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Important Upcoming Dates

May 10: Picture Day

May 11: Restaurant Night, Elevation Burger

May 13: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

May 15: Mantua Homes Tour, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

May 17: SOLs Begin (see [complete schedule](#) below)

May 19: Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.

May 30: School Closed, Memorial Day

PTA Meeting THIS Friday

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting on **Friday, May 13th at 9:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Hear from Principal Mrs. Fernandez and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

Spring Picture Day

Spring pictures will be taken **THIS Tuesday, May 10th**. Both class pictures and individual pictures will be taken. **We need one parent volunteer in the afternoon, 12:30-3:30** to help get the students in line and ready for their photos. Volunteers receive a coupon to be used towards their portrait package. To sign up to help, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

Restaurant Night

Join us for our next Restaurant Night **THIS Wednesday, May 11th** at Elevation Burger in Pickett Shopping Center from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** It will be a fun and delicious way to help raise funds for our school! Bring in **THIS FLYER** or mention Mantua Elementary school when ordering and we will earn 10% back from all proceeds. Thank you for supporting our kids and school!

Mantua PTA Homes Tour Needs Volunteers!

We need volunteers to help us staff our beautiful homes and run registration! If you sign up to help in a home or with registration you will receive a discounted rate of \$10 for your tour registration! It's only two hours (which still gives you two hours to enjoy the tour) and you can bring a friend to help you staff a home. They can register for the discounted rate as well.

Sign up to help [HERE!](#)

We'll contact you about registering once you have signed up. Questions? Contact [Sharon Schechtel](#). Thank you!

SOL Schedule

Below you will see the list of SOL testing for 2016. Please make every effort to have your students here during these dates, rested and ready.

May 17 – 5th Grade Reading SOL
May 18 – 4th Grade Reading SOL
May 19 – 3rd Grade Reading SOL part 1
May 20 – 3rd Grade Reading SOL part 2

May 24 – 4th Grade Math SOL
May 25 – 5th Grade Math SOL
May 27 – 6th Grade Reading SOL

May 31 – 5th Grade Science SOL
June 1 – 3rd Grade Math SOL
June 3 – 6th Grade Math SOL

June 7 – 4th Grade VA Studies SOL

Lost & Found

Is your child missing something? Please check out the Lost & Found for your missing items. Any items left at the end of the school year will be donated to charity.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

We celebrated our fabulous teachers with a taco salad bar last Tuesday. Thanks to all the amazing volunteers who helped out and to the parents who sent in food - without which our teachers would not have had full bellies! The Mantua parents came through with plenty of donated gift cards and prizes and every teacher was able to leave with a gift bag to take home. A

very special thank you to our wonderful sponsors who supported this terrific event: Richard Ridley of RIBA Construction and Sarah Harrington of Long and Foster Realtors.

Frost Buddy Program

For rising 7th grade students and parents: Would you like to be a part of a very rewarding program at Frost Middle School? Become a Buddy Family and sponsor a new student! What does it mean to be a Buddy Family? We match your current student with a new student who has not been part of the Fairfax County School system prior to 7th or 8th grade. This match-up would occur during the summer. Rising 7th grade students who attended FCPS elementary schools are needed to help the new 7th graders arriving from outside of the FCPS system. So even though you might be new to Frost, you still know the system and can be a buddy to a new student. Your family would contact the new student and his or her family and answer any questions they might have. You might want to meet up for an ice cream or a swim in the pool together. Having a buddy before school starts makes an easier transition into school for both the new student and his/her family. The Buddy Family Program is a relatively new program that promises to ease the transition into school for all newcomers and provide a positive experience for everyone involved. It is a great way to make a friend and introduce a new student to the friendly, enthusiastic community which makes our school so special. Please contact [Cheryl Lencz](#) for more information.

Keeping Your Kids Safe in Today's Digital World

You are invited to attend this presentation at Woodson High School on **Tuesday, May 17th** to learn ways to help your family address the top online dangers your children will face. This presentation is intended for adults only as it will cover adult themes, issues, and content unsuitable for children and teens. The presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. with an optional discussion of popular social media sites and apps at 6:00 p.m.

Woodson's Relay for Life

Students, family, and friends are invited to Woodson High School's Relay for Life beginning on Saturday, May 14th at 5:00 p.m. and ending on Sunday at 5:00 a.m. You can register and/or donate [HERE](#).

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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