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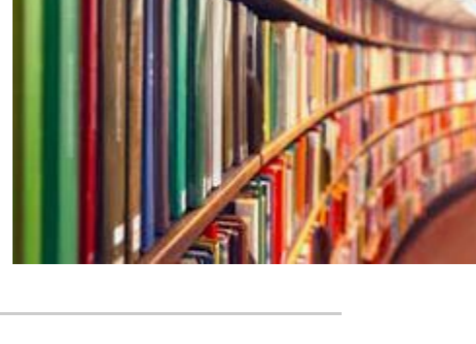
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Important Dates

- May 28 (Friday): Last Day to Return Books to School Library.
- May 31 (Monday): Memorial Day, No School.
- June 8 (Tuesday): Virtual School, Primary Day.
- June 11 (Friday): Last Day of School, 2 Hour Early Release.

Library Update

All library books are due back Friday. Virtual students can return books any school day between 8:30 and 4:30 to the rolling cart outside the main entrance. In-person students can return them to their classroom carts.



Order Your Mantua ES Yearbook

The 2020-21 Mantua yearbook is now on sale until **Friday, June 11**. Cost is \$18. In order for your student to get their yearbook promptly once they are received, please make sure you input the teacher's name correctly. For directions on how to complete the order once you are on the web site please look at the **attached flyer**. Click here to order your yearbook. For assistance with orders contact ybsupport@strawbridge.net or call 800-889-6092.

June 8 (Tuesday) Synchronous Learning

Tuesday, June 8 the Fairfax County Electoral Board and City of Fairfax Electoral Board will be using 165 school facilities as polling locations. This day will be a virtual synchronous learning day (no in-person classes) for students.

6th Grade Recognition Event

The 6th Grade Recognition Event will be held on **Wednesday, June 9th**. We are hoping you can help get out some very important information.

Each student is allowed no more than (2) guests, and this event will be a SHINE only event. In the case of rain, the event will be an all virtual event (more info to come on that if it rains). The event will take place on the blacktop area between the modulars and the playground. The final details of this are still being worked through, so be on the lookout for that communication from Admin.

Below is the link for the Sign Up Genius. We are hoping you can share this with your classes. Unlike years past, we are unable to have a party following the Recognition Event. Virtual students will be invited to attend the ceremony at the school but will need to leave prior to lunch in order to follow the FCPS lunch guidelines. Following the outdoor event, in person students will have lunch/movie indoors...again, no outdoor activities this year.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa4a82ba2fd0-6thgrade>

Mrs. Fernandez Farewell Parade

As many of you know, Mrs. Fernandez is retiring this year. Let's send her off in style and show her the appreciation she so deserves. Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 7th**. There will be a parade in front of Mantua Elementary School beginning at 3:45pm. You can walk, drive or bike through the parade. Feel free to bring a note, picture or any memento that you'd like to give to Principal Fernandez. All are invited to join.

Let's show Mrs. Fernandez how much she is truly loved by all. Please spread the word to the community and Mantua alumni as well! Any questions, contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hgtmail.com.

Mrs. Fernandez Tribute Video

After 26 years of serving Mantua Elementary as Principal, our leader Mrs. Jan-Marie Fernandez is retiring. While we're lucky to still have her as our neighbor she will greatly be missed at our school. We invite past and present students and families to take a minute and record a quick message. Let's show Ms. Fernandez some Mantua love!

Here is how to participate:

1. Go to our [tribute video website](#)
2. Click on the "Record/Upload Video" big red button
3. Record your video from your computer or phone (TIP: If you are recording the video from your phone make sure to hold your phone HORIZONTAL!)

You can also record messages as groups or as a family! Example messages can include:

- "Hi Mrs. Fernandez, remember me? Jane Doe from 1997? Good luck with everything!"
- "Thank you Mrs. Fernandez for everything"
- "Congrats on retiring we'll miss you from the Doe family"

If you have a fun memory please share that too! Make sure to say your name and the year you left! **Deadline to submit videos is Friday, June 4.**



2021 Woodson Pyramid Virtual Art Show

The 2021 Woodson Pyramid Art Show is virtual this year! Click on the link to check out artwork from Mantua students as well as the other elementary feeder schools, Frost MS, and Woodson HS. Our students are super artists and we have enjoyed "creating" with ALL of them this year!

<https://woodsonhs.fcps.edu/node/6371>

Attention Rising 7th Grade Parents!

