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mantua pta newsletter



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Important Dates

Monday, December 20th - Friday, December 31st - Winter Break, no school.

Mantua Office Closed for Winter Break

Winter break is December 20, 2021 – December 31, 2021. Mantua's office will be closed during this time. Staff will not be available by phone or email over break. If you have an urgent matter, please email Ms. Shannon at lcshannon@fcps.edu.

We look forward to seeing our students back at school on **Monday, January 3, 2022.**



Art Room Volunteers Needed

Come help us out in the Mantua Art Room! Please click the link below to sign up. No experience necessary! We need help with cutting paper, refilling glue bottles, framing artwork, hanging artwork, filling paint cups and more! You may help either teacher, no matter who your child has. We have many different slots to choose from, all we ask is that you check in with the front office when you arrive. These volunteer opportunities will be scheduled when students are not present in an effort to minimize concerns related to COVID. Thank you so much for your time, we appreciate it!

~Mrs. Shirley and Mr. Lorenzi~

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AA9AC22A6FF2-mantua5>

Children Ages 5-11 Now Eligible to VaxUP!



This week marked a pivotal moment in the COVID-19 pandemic. Children ages 5-11 are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. FCPS is collaborating with the Fairfax County Health Department, Inova, and the Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Pediatricians to offer community-wide access to vaccines as soon as possible. Vaccines are expected to be available at mass vaccination sites really soon. Check with your local

pharmacy or pediatrician for appointment availability. Up-to-date information about vaccination opportunities [will be available on our website](#).

In the meantime, you may have questions about the vaccine. We talked with local pediatricians to answer some of the most common questions. First, we asked how the vaccine works and about its safety. Hear what they have to say in this [short video](#).

- [**Return to School - COVID-19 Vaccination for Children Ages 5-11**](#)
- [**Message from the Superintendent**](#)
- [**FCPS Nov. 3 newsletter**](#)

How the School Year Calendar is Developed



The school year calendar is created with community feedback while also ensuring compliance with federal and state laws and policies. To understand the process and the framework FCPS is using, [watch this video](#) or [visit the FCPS website](#). The School Board has final approval on the calendar and is scheduled to vote on January 27.

Join the Mantua Elementary PTA Facebook Page



Let's get social! Don't forget to join the Mantua Elementary PTA Facebook page! Not only is a great place to ask questions and connect with other families, we hope to keep it up to date with important events and dates throughout the year.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/?](https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/?ref=share)

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Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at MantuaPTA.org and click **JOIN PTA NOW!** Dues are \$20 per family and get you discounts on PTA sponsored clubs. Our dues fully support our free programs so that every penny of our fundraisers goes right back into the classrooms. Follow us on Facebook to get the inside scoop on all our events and programs - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/> - Can't wait to get started!



Any changes in dismissal transportation need to be requested by emailing the Mantua Attendance (Mantuaelem.attendance@fcps.edu) by 11:00am, so the office has time to relay that change to the classroom teacher. No early dismissals will be permitted after 3:30pm.

How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News

Please [complete this form](#) to have a Mantua ES- or Mantua PTA-related announcement placed in the weekly Mantua PTA News, on our [Facebook page](#) and/or on MantuaPTA.org.

The form guides you through all the pieces of information we need to put out complete announcements.

