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Important Upcoming Dates

May 17-June 7: SOLs (see **complete schedule** below)

May 26: Strings Concert for 4th Grade, 7:00 p.m.

May 30: School Closed, Memorial Day

June 9: Volunteer Appreciation, 6:30 p.m. followed by PTA

Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

June 23: Last Day of School, 2:05 p.m. Dismissal

SOL Schedule

Below you will see the list of SOL testing for 2016. Please make every effort to have your students here during these dates, rested and ready.

May 24 – 4th Grade Math SOL

May 25 – 5th Grade Math SOL

May 27 – 6th Grade Reading SOL

May 31 – 5th Grade Science SOL

June 1 – 3rd Grade Math SOL

June 3 – 6th Grade Math SOL

June 7 – 4th Grade VA Studies SOL

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

At our June 9th 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, June 3rd to be considered. Please email ideas to **Julie Middleton**.

Mantua End of the Year Community Service Project

As we end the school year, let's make a difference by collecting food for Fairfax County families in need. **The collection period is May 24th-June 3rd**. Please see the list below for recommendations on what you should bring, depending on your grade level. You can place your items in the "Community Service" collection boxes throughout the school. Please do not send glass jars.

- Family 1: Dry Goods (rice, pasta, beans, etc.)
- Family 2: Breakfast Foods (cereal, granola bars, oatmeal)
- Family 3: Snacks (fruit snacks, individual bags of goldfish, cookies, crackers, juice boxes)
- 3rd Grade: Peanut butter, sunflower butter, almond butter, jelly
- 4th Grade: Canned Goods (tuna, chicken, canned meats)
- 5th Grade: Canned Goods (vegetables, fruits, tomatoes and sauce)
- 6th Grade: Canned Goods (soup, ravioli, spaghettios, broth)

Remember to bring your donations by June 3rd. Thank you!

Thank You to Homes Tour Hosts and Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who helped us manage another successful Homes Tour! First and foremost, thank you to our wonderful Host Home Owners. They very generously opened their homes to their neighbors to help us raise funds for the PTA! The following families participated: Al-Hassan, Cariola, Clapp, Fitch, Foley, Kim, Lifland, Murphy, Nathan, Phillips, Priddy, and Schatzman.

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Survey: Keeping Your Kids Safe in Today's Digital World

If you attended the presentation at Woodson High School last week, please complete the survey:

http://tinyurl.com/WoodsonExit. This will help us with planning for next year's parent information night. Thank you.

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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