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Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 24 - 5th and 6th Grade strings and chorus concert at 7:00 pm at Mantua Blacktop (Weather Permitting) *If there is a cancellation due to inclement weather, we will notify families by 4PM.

Wednesday, May 25 - Parent Education Session: Teaching Students How to Handle Stress and Anxiety, 6:00pm Virtual. Woodson Grad Walk

Friday, May 27 - ALL Mantua ES Library books are due back in the library.

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day, No School.

Thursday, June 2 - PTA Meeting, 7pm in Mantua ES Library. Volunteer reception (6:30 pm).

Parent Education Session

“Teaching Students How to Handle Stress and Anxiety”
Presented by Rachel Bailey, M.A., CPDPE

When: **Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00pm**

Where: Virtual - <https://zoom.us/j/5328620584> (link is not live until time of session)

Many of you know Rachel Bailey through her Podcasts and training sessions developed to empower parents while raising responsible, resilient, and confident kids. This session will focus on how to help our kids deal with the stress and anxiety they face, particularly now, as they are readjusting to “normal” life, rebuilding social skills, balancing academics/sports/social activities, etc., and just being a kid.

Questions? Contact PTA Parent Education coordinator, Hope Sanders, hopesand1@yahoo.com. For more information about speaker Rachel Bailey, please visit <https://rachel-bailey.com/>

5th and 6th Grade Strings and Chorus Concert

The 5th and 6th grade strings and Chorus concert will be held on **Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 pm** at Mantua ES on the playground blacktop.



Students will receive their strings t-shirts at school on May 24th. We will have a rehearsal and short recording session during school, so please make sure your child brings their instrument and music to school on Tuesday next week.

Students are welcome to leave their instruments at school instead of take them home and bring them back for the evening concert. The instruments will be left in the gym and organized by grade. Please make sure your child's case is labeled with their name. Each year we have a mystery instrument left behind. It would be great to avoid that this year!

Students should report to the blacktop by 6:30. There will be chairs set up on the blacktop for parents to sit. Students should wear their strings t-shirt and black pants/shorts/skirt.

Library Books

All library books are due **Friday, May 27th**. Notices will go home weekly in Tuesday folders and via email, to make you aware of what your student(s) has out. Questions, please email the librarians at kgmarmol@fcps.edu and mahawk@fcps.edu.



The final PTA meeting will be held **Thursday, June 2nd** in the evening. On June 2nd, we'll start with our volunteer appreciation reception at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7 pm. Please join us to hear how we plan to finish off the year strong, meet your new executive board, and see what is in the works for 2022-23!

6th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Party



The Mantua ES 6th Grade Class of 2022 will celebrate the end of their elementary school days with a promotion ceremony at Woodson High School. Parents are invited to join them in the auditorium for the ceremony. The entrance to the auditorium where the ceremony will take place is to

the right of the main Woodson entrance. Afterward, there will be an opportunity to take pictures, mingle with students, and their families. Students will then return to Mantua via bus for lunch and a party planned by 6th-grade parents.

Timeline:

- Students arrive at Mantua as usual in the morning..
- 9:30am: Students are bused to Woodson from Mantua.
- 10:15am: Promotion ceremony begins in Woodson HS Auditorium (duration approx 45 min - 1 hour),
- 11:00am: Pictures with family in the courtyard between the main entrance and auditorium entrance.
- 11:30am: Buses depart Woodson with students to head back to Mantua.
- 11:45am-1:00pm: Parent Volunteers set up for the party while students change clothes and eat pizza lunch in their classrooms.
- 1:00pm-3:30pm: 6th Grade Party. (Parents are permitted as volunteers only!)

Sixth Grade Graduation Party Volunteer Needs (June 9)

Thursday, June 9, Mantua sixth graders will graduate! To celebrate this exciting milestone, we have a fun afternoon planned once they arrive back at Mantua. In order to pull off the celebration, we need many volunteers. Please check out this volunteer sign up form to volunteer your time in advance or day of, or to drop off items needed for the party.

For questions about volunteer opportunities, contact Judith Cabelli at cabelli.judith@gmail.com. Thank you for your help making this celebration a

success!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4dadaa2aa0fb6-sixth1>

WTW Graduating Class of 2022 Mantua Alumni Walk

On **Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 2:30 PM** Mantua will have our senior grad walk. This is when seniors who attended Mantua ES will have the opportunity to walk the hallways and be cheered on by our current students. We are so proud of former students' hard work in reaching this milestone accomplishment. Seniors should meet outside near the front entrance in their cap and gown at 2:15 PM. Parents of graduating seniors are welcome as well.



