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Spring Break Reminder

Fairfax County Public Schools will be closed for spring break the week of April 18. Please note that the Mantua office will be closed April 18-22.

The PTA Executive Board Wants You!

Mantua's PTA is looking for people who would like to work as a team for the common good of the school, its students and parents for the 2011-12 school year.

Nominations will be accepted for all positions with voting taking place during the June PTA meeting. Board responsibilities include attending monthly PTA meetings for a one-year term running June through June; budget development; planning and coordinating PTA activities, and job-specific responsibilities.

All positions, except for president, can be either co-chaired or job-shared. Any position can have more than one nomination and all will be voted on at the June PTA meeting. The board slate includes the following positions: PTA President, First Vice President(s), Second Vice President(s), Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these PTA board positions please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Monica Cameron, 703-359-4298, monica.cameron@cox.net; Shannon Murphy, 703-591-7088, shannon.murphy29@verizon.net; or Lori Prendergast at 703-362-0888, LoriPren@yahoo.com, for detailed information on the positions!

Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments Information

Mantua students will be taking all Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments online this year. Students will take the same tests as their peers throughout the state, however, rather than looking at a test booklet and bubbling their answers on a scan sheet, students will read and answer their tests on the computer. Middle and high school students have successfully participated in online testing for several years.

Last school year, Mantua's 6th grade students took the U.S. History SOL online. All elementary schools will be required to participate in online testing by 2012.

This is a great opportunity for our students to gain experience taking tests online. FCPS is providing additional support and training to the elementary schools administering the SOLs this year. Due to computer availability, we can only test one subject per school day. Please make every effort to avoid any appointments or activities that would take your child out of school on test days. Contact Allison Curran Warren, Mantua's school testing coordinator, at Allison.Curran@fcps.edu with questions.

2010-2011 Online SOL Schedule

Week 1

May 16 - 3rd Grade Reading - Part I

May 17th - 3rd Grade Reading - Part II

May 18th - 4th Grade Reading

May 19th - 5th Grade Reading

May 20th - 6th Grade Reading

Week 2

May 23 - 3rd Grade Social Studies

May 24 - 4th Grade Math

May 25 - 5th Grade Math (AAP will take Gr. 6 Math Test this day)

May 26 - 6th Grade Math (AAP and Compacted Math will take Gr. 7 Math Test this day)

May 27 - 3rd Grade Science (Early Dismissal)

Week 3

May 30 - Memorial Day, No School

May 31 - 4th Grade VA Studies

June 1 - 5th Grade Science

June 2 - 6th Grade US History

June 3 - 3rd Grade Math

Mantua Heritage Showcase and Literacy Night This Thursday, April 7

The annual event highlights the many cultures represented within the Mantua

school community. In addition, classroom teachers will be on hand to show parents what their students have been doing this year as part of Literacy Night. Heritage Showcase is from 6 to 7 p.m. in the gym and Literacy Night is from 7 to 8 p.m. in classrooms.

Kids Care Club Collects More Than 1,450 Books for Donation

The final count is in and as of March 31, Kids Care Club collected over 1,450 books to donate to the [Starlight Foundation](#). Members from Starlight Foundation and their mascot will be at the KCC Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, to receive the books and talk with the group about how the donation will be used. Feel free to join us at the meeting Tuesday after school in the Cafeteria. Thanks to all who contributed. It shows the community just how much Mantua cares!

Important Upcoming Events

Wed. Apr. 6: PTA Meeting

Thurs. Apr. 7: Heritage Showcase & Literacy Night

FCPS Summer Programs

Fairfax County Public Schools will offer several summer programs this year to provide academic and enrichment opportunities for students of all grade levels. Registration is open now for most programs. Visit the FCPS summer programs web page at www.fcps.edu/news/summer.htm for general information, or the websites listed below for individual programs.

FCPS summer programs include the following:

Adult and Community Education (ACE) - For students K-6: half- and full-day enrichment and world language camps. Open to students in grades 7-11: driver education, TJHSST admissions test prep, PSAT/SAT test prep, enrichment classes, and noncredit math. Various dates.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/KidsandTeens.htm>

Tech Adventure Camp - Technology and careers come alive as students experience new worlds in artistic expression, technology transfer, and life matrix. Open to students currently in grades 5-6. July 18-29.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OCTE/events/TechCamp.htm>

Institute for the Arts (IFTA) - Providing enrichment in the visual and performing arts. Open to students currently in grades 6-11. July 5-29. 571-423-4622.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/FineArts/IFTA/>

Extended School Year (ESY) -For identified students with disabilities in accordance with their individual education programs (IEPs). Various dates. 571-423-4190.

<http://www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/summerschool/index.htm>

National PTA Launches Anti-Bullying Initiative

Please see the informational fliers in the following links if you have concerns about bullying: [What You Should Know](#), [What You Can Do](#), [How to Make Sure Your Child Doesn't Become the Bully](#), and [Where You Can Go to Find Help](#).

Toiletries Being Collected for Family Pass Organization

For a yearlong National Junior Honor Society project, the Luther Jackson Middle School 8th grade students of Group Nine are assisting the Family Pass Organization in collecting items to help families that are financially struggling. These families need a little extra help to get back on their feet, and taking care of the cost of their daily necessities will be of a great help. Please support Family Pass by donating materials such as travel-sized deodorants, body washes, and dishwashing and laundry detergents. A collection box is located in the front hallway. Contact the group at groupninelj@gmail.com with questions.

Jewish Community Center Offers Spring Break Child Care

The JCC is offering child care on April 18, April 21 and April 22, during the following hours: 4/18 - 7:30 to 5 p.m. and 4/21-22 - 7:30 to 6 p.m. This program is open to the entire community, even those who not JCC members. The days will be filled with special guests, use of the indoor pool, playground play, gym, art projects, and free play. In addition, children will be going on a field trip to Pump It Up. For more information, contact JCC's Nori White, director of School Age Services and Camp Achva, at 703-537-3041, or NoriW@jccnv.org; or visit www.jccnv.org to download the registration form. JCC also offers a summer camp program for those going into kindergarten through 9th grade! Go [HERE](#) for the camp brochure.

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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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www.MantuaPTA.org

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