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Important Upcoming Dates

March 26: Heritage and Literacy Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
March 30-April 6, School Closed for Spring Break
April 9: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 11: Talent Show

Heritage Showcase/Literacy Night

Parents! Mark your calendar for Mantua's Annual Heritage Showcase and Literacy Night on **Thursday, March 26th**. Families of Mantua will be displaying and sharing their different culture heritages from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the gym. The classrooms will open from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for students to show you about the literacy that is happening inside. Specialists will be lining the downstairs hallway to share, Mrs. Lorenzi will be discussing Digital Literacy in the library, and Ms. Dunfee will be available to help with Blackboard accounts. Because your child will be your tour guide, it is important that they attend with you. We look forward to seeing our Mantua families!

Lost and Found

Please try to find time before spring break to check out the Lost and Found for any missing clothing or lunch gear that your students might have lost. We try to return items that are labeled, but most items in the Lost and Found have no names. It would be helpful if all lunch boxes and outer wear were labeled with last names. Any items unclaimed by spring break will be donated.

Information for Rising Kindergarteners

Mantua is now accepting kindergarten registrations.

Enrollment packets to siblings of rising kindergartners will be sent home in Tuesday folders. Enrollment forms are also available [HERE](#). Parents should bring their rising kindergartner, completed forms, ID, original birth certificate, and lease or deed to their residences to the school office.

Mantua's kindergarten meeting will be held on **Monday, May 18th at 2:00 p.m.** Parents are encouraged to register their rising kindergartners before this date.

Middle School Information

All course selection sheets have been forwarded to middle schools. Any requests for class changes must be made in writing to the director of student services at the middle school. Frost MS: Danielle Hornbecker (dshornbecker@fcps.edu)
Luther Jackson MS: Tanya Shuford (twshuford@fcps.edu)

For students attending Frost MS, you will receive a course listing of the classes in the beginning of June. At that time you can request additional changes until the end of June if available. Please feel free to contact [Susan Kim](#) if you have any specific questions concerning your child.

MATH: You have the option of enrolling your student in either Math 7 or Math 7 Honors. (Students must meet specific criteria to be considered for Algebra I Honors.) If you are considering Math 7 Honors, please be aware that honors classes are structured differently in math than in other subjects. Instead of being the same general content with enrichment, math honors classes are accelerated by one full year. Math 7 Honors covers the same content as Math 8, plus extended topics and the students will take the Math 8 SOL.

As a result, student coming from 6th grade math will miss instruction on important foundational topics. If you are considering enrolling your student in Math 7 Honors next year and they are currently taking 6th grade math, we strongly recommend that you work with your child over the summer to ensure they are proficient in the following topics that they will be skipping:

- Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing integers
- Writing and solving proportions
- Solving one and two step equations
- One step inequalities
- Squares and square roots
- Order of operations for multiple step problems

- Substitution
- Scientific notation
- Graphing in the coordinate plane

Although we want to encourage strong math students, these topics are difficult to master while also learning new content. Please speak to your student or your student's teacher if you are unsure as to if they have the prerequisite subject knowledge for Math 7 Honors, or if they would require additional support.

Counselor's Corner

SCA Candy Grams

The last day to submit orders for candy grams is **Thursday, March 26th**. Please contact [Ms. Kim](#) if you need additional order forms. Each lollipop costs 25 cents, or students can buy 5 for \$1. Candy grams will be delivered to students at the end of April. We will also have a table at the Heritage/Literacy Night in the gym for anyone wishing to place an order.

Combination Locks Needed

Ms. Kim is looking for combination locks. If you have any locks that you don't need anymore, please donate them to Ms. Kim. These will be used by 6th graders to practice opening lockers in middle school. Ms. Kim will take locks even if you don't know the combinations. Thank you.

X-STEM Nifty Fifty Science Presentation at Mantua

On **Friday, March 27th**, Mantua 4th-6th graders will attend a presentation by Mr. Tyler DeWitt, a former high school science teacher and Ph.D. student in microbiology at M.I.T. Mr. DeWitt will give what promises to be a fascinating talk about bacteria. The Nifty Fifty is an outreach program of the USA Science Festival that brings noted scientists and educators to certified X-STEM Schools such as Mantua. For more on Mr. DeWitt and the USA Science Festival, please visit [this website](#).

Sixth Grade Party Chair(s) Needed

The Mantua 6th Grade Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 18th. The Award Ceremony is in the morning and, once the ceremony is over, the party committee sets up the gym for a party that includes all of the sixth graders! There is a DJ, photos, cake, prizes and more. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the party a success, and it all begins with a chair(s). If you are interested in chairing this event, please

contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

A BIG Thank You for the Spring Fling!

Thank you to Mantua Community for coming out to support the PTA at our annual Spring Fling. Mother Nature certainly cooperated this year, and everyone had a great time jumping, playing games, and munching on their favorite goodies!

A very special thank you to Meri Farling, Lori Recher, Tre' Krupnick, Teresa LeMair, Chrissy Boylan, Margaret Falardeau, Aly Neuhauser, Nicole Willis, Lisa Libby, Lesley McKnight, Sarah Braesch, Karen Gaughan, and Julie Middleton for helping to pull this event off!

TJHSST Techstravaganza

TJHSST is hosting its annual Techstravaganza, for Upper Elementary and Middle School Students, on **Saturday, April 11th** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Holmes Middle School. This is a free event and is open to the public. You do not need to register for the event. It is a day full of hands-on activities, demonstrations, and fun for the whole family. If you have any questions, email twistcoordinators@gmail.com or visit <http://activities.tjhsst.edu/twist/>.

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!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية بكفالة على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.
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Email Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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