

Mantua PTA News 2021, Issue 26

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Important Dates

March 26 (Friday) - End of third grading period, two hour early release.

March 29 - April 2 - Spring Break, no school.

April 5 (Monday) - Teacher workday, student holiday, no school.

Mantua ES Hand Mural

We are creating a school wall mural to celebrate our students, teachers, staff and our community. Students can add as many handprint messages as they'd like. Below is the [link](#) to the Google Presentation which explains how all students (in-person and virtual) can add their own handprint messages! We will feature pictures of our mural on our PTA Facebook page as the messages grow!



<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LcZKrUzjOx9NYLBSHZKklukcmCTZ11ZrY9v1oEplpRc/edit?usp=sharing>

Discovery Garden Spring Clean-up

Spring is springing in the Mantua gardens, and we hope you'll join the Garden Committee for our semi-annual clean-up at the Discovery Gardens above the playground on **Saturday, April 3 from 10:00 am-noon!** There are a number of projects on the agenda from cleaning and weeding to some painting fun. Again, no gardening experience is necessary but all participants are required to wear masks. If you have your own shovels and gloves feel free to bring them along with your water bottles, too.



This is a family event and kids are more than welcome but parents are asked to stay with their children while we work.

Questions, contact Karin Hudson at garden@mantuapta.org



Book Fair

Mantua Virtual Book Fair

Our book fair is still open for you to stock up on new books, learning materials and gifts for your classroom libraries! Please visit and support the Mantua Elementary library!

https://www.bookwormcentral.com/school-online-store.php?id=00324020-DDCE-4FF5-9541-F78F3A71E167&pro_id=160&school_code=mantua

Mantua Logo Masks

Need extra masks with your students heading back into school or sports? PTA has a limited number still available! Link below to purchase student and adult masks, delivery details emailed after purchase.



<https://mantuapta.memberhub.store/store>



Mantua's Got Talent!

The Mantua Music Department and the PTA are teaming up to bring this years Talent Show to you virtually. Now is your time to shine! To enter your two minute act into the Talent Show, please click the registration link below. Registration form is due by **Friday, March 19**. After you register, your confirmation email will include instructions on how to record and upload your video talent submission.

<http://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2021talentshow>

Girl Scout Spring Break Camp

Girl Scout Spring Break Screen Break, open to all girls, join us to explore Girl Scouts or continue on your Girl Scout Journey!



Register online https://form.jotform.com/GSCNCMembership/spring_programs and select "camp for a day"



Mantua Food Drive – Grade Level Competition!

The Mantua Food Drive aims to support families from our own neighborhood and school. Luis Uribe Gamboa, Mantua's fabulous parent liaison, started this incredible effort last spring. No donation is too small, so if you are able to grab a few cans or an extra box of cereal, every little bit helps. **From now until April 18th**, we are going to see which grade at Mantua ES can drop off the most food! The PTA will have a surprise for the teachers of the grade that collects the most food! Drop off is at 9214 Ponce Place (please leave donations outside of the garage door), just add a label to your donation to indicate your child's grade. Here is a list of items needed:

Oil -Flour -Tortilla Flour (Maseca) -Dry Beans, red, black etc.. (No Cans Please!) -Rice -Pancake Flour -Pancake Syrup -Tomato Sauce for pasta -Mac & cheese -Spaghetti -Pasta (all kinds) -Canned Tomatoes -Canned Vegetables (green beans, carrots, mixed vegetables etc.) -Canned fruit -Snacks (energy bars, chips etc.) -Coffee -Sugar

10% OFF

MONTHLY SPIRITWEAR COUPON FOR March, 2021

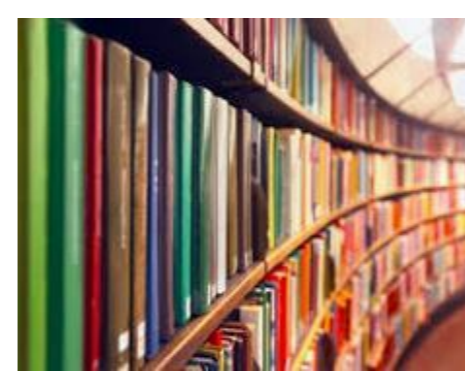
Visit our Spiritwear Store the entire month of March to take advantage of this coupon!

SELECT MOISTURE WICKING T-SHIRTS (Items 2790, 2791, 2792, 2793)
Coupon Code: **MAR21W**

Online purchases only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Valid: 03/01/21 - 03/31/21

Library Curbside Pick Up - Update

Library books that have been checked out will be left outside the main door bagged and labeled with students' last names and first initial. Books can be picked up between 8:30 and 3:30. We will no longer have pick up on Thursdays. Pick up will only be available on Mondays from 8:30-3:30. If this change presents difficulty for your family, please email Katie Marmol (kgmarmol@fcps.edu) or Michelle Hawk (mahawk@fcps.edu).



Please understand that this may change but we will do our best to inform you as soon as possible.

School Issued Laptop Help

If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's school issued laptop, please remember to refer to the self-help page and ticketing service.

Self-help page: <https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/technology-support-families>
Parent/Student Ticket Page: <https://itweb.fcps.edu/itsupport/>

William & Mary's SEP Program

Summer 2021 SEP registration is now open for high ability students in grades 2-12. William & Mary's Center for Gifted Education is excited to offer 2 weeks of virtual opportunities with courses available in the morning and afternoon each week. We have virtual courses available in the areas of **robotics, civics, STEM, coding, writing, social science, and many more**. Please see our **Summer 2021** brochure for more information.

How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News

Please [complete this form](#) to have a Mantua ES- or Mantua PTA-related announcement placed in the weekly Mantua PTA News, on our [Facebook page](#) and/or on [MantuaPTA.org](#).



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