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Mantua PTA Alert News

May 15, 2012



NO EARLY RELEASE on Friday, May 25

Please note that unlike in previous years, the Friday before Memorial Day (May 25) **WILL BE A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**. Students will be dismissed at the normal time - 3:45 p.m.

PTA's Executive Board to be Voted on June 12

At its next meeting, the PTA will be voting on its executive board for the 2012-13 school year. The following are on the slate for the PTA executive board: President, Lesley Kowalski; VP1 Programs, Teresa LeMair; VP2 Membership, Shannon Murphy; VP2 Fundraising, Jennifer Epley; Treasurer, Carolyn Stephan; Secretary, Julie Middleton.

Mantua's PTA to Receive National PTA Award at June Meeting

The June PTA meeting will be June 12, at 7 p.m. (it was originally scheduled for June 14). A representative from the National PTA will be on hand to present Mantua's PTA with the Phoebe Hearst Family Engagement award. Come to the meeting and see as our school is recognized for having among the best family engagement programs nationwide. Pizza will be served.

Field Day Volunteers Needed

Mantua's annual field days are June 5, for grades K-2, June 6, for grades 3-4, and June 7, for grades 5-6. We need volunteers to help walk the classes through the stations, keep the teams working together, make sure everyone understands the directions, demonstrates good sportsmanship and has a lot of FUN! The morning shift is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and the afternoon shift is 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. If you're able to volunteer, contact Teresa LeMair, at teresalemair@aol.com, with the following information: your name, the class and AM or PM shift.

Save the Date for Mantua's Farewell to Ms. Thompson

Mantua students, staff, families, alumni, and community are invited to a bon voyage BBQ on June 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. to honor our beloved assistant Principal Cheryl Thompson, who is retiring after 35 years of dedication to Fairfax County Public Schools - 21 of them at Mantua Elementary! There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, ice cream, music and lots of fun.

New School Hours for the 2012-13 School Year

Fairfax County Public Schools is making changes to the bell schedule to accommodate the addition of approximately 4,000 students to the school system. Fortunately, there are just minor changes to Mantua Elementary's bell schedule for next year. The opening and closing times for Mantua for 2012-2013 will be: Mondays: 9:10 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays: 9:10 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

SHHHHH! Don't Tell Ms. Thompson - It's a Surprise

We are putting together a scrapbook for Ms. Thompson to give to her as a goodbye present during the last week of school. Whether it is a letter to say thank you, a drawing, a poem, pictures, or a funny story, everyone is welcome to contribute. You may send already completed pages (the book will be 8.5x11) or individual items for us to include. Please send items in an envelope marked "Teresa LeMair, volunteer coordinator" to the front office. Thank you for helping us to create a wonderful scrapbook of memories that Ms. Thompson can look at over and over for many years to come! While Ms. Thompson knows about the Bon Voyage BBQ event on June 8, the scrapbook is a SURPRISE, so SHHHHH!

End of Year Events

May

- 18: Spirit Day - wear your sports jersey
- 21: Spring Choral Concert
- 24: Spring Strings Concerts
- 25: Regular School Day - No Early Dismissal
- 28: Memorial Day Holiday

June

- 4: 6th Grade Musical (Secret Garden)
- 5-7: Field Days
- 8: Spirit Day - wear your sunglasses

- 8: Cheryl Thompson Celebration, 5 to 7 p.m.
- 13: 5th Grade Play (Magic School Bus)
- 14: 5th Grade Medieval Day
- 14: 6th Grade Award Ceremony Rehearsal
- 14: Patrol/GMM Picnic at Eakin Park
- 15: 6th Grade Awards Ceremony/Party
- 15: Last Day of School/Final Report Cards sent home

Sol Testing Schedule

May

- 15: SOL Grade 3 - Reading Part II
- 16: SOL Grade 4 - Reading
- 17: SOL Grade 5 - Reading
- 18: SOL Grade 6 - Reading
- 21: SOL Grade 3 - Social Studies
- 22: SOL Grade 4 - Math
- 23: SOL Grade 5 - Math/Advanced Math Take Grade 6 SOL Test
- 24: SOL Grade 6 - Math/Advanced Math Take Grade 7 SOL Test
- 25: SOL Grade 3 - Science
- 29: SOL Grade 4 - Virginia Studies
- 30: SOL Grade 5 - Science
- 31: SOL Grade 6 - U.S. History

June

- 1: SOL Grade 3 - Math

Note: There are no scheduled SOL makeup days. Every effort will be made to test students who miss their scheduled testing days. However, all tests must be completed by June 1.

Important Upcoming Events

- Monday, May 28: Memorial Day, School Closed
- Tuesday-Thursday, June 5, 6 & 7: Field Days
- Friday, June 8: Farewell to Ms. Thompson BBQ, 5-7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 12: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Surprise Your 6th Grader with Frost Spiritwear

Brand new Frost Middle School spiritwear is now available. Surprise your 6th grader with this fun clothing as a graduation present. T-shirts are \$15. Sweatshirts and flannel pajama bottoms are \$30 each. Call or email Jacquie Heller, your friendly neighborhood Frost PTA rep, for more information at eeblessed@aol.com or 703-691-8085.

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Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