Food Drive

Hi Mantua families! According to our wonderful parent liaison, Luis Uribe Gamboa, he is running low on some key food staples that he keeps stocked for families within our community. Let's see if we can replenish his supply before the school year ends!

There are two ways to donate:

(1) A large plastic bin located inside the main school entrance

OR

(2) Drop off items on your way home from the store, you can leave them in the driveway at 9214 Ponce Place.

Please consider donating something by June 3.

No donation is too small! Items most needed are:

SALT, SUGAR, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, MASECA FLOUR, PANCAKE MIX, PANCAKE SYRUP, CHEERIOS, OIL, RICE, DRIED BLACK BEANS (NOT CANNED), OATMEAL, COOKIES, SNACKS.

Thank you!

Order Your School Supplies

Don't forget to order your school supplies for next year by June 30th to receive discounted pricing! It's never too early to plan, and the Mantua PTA is happy to announce the 2022-23 School Supply Kits through EduKit are Ready! Everything your student needs for the school year comes packaged in one convenient box, customized for the approved Mantua teacher's requests!



Simply go online to <https://www.edukitinc.com/>, click "Order", "Find My School" and type in Mantua and you're in.

Order by June 30th for best pricing. Kits will be shipped directly to your house and be packaged and ready for the school year to start in August. Check, done! One thing off your summer planning list!

2022 Summer Programs for LJ Students

Any 6th graders going to Luther Jackson Middle School?

How To Survive Middle School 2022

Session 1: July 25 & 26

Session 2: July 27 & 28...

[See more here.](#)

FCPS Tutoring

FCPS is excited to share a new resource that will soon be available to students to support learning. All FCPS students will have unlimited access to online tutoring support services through Tutor.com at no cost. Students can connect online any time, and in most subjects for as long as they need. Tutoring is focused instruction provided to students in a one-on-one format through voice or text chat. Tutors will focus on developing students' strengths and capabilities in reading, mathematics, or other specified subjects. Tutoring services may be accessed before, during, or after school hours and/or on weekends through a

link in Schoology. All tutors must pass a rigorous application process including an extensive background check. No personal information is shared between a student and tutor. All sessions are recorded and transcripts are available for review by teachers and parents/guardians.

Students will automatically have access to the Tutor.com tutoring service unless a parent/guardian submits an opt-out request. Watch for an email soon that will include the online tutoring services notice and opt-out information. For additional information, visit our [online tutoring services website](#).

Troop 55039 Backpack and Duffle Bag drive

Backpack and Duffle Bag donation drive - Troop 55039. Donations will go to CASA - an organization that helps kids through tough times. Duffle bags and backpacks will go to kids in the Foster Care system. They will have a bag of their own for their stuff instead of having to use a garbage bag for their belongings. Please donate new or gently used backpacks or duffle bags in the bins in the front lobby outside the office. Collection bins are located at the Mantua ES front lobby. **Final day to donate is Tuesday, May 31.**

Questions please contact akuhn_ilikai@hotmail.com.

COVID Vaccination Status

You may wish to voluntarily share your child's COVID-19 vaccination information with Mantua ES. However, we do not require your child's vaccination information and no school employee will ask for your child's vaccination status. If you would like to provide us with your child's vaccination status, please bring your child's COVID-19 vaccination card or a photocopy of the card to Ms. Kakouris in the front office. COVID-19 vaccination documentation contains Protected Health Information and should not be emailed.

Seventh Grade Immunization Requirements

Effective July 1, 2021 all students entering 7th grade will be required to receive one dose of each of the following immunizations prior to the beginning of school: Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis booster (Tdap) given at age 7 or older, and Meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) given at age 10 or older. Seventh grade students cannot begin school in August without proper Tdap and Meningococcal documentation.



Acceptable documentation to submit to Mantua ES can be one of the following:

1. An immunization record showing the month, day, and year the immunization(s) was given.
2. A note on a healthcare provider's letterhead stating the month, day, and year the immunization(s) was given.
3. A healthcare provider's written statement of a permanent or temporary medical exemption for a student who cannot receive the immunization due to medical reasons.
4. A notarized Religious Exemption Form, which is available online at: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/certificate_religious_exemption.pdf

NEW! 2022-2023 School Year Calendar



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.

Visitors Welcome

The most updated guidance from FCPS indicates that we can welcome visitors and volunteers. Our Visitor Management System is back up and running in the main office. Visitors who will be engaging with students will need to check-in using this system. Please know that the Visitor Management System requires

that visitors have their licenses when checking in. Our teachers may begin to solicit parent volunteers through their parent communication.

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.

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