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Important Upcoming Dates

August 19 & 20 (Thursday and Friday): Open House, Grades and times are listed below.

August 21 (Saturday): New Family Meet and Greet and Popsicles with the Principal, 10-11:30 on the playground.

August 23 (Monday): First Day of School.

August 26 (Thursday): PTA Meeting, Virtual, 7pm.

August 27 (Friday): Ice Cream Social, 5:30-7.

September 3 (Monday): Labor Day Holiday, No School



Open House Folder Stuffing - REMINDER

We are very excited for the Mantua ES Open Houses to welcome new and returning families for the 2021-2022 school year! To get ready for these events, we need your help to get the Open House

Folders filled. **Please sign up for a spot** if you are able to help. Many hands make light work, so even if you can only stop by for a short time, any help is appreciated!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa4a82ba2fd0-open>



Open House, Thursday 8/19

- Second Grade 9:00 – 9:30 AM
- Third Grade 9:45 – 10:15 AM
- Fourth Grade 10:30 – 11:00 AM
- Fifth Grade 11:15 – 11:45 AM
- Sixth Grade 12:00 – 12:30 PM

Open House, Friday 8/20

- Kindergarten 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- First Grade 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Virtual Back to School Night, Wednesday 9/29
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Girl Scouts at Mantua

Join Girl Scouts today at Mantua ES! We are looking forward to meeting everyone at the 8/19 and 8/20 Open Houses. For more information about the Girl Scout program contact: Michele Randall, mrandall@gscnc.org or call/text: 703-372-4352



Mantua Drama Club Planning for 2021-22

We are excited to announce that Mantua Drama Club will partner with Julie Johnston's iContact to create a theater experience for our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. As we prepare for this upcoming year, we are attempting to learn more from those interested in participating. All of our planning is contingent on approval from the County given current COVID restrictions. All is subject to change.

We hope to offer a series of Fall Theater Workshops (including a final musical presentation, open to guests) and a Spring Musical production (tentatively Seussical, Jr. which is presented to the community). The meetings will likely take place immediately after school until 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (exact dates TBD - Fall roughly end of Sept to right before Thanksgiving and in the Spring mid February to mid May). An Information Session for students and parents is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 9th - 6:30 – 7:30 PM (Location TBD). In the meantime, please indicate your interest by filling out this form. This will help us with planning and give us a way to be in touch with more information. <https://forms.gle/FRHjWkSu7YSKBVbw6>

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/?ref=share>



School Year 2021-2022 Bus Ridership Intent

Because of a serious shortage of school bus drivers, it is important that Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) Office of Transportation Services plans the most efficient possible routes for the coming school year. Therefore, please respond to this survey to assist us in this planning. Submit a separate survey for each of your children enrolled in FCPS.

During the school year, changes to your intent can be made with your school's SIS operator if the need for transportation changes.

Please see your SIS ParentVue account if you are unsure of your student's ID number. <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/student-information-system-sis-fcps>

Submit your response today, one for each child in your household enrolled in FCPS. Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated. Eligible riders needing transportation may review student route assignment by accessing ParentVue any time after August 9th, or by contacting your transportation or school office. Additions and adjustments will be made weekly. All students eligible for transportation services will be provided transportation, even those whose parents did not complete this survey. This information is important for planning purposes only.

SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.office.com/r/RSLndT5VS8>

New Family Meet and Greet

The Mantua PTA invites you to join us at the Mantua ES playground on **Saturday August 21st from 10am-11:30am** for our new family Meet and Greet! All new Mantua families, families with rising Kindergartners, new AAP families and current families are welcome to attend. PTA members will be present to help answer all your questions about the upcoming school year. The playground is in full sun, so don't forget sunscreen and cold drinks for you and your family. There will be no restroom access at the school so plan accordingly. Questions, email welcome@mantuapta.org.

Join the PTA!

You can now join the PTA for the 2021-2022 year! Our annual PTA Membership Drive is a fundraiser that helps support the many PTA services provided to you and your child. The cost is only \$20 per family (tax deductible), and in return you'll receive access to the online Mantua PTA Student Directory, an essential tool for connecting with anyone in our school community! Perhaps most importantly, though, joining PTA gives you a vote on what we're doing on campus and how our money is spent! <https://mantuapta.memberhub.com/store>



School Supplies List

<https://mantuaes.fcps.edu/academics/supply-lists>

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