Wednesday, **May 15th**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Mantua in the

Upper Pod. Foundations is a phonics and phonemic program, geared toward students in grades K-2. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy McCabe at Kathy.McCabe@fcps.edu.

Parent Resource Library Open

The Parent Resource Library - located within the school library - is now open and ready for business! Parents are welcome to come in and check out books.

6th Grade Party Information

Attention Families of 6th Graders at Mantua: Planning for our children's beach-themed end of year party has begun! The party will be held on Friday, **June 14th** after the Award Ceremony. To sign up to help by chairing or volunteering the day of the party, click [HERE](#).

Raccoon Run Review

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the 13th annual RACCOON RUN! The rain held off and despite the lack of helium (literally, there is a shortage of the natural gas!) to make the traditional balloon arch, everyone was a winner as they came across the finish line fast and joyful, to raise awareness, funds, and most of all hope for those living with cancer. Thanks to the Kids Care Club, the PE department, Rocky, the Young Hearts Club, Mrs. Fernandez and Mantua ES, the volunteers, and those of you who participated or gave to help Life with Cancer. Results will be posted shortly on www.raccoonrun.org and more information will be announced next week about the winners of the class competition and pledge donations. Wear your t-shirts with pride and we will see you next year for #14!

Important Upcoming Events

May 13-June 3: SOL Testing - go to www.mantuapta.org to see specific test dates

Wednesday, May 15: Foundations Program Informational Session, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20: Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day - School Closed

SOL Assistance: Practice Aids and Previous Tests Available

The Virginia Dept. of Education has practice tests available on their web site to assist your students in preparing for their SOLs. You might need to install a specific version of the program Java in order to use them. Visit

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/practice_items/index.shtml.

In addition, the following link provides previous versions of SOL tests that have been released by the VDOE: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released_tests/index.shtml.

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.

如果您需要一份中文的曼图亚小学校园新闻周刊，请联系潘红女士。电话：703-939-3403 电子邮箱：hpan.home@gmail.com.

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Si desea recibir una copia de esta informacion en Espanol, porfavor email Ana Castelan a acastelan25@gmail.com.

2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)
Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

