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**Important Dates**

- May 8 (Saturday): Virtual Raccoon Run.
- May 31 (Monday): Memorial Day, No School.

**Picture Day is Coming...**

- April 21 – ALL T/W students
- April 22 – ALL TH/F students

Picture envelopes went out the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents can order online ahead of time and print the confirmation or send money in the day of the event.

**Mantua's Got Talent!**

Thank you to all the participants that submitted videos for our Mantua's Got Talent show. We have over 75 participants!! Mrs. Aberle is hard at work compiling all of the amazing acts into our virtual show. Mark your calendars! The show will premiere on **Saturday April 24th at 5pm**. Links will be sent on Friday 4/23



**Kids on Canvas for Mantua ES!**

Abrakadoodle is excited to offer Kids on Canvas for Mantua students! The session will run on Mondays 4PM - 5PM for 6 weeks from 4/26 - 6/7 (no class 5/31) and supplies will be delivered straight to your door. Cost is just \$106. For more details see the flyer and register at <https://www.abrakadoodle.com/northern-register/>. Look for "Doodlers-Kids on Canvas-Online-Mantua Elementary to sign up!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/110Lz74uxuX\\_qXaNC95MO7Oxplygn-pd/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/110Lz74uxuX_qXaNC95MO7Oxplygn-pd/view?usp=sharing)

*Our gratitude cannot be MASKED!*



**Teacher Appreciation Gift Card Collection!!**  
Please help us collect gift cards for our teachers! Gift card drop-off will begin on Monday, 4/26 until Wednesday 5/5 in the Front Office. Gift cards from any store/online retailer/restaurant are welcome (\$5-\$10). A teacher Gift Card drawing will be Friday, 5/7 to wrap-up Teacher Appreciation Week, and it would be wonderful if we had enough gift cards for all our teachers. Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate them!!

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**Month of the Military Child Treat**

Mantua Elementary, and the PTA, support and celebrate our military students. During the week of 4/20-4/23 our military students will be receiving small treats to thank them for their courage and resilience. Any virtual military students can pick up their treat from the Front Office from 4/20-4/23.

**Purple Up Day in Celebration of our Military Students**

April is the Month of the Military Child. To celebrate all of our military students at Mantua Elementary, we encourage all students and staff to wear purple, and PURPLE UP for military kids! Let's show our military friends, neighbors, and classmates how much we support them on Purple Up Day, **Friday, April 23rd**.



**Celebrating Military Kids with the Counselors**

Do you have a military student at Mantua? To celebrate the Month of the Military Child, our School Counselors, Mr. Hang, and Mrs. Song, will be inviting your child to join a Google Classroom on Monday, 4/26. Your student will be invited to join by an email to their FCPS email address. On Monday (4/26) morning, there will be a link where your student can join the classroom at their appropriate time (see below). This is a great opportunity for your student to meet and talk with other military students, as well as discuss what it means to be a military child. Please see the schedule below. K-2: 9:30-10:00am 3-4: 10:00-10:30am 5-6: 10:30-11:00am

**21st Annual Raccoon Run: VIRTUAL**

Join in the fun with those in your own "bubble" for a Virtual RACCOON RUN in support of Life with Cancer on or about **Saturday, May 8, 2021**. Although there isn't an official start/finish line or ROCKY Raccoon cheering you on, the Raccoon Run runs on!



Visit [www.raccoonrun.org](http://www.raccoonrun.org) for all the details Contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, [jcooper@aol.com](mailto:jcooper@aol.com) 703-966-830 with any questions.



**Girl Scout New Troop Meeting!**

Join us as we work to create a Girl Scout Daisy Troop (kindergarten) **Saturday, 4/24 @ 11am** – Eakin Park playground Parents can meet and learn more about the Girl Scout program. Questions, email Michelle Randall [mandall@gsnc.org](mailto:mandall@gsnc.org)

**Join BSA Girl Troop 1533G**

BSA Troop 1533G is a thriving all-girl troop in Fairfax that aims to be an outdoor focused troop that does community service and is an inclusive and supportive group where no one gets left behind. They camp, hike, study plants and wildlife, learn about saving the environment, give back to the community through service, find life-long friends, and learn to be leaders in a low stakes environment. By the end of this school year we will have four girls complete Eagle Scout. Scouts must be 11 or have completed 5th grade. Please contact [GirlTroop1533@gmail.com](mailto:GirlTroop1533@gmail.com) or go to <https://www.facebook.com/troop1533> for more information.

**Mantua Parent Liaison Seeking New or Gently Used Clothing**

Hello Mantua Families, Thank you for your continued and generous donations of food and other items through our Parent Liaison, Luis Uribe, to those Mantua families in need. A recent need he identified is children's clothing sized 8-16, primarily for boys. If during your spring clean out and return to school you find that you have pants, shirts, or other clothing to donate to Mantua please contact Luis at [lauribegambo@fcps.edu](mailto:lauribegambo@fcps.edu) to set up a time for donation drop off. Thank you!

**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 25th**, 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

**2021 Spring Line is Finally Here!**

**10% OFF**

**Rainbow Hoodies**

Expires 04/15/21 11:59P

Coupon Code: **SP21**

Valid: 04/01/21 - 04/30/21

**MONTHLY SPIRITWEAR COUPON FOR April, 2021**

Use this coupon the entire month of April for great savings!

**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](mailto:kgmarmol@fcps.edu)) or Michelle Hawk ([mahawk@fcps.edu](mailto: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://tweb.fcps.edu/studentsupport/index.cfm>

**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. The form guides you through all the pieces of information we need to put out complete announcements.



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