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Important Upcoming Dates

May 17: SOLs Begin (see [complete schedule](#) below)
May 18: Woodson Pyramid Art Show
May 19: Strings Concert for 5th & 6th Grades, 7:00 p.m.
May 26: Strings Concert for 4th Grade, 7:00 p.m.
May 30: School Closed, Memorial Day
June 9: Volunteer Appreciation, 6:30 p.m. followed by PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
June 23: Last Day of School, 2:05 p.m. Dismissal

SOL Schedule

The SOLs begin this week. 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

We Need Your Help to Decide How to Spend Funds Raised by Our PTA

At our June 9th meeting, the PTA membership will be voting on how to spend the money we have raised for the school this year. If you have a good idea that will benefit a lot of children at Mantua, please send it in! All ideas will be shared with the school Administrators to make sure they are appropriate for our school. Ideas need to be submitted by **Friday, June 3rd** to be considered. Please email ideas to [Julie Middleton](#).

Mantua End of the Year Community Service Project

As we end the school year, let's make a difference by collecting food for Fairfax County families in need. **The collection period is May 24th-June 3rd.** Please see the list below for recommendations on what you should bring, depending on your grade level. You can place your items in the "Community Service" collection boxes throughout the school. Please do not send glass jars.

- Family 1: Dry Goods (rice, pasta, beans, etc.)
- Family 2: Breakfast Foods (cereal, granola bars, oatmeal)
- Family 3: Snacks (fruit snacks, individual bags of goldfish, cookies, crackers, juice boxes)
- 3rd Grade: Peanut butter, sunflower butter, almond butter, jelly
- 4th Grade: Canned Goods (tuna, chicken, canned meats)
- 5th Grade: Canned Goods (vegetables, fruits, tomatoes and sauce)
- 6th Grade: Canned Goods (soup, ravioli, spaghetti-
os, broth)

Remember to bring your donations by June 3rd. Thank you!

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.

FCPS Cares

FCPS has a special website where parents and others can share info about their favorite teachers and staff members. Consider sharing a story or anecdote about a special Mantua staff member. Visit the website [HERE](#) to share your story.

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.

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.