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Important Upcoming Dates

May 18 (Thursday): 5th and 6th Grade String Concert, 7:00 p.m. Mantua Gym.

May 20 (Saturday): Planting at learning lab.

May 25 (Thursday): 4th grade spring strings concert, 7:00 p.m.

May 26 (Friday): **Two Hour Early Release.**

May 29 (Monday): **Memorial Day, No School.**

Deadlines

May 24 (Wednesday) : Last day for Box Tops.

Final Box Top Contest

The Box Top Contest deadline is fast approaching! The class turning in the most Box Tops by **Wednesday, May 24**, will win a pizza party. Clip box tops, collect them in a zip lock baggie and label with your teacher's name. Place the baggie in the collection box in the front hallway, or give them to your classroom teacher. Thank you for supporting the PTA!

Eco-Tip of the Week

- Volunteers are needed to help create a Schoolyard Habitat near the playground! Mantua has a grant from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to create an outdoor learning lab. GARDEN PREP DAY: **Tuesday, May 16, 4:15pm to 6:00pm.** Contact Ms. Sullivan (masullivan@fcps.edu) to volunteer and/or ask questions. If your talents run more toward “demolition expert,” then this is the day

for you. For anyone who is able to bring either a wheelbarrow or a shovel, these will be very useful tools on Tuesday. We will be taking out the existing vegetation and mixing in new compost that is being generously delivered by local, family-owned McCauley's Equipment. Thank you Kristie and Randall McCauley! **PLANTING DAY: Saturday, May 20, between 9:00am and 12:30pm**; contact Ms. Sullivan to volunteer. You pick the time that is best for you. No experience needed! We are happy to show you how to plant as we all learn about the native species that the Eco Team has selected for the garden. For either day: Be sure to bring a water bottle, sun block, gardening gloves, and any tools that will help with prepping or planting. You get to choose the time frame that works best for your family. Thank you for letting Ms. Sullivan know your approximate arrival time and how long you think you can stay. And, we realize that family schedules often change at the last minute, so don't be shy about signing up now and then letting us know if things change later. Students must be accompanied by an adult. If it's soggy: Our mantra will be "Light rain or shine." If there is a light rain, we'll carry on, but for heavier rains we'll have to reschedule. We are looking forward to coming together as a community to create more Schoolyard Habitat for our students and other Mantua wildlife!

6th Grade Party & T-Shirt Fee is Due!

If you haven't already done so, please pay your child's party and t-shirt fee of \$25 ASAP (deadline was May 12th)! To pay by credit card, go to <https://tinyurl.com/k48pftq>. To pay by check, please use the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/k48pftq>

5th -9th Grade Girls Lacrosse Camp

WOODSON GIRLS LACROSSE CAMP: JULY 17-21 The Woodson girls lacrosse program is hosting a **camp for rising 5th through 9th grade girls the week of July 17 through 21 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am**. This is a great opportunity for girls to try lacrosse for the first time or improve their game. The camp will be led by the Woodson Varsity coaching staff and players. Online registration can be

found at <http://www.wtwcamps.com>.

Woodson Cheer and Dance Camp

Looking for a fun camp for your child(ren) during the week of August 14-18? Sign them up for this wonderful camp for rising grades K-8, run by the Woodson Cheerleaders and Precisionettes. Choose the half-day option for cheer or dance, or the full day option for both! More information available on the [registration form](#).

Lost and Found Reminder

There is a large collection of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, lunch bags, water bottles and other personal belongings in the lost and found. Unfortunately many of these items will never be claimed because they have no name on them. Please be sure to label all personal items with at least your last name before they come to school. If you want to check the lost and found it is now in the cafeteria.

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

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!

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Email Lisa Libby at lisa.a.libby@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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