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Important Upcoming Dates

Now-June 5: SOL Testing

May 25: School Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

May 28: Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m., Woodson HS

June 4: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Volunteer Reception 6:30)

June 7: Mantua Homes Tour

June 8: Choral Concert & 6th Grade Musical, 6:30 p.m.

June 9-11: Field Days

June 18: 6th Grade Awards and Party

June 19: Last Day of School, 2-hour early dismissal

SOL Schedule

Students in grades 3-8 will continue taking the Virginia Standards of Learning Tests this week. It will be very helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during this time period. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude. However, please note that we want to reduce our students' anxiety about testing as much as possible by maintaining a healthy balance between students putting forth their best effort paired with reducing students' concerns about the actual test results. The SOLs are just one other measurement of our students' skills. The SOL schedule is as follows:

May 19 – 6th Grade Reading

May 20 – 5th Grade Science

May 22 – 4th grade Math

May 26 - 5th Grade Math

May 27 – 6th Grade Math

May 28 – 3rd Grade Math, part 1

May 29 – 3rd Grade Math, part 2

June 2 – 4th Grade Virginia History

Online Registration for the 2nd Annual Mantua Homes Tour is Now Open!

Online registration for the Mantua Homes Tour on **Sunday, June 7th** is now open. Click [HERE](#) to register. Place your order on or before May 29th for a discounted price of \$15 per ticket. Ticket price after May 29th will be \$20. Support the PTA, and get great ideas for your spring projects! To volunteer, please visit [THIS SITE](#).

We Need Your Help to Decide How to Spend Funds Raised by Our PTA

At our June 4th meeting, the PTA membership will be voting on how to spend the money we have raised for the school this year. If you have a good idea that will benefit a lot of children at Mantua, please send it in! All ideas will be shared with the school Administrators to make sure they are appropriate for our school. Ideas need to be submitted by **Friday, May 22nd** to be considered. Please email ideas to [Julie Middleton](#).

Yearbook Sales

Parents: there are only TWO WEEKS left to order yearbooks online at [jostens.com](#). Please make sure to order in the next two weeks so your child will have memories from this wonderful school year!

Volunteer Reception – Thank You! Thank You!

We are having a volunteer dessert reception prior to our next PTA meeting to thank all of our wonderful parent volunteers who have helped to make this another stellar year at Mantua Elementary. Whether you have stuffed Tuesday Folders once or run a committee, everyone is invited! Please join us from **6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Library on Thursday, June 4th** prior to our final PTA meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Sixth Grade Party!

The 6th Grade Party will be after the Awards Ceremony on **Thursday, June 18th**. Please note that \$20 (cash or check)

and your child's t-shirt order form are due. You can find the order form [HERE](#). You can also order and pay online [HERE](#).

We are in need of people to Chair the following: Set-up/Clean-up, Food, DJ, Photobooth, Activities, and Class Photos. In addition, if you know of individuals or organizations who would like to help sponsor the 6th Grade Party, please contact [Mia Brennan](#). If you have questions, would like to volunteer, or need more information, contact [Mia Brennan](#).

Mantua Shines at Fairfax County Science Fair

Eleven Mantua students presented Science Fair projects at the Fairfax County Science and Engineering Fair for Elementary and Middle Schools on May 9th. The participants were the following:

- In Division I (1st/2nd grade) - Camilla Artiedamarin: Spreading Germs: Water Bottle vs. Water Fountain, Saketha Vijay: Safer Storm Drains, and Aadith Kugarajah: Lemon Battery
- In Division II (3rd/4th grade) - Nicholas Artiedamarin: Laces or Toe to Score More Goals, Vasily Khramov: The Effect of Mass, Angle and Length on the Period of Pendulum Oscillations, Ellen Ingson: Radish Seedlings and NPK Fertilizers, Kathryn Duvall: Can Plants Grow in Different Liquids?, and Ibrahim Omeish: Best Yeast for a Bread Feast
- In Division III (5th/6th grade) - Aadhav Kugarajah: The Effect of Cross Winds on Bridge Stability, Cassie Zhang: Sizzling Sunspots and Their Rotation, and Alexandra Cooper: The Effect of Air Rocket Material on Optimal Launch Angle

Congratulations to all the participants for all their hard work and persistence and for beautiful presentations. Special kudos go to the medal winners Saketha Vijay, 1st place, Ibrahim Omeish, 1st place, Ellen Ingson, 3rd place, and Kathryn Duvall, Honorable Mention and EFC Federal Tech Rock Star Special Award, Division II. If your child is interested in participating in next year's Science Fair, please contact mantuasciencefair@gmail.com.

Raccoon Run Results

Congratulations to all who participated in the 15th annual Raccoon Run! Thank you to Principal Fernandez, the PE Department, the Kids Care Club, Rocky and the Raccoon Runners, and our first ever electronic timers, Commonwealth

Race Management. It was great fun for everyone!

Fun Run Winners are 1st: Joselyn Limbago; 2nd: James Perez; 3rd: Wilson Rene. Winner of the Pizza/Ice Cream party for the class with the most participation is Ms Wilson's 1st Grade class with 11 runners. Winner for collecting the most pledges is Jonah Oxman with a 4-way tie for 2nd/3rd place: Daniel Kim, Jason Kim, Wilson Rene, and Ruben Touber. And, the winner of the pledge drawing is Daniel Kim.

Life with Cancer is the biggest winner of all! Thanks to you, **the 15th annual Raccoon Run raised over \$8,000 for Life with Cancer.** Thank you everyone. We will see you next year for Sweet 16 on May 14, 2016. Questions, concerns, or want to be involved? Contact [Jennifer Lewis-Cooper](#).

Traffic Law Violators Forum

A special community forum discussing traffic law violators in Mantua will be held during the next MCA meeting on **Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Mantua Elementary cafeteria. A Fairfax County police officer will be in attendance to hear concerns and answer questions. If you want to see change in the community and keep our streets safe, please attend. It is very important that we have a big turnout for this forum to show support behind this cause. Report all traffic violators to the non-emergency number at 703-691-2131.

Family Sports Challenge

Join Parties 2 Inspire and the City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Department on July 18th for the Family Sports Challenge at Van Dyck Park. Participants can take part in challenges in basketball, soccer, football, obstacle courses, and other family field events. Entry fee is \$15/participant. Please go to www.fairfaxva.gov/ParksRec to register and for more information.

Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua ES family to feel included and connected—should families need to have a document translated into their native language, our volunteers are here to help!

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Email Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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