

Mantua PTA Alert News for May 20, 2008

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1. Get ready! Our next Spirit Day will be on Friday, May 30. The theme is Sports Day! Friends should show their school spirit and wear sport uniforms or team shirts.

2. FIELD DAY will take place as follows: June 10th K – 2, June 11th, grades 5 & 6, and June 12th, grades 3 & 4. The students love this event and we need many parents to help out each day. We are still looking for volunteers in the following classes: Andersen, Ariail, Ballard-Smith, Bench, Boyd, Cajati, Cercere, Garneski, Greene, Grice, Hartwell, Malc, Shelton, Temple and Mrs. Wilson. Please take a moment to look at your calendars so you can let your room parent know when you are available. Even if you only have an hour to spare, we can use your help. If you have any questions, contact Donna Stelling McGrath at dsm721@cox.net or 703-246-9232.

3. SOL TESTING: MAY 19 THROUGH JUNE 13

Wednesday, May 21: Grade 4 Reading

Thursday, May 22: Grade 6 Reading

Friday, May 23: Grade 5 Reading

Tuesday, May 27: SOL Makeups

Wednesday, May 28: Grade 4 VA Studies

Thursday, May 29: Grade 3 Science

Friday, May 30: Grade 5 Science

Monday, June 2: SOL Makeups

Tuesday, June 3: Grade 3 Math

Wednesday, June 4: Grade 4 Math

Thursday, June 5: Grade 6 Math

Friday, June 6: Grade 5 Math

Monday, June 9: SOL Makeups

Monday, June 9: Grade 3 Social Studies

Tuesday, June 10: Grade 6 Social Studies

Thursday, June 12: SOL Makeups

Friday, June 13: SOL Makeups

4. Local Music Enrichment Opportunities During the School Year and Summer

Does your child love music? Is he or she looking for opportunities to rehearse and perform outside of school? Come hear about music programs in this area, for elementary through high school students. The program will include five panel members, who will provide information about options for beginning to very advanced student musicians. Panelists include: Tomoko Azuma, Executive Director of the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras; Caroline Desmond, Managing Director of the Fairfax Choral Society; Tina Dove, Director of the Virginia campus of the Levine School of Music; Kerry Silva, Director of the Performing Arts Camp of Shenandoah University; and Gretta Sandburg, an experienced FCPS orchestra director and strings teacher.

This program is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, at 7:30 PM, in the Luther Jackson MS auditorium, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, Virginia. It is sponsored by the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted. Admission is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960.

5. FAIRGRADE Co-Founders Are Coming to Frost!

On Wednesday, May 21, FAIRGRADE Co-Founders Megan McLaughlin and Marcy Newberger will speak to Woodson Pyramid parents about the need to revise FCPS grading policies. The current grading policies put FCPS students at a disadvantage for college admissions, merit scholarships, Honors programs, NCAA athletic eligibility, and car insurance “good-driver” discounts. In addition to sharing their data and research, the FAIRGRADE Co-Founders will be available to answer your questions. The meeting, which will be held in the Frost Cafeteria, will begin at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in the FAIRGRADE Initiative, but are unable to attend the meeting, you can log on to www.fairgrade.org for information and to access the online petition.

8. Important Dates for May

5/22 7:00 P.M. Strings Concert
5/27 7 :00 P.M. Band Concert

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