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# Mantua PTA Alert News May 31, 2011



## PTA's Executive Board to be Voted on June 1

At its next meeting, the PTA will be voting on its executive board for the 2011-12 school year. The following are on the slate for the 2011-12 PTA Executive Board: President, Lesley Kowalski; VP1 Programs and Clubs, Lori Prendergast; VP2 Membership and Fundraising, Shannon Murphy and Jennifer Epley; Treasurer, Sandy Spector; Secretary, Lori Recher. Please join us on Wednesday, June 1, at 7 p.m., in the library to elect our new board members.

## New PTA's Safety Guidelines to be Discussed June 1

The PTA has been tasked with developing some basic safety guidelines for our larger group activities, to be adopted starting this coming school year. Any parent with constructive input is welcome to help craft these new guidelines. Join us on Wednesday, June 1, at 6 p.m. in the library (just before the PTA meeting/election) to get the ball rolling. Stay for the PTA meeting and vote in the new PTA board too!

## PTA Volunteers, Your PTA Board Thanks You!

The amazing parent volunteers in our school are responsible for many wonderful activities and events we host each year. The Mantua PTA board would like to extend our very sincere thanks for all of your help and support this past year. You truly make the difference for our children. Please join us Wednesday June 1, at 6:45 p.m. in the library for some snacks and treats before the PTA meeting/election so we can thank you personally! View invitation [HERE](#).

## Field Day Volunteers Needed

Mantua field days are just a week away and we still 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 lots of FUN!! Your child's class may not participate if we do not have enough volunteers!

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. Please contact Teresa LeMair, at [teresalemair@aol.com](mailto:teresalemair@aol.com), with the following information if you can volunteer: your name, the class and AM or PM shift. The following classes still need volunteers:

K-2 on June 7 - Ariail, Cecere, Hochstetler, Johnson, Loach, Swales, Walsh, Zimmerman

3-4 on June 8 - Baker, Cajati, Danberg, Danberg, Sottolano, Wilson (4th)

5-6 on June 9 - Andersen, Boyd, Chong, Lewis, Malc, Rutherford, Shelton, Wilson (5th)

### *Mantua Needs New or Used Tennis Balls*

New/used tennis balls are needed for student chairs. Over the summer many classrooms will have the carpet removed and new tile put down. Tennis balls work great to keep the floors from being scratched. Tennis balls may be dropped off in the front office.

### *New School Hours for 2011-12 School Year*

There is a new bell schedule for the 2011-12 school year. Beginning in the fall Mantua's hours will be: Mondays: 9:05 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays: 9:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

### *Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments Wrap Up This Week*

The Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments wrap up this week. 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](mailto:Allison.Curran@fcps.edu) with questions.

#### *Week 3*

May 30 - Memorial Day, No School

May 31 - 4th Grade VA Studies

June 1 - 5th Grade Science

### *Small Boundary Change Recommended to Include Some Fairhill Students*

FCPS is recommending an administrative boundary adjustment that would reassign selected areas of the Fairhill Elementary attendance area to Mantua Elementary. This would be effective beginning this September.

The new areas that would be included in the Mantua school district are the Pine Ridge-Sutton Place, Wynford Estates and Chesterfield Mews neighborhoods. Approximately 23 students from the Pine Ridge-Sutton Place and Wynford Estates area and approximately 24 students from the Chesterfield Mews area will be affected.

FCPS is holding a meeting at Fairhill Elementary on Tuesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend this meeting to receive the results of a previously administered survey, to share opinions, and to receive an update on the remaining steps in this boundary adjustment process.

### Poet Darren Sardelli to Visit Mantua

Award winning poet Darren Sardelli will be coming to Mantua on June 7 and 8. Sardelli's poems are featured in books in the United States, England, the Netherlands, Germany, and Israel. Since 2004, Sardelli has visited more than 300 elementary and middle schools, and has inspired thousands of students, teachers, and parents to start writing poetry. During a visit, Sardelli brings poetry to life by performing his funny poems for the audience, talks about the importance of writing down ideas and the wonderful things that can be done with them, shows students how to make a poem surprising, humorous, and exciting, helps them realize that they are capable of amazing things, and writes a funny rhyming poem with them in his workshops. His poetry programs are interactive, entertaining, inspirational, educational, and fun! For more information visit Darren's website: [www.laughalotpoetry.com](http://www.laughalotpoetry.com). Contact Mantua's librarian Kim Sigle at [kcsigle@fcps.edu](mailto:kcsigle@fcps.edu) for more information.

### June Calendar

**June 2:** 7 - 8 p.m. Parent Volunteer Appreciation Speaker - Library

**June 3:** 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. Grade 4 Band Recruiting Assembly - Cafeteria

**June 6:** Italian Test-Speaking - Grade 6

1 - 3 p.m. SCA End of Year Party - Cafeteria

**June 7:** Italian Test-Speaking - Grade 6

9:20 - 10:15, Author Visit - Grade 5

10:25 - 11:20, Author Visit - AAP - Grades 4 & 5

11:25 - 12:20, Author Visit - Grade 3

1:25 - 2:20, Author Visit - Grade 4

2:30 - 3:25, Author Visit - Grade 6 AAP

June 8: 9:20 - 10:15, Author Visit - TC

10:25 - 11:20, Author Visit - Family 3

11:30 - 12:25, Author Visit - Family 2

1:25 - 2:20, Author Visit - Grade 6

2:30 - 3:25, Author Visit - Family 1

June 10: TC End of Year Picnic

June 13: 9:30 A.M. SCA Installation - Gym

June 15: 9:30 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical - Grades 4-6 - Gym

10:30 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical - Grades PreK-3 - Gym

7 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical - Parent Performance - Gym

June 16: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ancient Cultures - Grade 3

Last Day of Specials

June 17: 12 noon - 3 p.m. - Patrol/GMM Picnic - Eakin Park

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Science Expo - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Cafeteria

June 20: 9:30 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly - Gym

1 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Party - Gym

June 21: Last Day of School; students dismissed at approximately 11:30 a.m.

## Important Upcoming Events

Wed. June 1: PTA meeting, executive board to be elected, 7 p.m.

Tues. June 7: Field Day -- grades K-2

Wed. June 8: Field Day -- grades 3-4

Thurs. June 9: Field Day -- grades 5-6

## Bikes are Awesome!

On June 9, at 7 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 1533 will grab their bikes and helmets and ride their hearts out. First up is a bike safety check and helmet sizing. We'll learn and demonstrate hand signals, then conduct a series of activities based on skill level. Bikers of all abilities will be challenged. (Article written by Den 3)

## Frost M.S. PTA Needs a President!

If you would like to inquire about the job, please contact Chrissy Rabayda (current Frost PTA President: [rabayda@verizon.net](mailto:rabayda@verizon.net)) and learn what it entails. You do not have to be a current Frost parent to take this on.

## Alert News Contributions

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