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Important Upcoming Dates

June 14 (Wednesday): Field Day, 3rd & 4th Grade 9:30 a.m. - noon -- 5th & 6th Grade 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June 15 (Thursday): Field Day, Kinder & 1st & 2nd Grade 9:30 a.m. - noon. Spring Choral Concert and 6th Grade Musical, 7: p.m.

June 22 (Thursday): 6th Grade Awards and Party.

June 23 (Friday): Last Day of School, **two hour early release!**

Deadlines

June 30 (Friday) - Deadline for Parent Input for Class Placements.

Field Day 2017

Field Day has been organized as a grade level activity day, a culmination of the student's Physical Education program. Parent volunteers run the activities for primary classes and there are also assistance from the 6th Grade classes. There is one session: students participate in 16 events. The session ends with a popsicle treat for all the participants and parent volunteers.

Organization:

June 14th - 9:30am - noon - 3rd & 4th Grade

June 14th - 1:00pm - 3:30pm - 5th & 6th Grade

June 15th - 9:30am - noon - Kinder & 1st & 2nd Grade

No Crocs, Flip Flops or Sandals!

- Please put names on water bottles and towels

- Please bring sunscreen if needed and hats
- No bathing suits are allowed solely however you can wear them under a t-shirt or short
- Please bring a change of clothes to leave in the classroom for after because you will get wet!

Field Day 2017 Volunteers

Volunteers Needed for Mantua Field Day 2017! Field Day is an exciting event at Mantua ES that all of the children look forward to! In order to have Field Day work, we need volunteers for every class! Check the [SignUpGenius](#) to make sure your child's class is covered, if not, consider taking a shift! Dates are June 14th morning for 3rd-4th Grade and afternoon for 5th-6th Grade and June 15th morning for grades K-2nd. Volunteers walk from station to station with the students, help encourage sportsmanship, clarify rules if needed, and keep score. It's a very fun time to spend with your child and his/her classmates! Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/lfgcq4y>

Input from Parents in Regards to the 2017-2018 Class Placements

Dear Parents,

First, let me explain the classroom placement process at Mantua Elementary. Our K-5 classroom teachers fill out cards with detailed information on each student in their classroom. We then meet with each grade level or Family and the teachers are involved in the initial class placement decisions. During the summer, Mr. Rousos and I work many hours to finalize class placement decisions. Therefore, please do not feel that it is critical for you to send me an email.

Next year, we are making some changes to our K-2 Families. Due to the increased rigor required in our second grade curriculum, our two multi-age teachers have chosen not to continue to teach multi-age this coming year. Ms. Morrison will be teaching first grade next year and Ms. Loveday will be teaching second grade. In addition, we are in the process of moving to four Families, with a Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade teacher in each of the four Families. We are hopeful that these changes will allow more students to stay in their same K-2 Family for their primary years. If you would like to share specific information regarding your child's placement needs for next year please send an email to jmfernandez@fcps.edu. It is useful to write a letter if your child has specific learning needs that were recently identified,

you feel that your child would benefit from a specific teaching style, or needs to be placed apart from a particular student. Parent requests for specific teachers can throw off the dynamics of this process and cause a classroom to be filled with too many students with similar needs, therefore it is not helpful to state the desire to have a specific teacher. Please understand that we take all parent input into consideration but cannot guarantee that we can fill all requests due to the need to build balanced classes that meet the social and academic needs of your children. If you do feel the need to share information, please remember that I must receive this email by **Friday, June 30th**. Have a lovely summer,
Jan-Marie Fernandez
Principal

Garden News Summer Watering Volunteers Needed!

Let's work together to keep our 3 wonderful gardens alive this summer! Here is a link to the Mantua Gardens Summer Watering Sign Up Sheet: <https://tinyurl.com/ybddo4r3>

We are looking for volunteers to water the courtyard pollinator garden (typically during the summer "building open" hours of 9am to 3pm, Mon to Fri) and the bioretention basin garden and schoolyard habitat near SACC (both of which are outside the school).

Also, if you are interested in volunteering to manage the Summer Watering Schedule, that would be fantastic. Please contact Ms. Sullivan at masullivan@fcps.edu. You would be contacting the families the day before their turn and also trying to fill in gaps of more than 3 days where no one had yet signed up. I anticipate that watering will be needed 2 to 3 times per week, for 8 weeks. (For week 9, Ms. Sullivan will be back on school grounds and will hydrate the gardens.)

GLOBAL PLUS Language Program – Interest Survey

What extracurricular language classes would you like to see offered at Mantua next year? Please complete this very short survey to share your opinion. The Mantua PTA offers world language classes before and after school through FCPS's

GLOBAL PLUS Language Program. The goal of the GLOBAL PLUS program is to offer high quality language classes to elementary students when they are at the optimal age for language acquisition. Past offerings include Chinese, German, and Spanish. Other possibilities include American Sign Language, Arabic, and more, so please complete the survey today. <https://goo.gl/forms/se1JKQT27s1SbiHH3>

Eco Tips

Big news for the school! Mantua was recognized for its environmental and sustainability efforts by earning its Bronze award through Eco-Schools. On June 5th, Principal Fernandez, 5th grade teacher Ms. Sullivan and a group of students accepted the award at the FCPS Sustainability Stakeholders Meeting. You can learn more about this program at :<http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA/Become-an-Eco-School.aspx>. Thanks to all the students, parents, teachers, and staff who helped make Mantua a leader in environmental stewardship by supporting the outdoor habitats and recycling initiatives. We will be working towards the Silver award for the following school year and look to expand the efforts throughout the school. If you have interest in volunteering for the next school year, please email dyanebronson@gmail.com Congratulations all! Pictures by Jennifer Victor (Julia Victor's mom)







Lost and Found Reminder

There is a large collection of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, lunch bags, water bottles and other personal belongings in the lost and found. Unfortunately many of these items will never be claimed because they have no name on them. Please be sure to label all personal items with at least your last name before they come to school. If you want to check the lost and found it is now in the cafeteria.

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

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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