Dear Parents of Rising 7th Grade Frost Students The transition to middle school for both students and their parents can be exciting and a bit overwhelming at the same time. One way to help parents alleviate some of the unknowns is to serve on the PTA Board! Current Frost PTA President and Vice President positions end in June. The work is not hard nor very demanding, and can be very rewarding! These are great opportunities for you to: Connect with and get-to-know Frost Administration, including Principal Harris, and the Teachers Be more aware of the various school-related activities and programs to help you and your child navigate the transition to Middle School Influence what programs and activities the PTA could host to support students, teachers, and the entire Frost community Meet more awesome parents outside of your elementary-school circle To learn more about the Frost PTA, visit <http://frostpta.org/>. If you're interested, or know someone who may be interested, contact LaTisha Elcock, Frost PTA President, at latisha@frostpta.org. LaTisha and Kathy Hughes, the Vice President, would be happy to chat with you! Warm Regards, Kathy Hughes Vice President Frost MS PTA

Northern Virginia Science and Engineering Fair 2021 Results

Northern Virginia Science and Engineering Fair (NVSE) 2021 - Congratulations to our Mantua Science Fair Participants in the 7th Annual Regional Science Fair, at George Mason University, held virtually in Spring 2021.

Salar Nasimov (Division 2, Life and Earth Sciences: Does Your Birth Season Affect Your Season Preferences?) Isha Stauber (Division 2, Physical Science and Engineering Division: 1st Place: The Helium Advantage) and Krish Stauber (Division 2, Life and Earth Sciences Division: 3rd Place: 5 Seconds of Terror) displayed their independent scientific research, and competed against 80 projects from 13 other elementary and middle school schools from Northern Virginia.

Be on the look out for more information in the Fall for the 2022 Science Fair.

Fairfax County's School Age Child Care to Open for 2021-22 School Year

SACC will be open to provide before and after school services for the 2021-22 School Year. The SACC program is currently assessing center capacities based on health and safety protocols. More information for the 2021-22 School Year program will be available by June 15 on the SACC website. Families who were previously enrolled will be contacted to determine their need for services.

Registration for VIP Summer Camp

What is your middle school child doing this summer? Like you, we believe your child is a very important person and deserves a summer experience that is safe and full of fitness, friends, fun and enrichment. FCPS and the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (DNCS) have teamed up to offer a 5 week camp for rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders attending Frost, Irving, Lake Braddock, Robinson, and South County Middle Schools. There is a \$50 camp supply fee. Breakfast & lunch will be served each day. Campers will have a great time playing sports, games, doing arts and crafts and cooking. We will have fun in-house field trips activities on Fridays. The staff is comprised of FCPS teachers and support staff, After School Program Specialists, and trained DNCS staff. Transportation is provided to and from each middle school to Irving Middle School.

Camp Details

Dates: Monday, June 28, 2021 - Thursday, July 29, 2021 (students are encouraged to attend all 5 weeks)

Hours: 9:00am-3:00pm (8-9 is drop off, camp begins at 9am)

Location: South County Middle School 8700 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton, VA 22079

Transportation: FCPS bus pick-up and drop-off available at Frost Middle School

Registration Procedure: Use the registration link provided here: <https://forms.gle/1zwrQaynAVHK9aNe9>

Registration Fee: \$50 – pay information in on the registration application – Camp will fill up fast!

Refund Policy: To request a refund of the Camp Supply Fee, contact Chris Woodby, After-School Specialist at Frost MS, by emailing cwoodby@fcps.edu prior to the cutoff date of Friday, June 25, 2021. Refund requests submitted after the cutoff date will not be considered.

Please note: You will receive an email confirmation, once the registration fee has been paid, from Deb Metzker that your child has been accepted into camp.

Questions? Please contact Debbie Metzker at dmetzker@fcps.edu

Summer Volunteer Camp, July 12-16

The Kids Give Back Summer Volunteer Camp is the perfect opportunity for kids, ages 6-12, to make an impact in our community. Each day, kids will participate in volunteer work led by an FCPS teacher and teen camp counselors. They will also play games and meet leaders from local non-profits. Projects will include: Birthday Bags for kids in need, Painting Corn Hole sets and making bean bags for disabled individuals, Packing meals for the homeless, Making fleece blankets for an animal shelter. And more.

Registration is \$125/child, \$200 for two siblings, \$300 for three siblings. July 12-16, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8922 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. www.kidsgiveback.org

Find Your Voice - Summer Camp in Mantua

This summer is the best time to get your kids ready for... BACK TO IN-PERSON SCHOOL! Let iContact Coaching with Jenn McRobbie and Julie Johnston, help sharpen their social skills, teach them the power of good communication, the fun of improv, and build their self-confidence. 3-day sessions for grades 2-12th, starting June 22nd - July 29th At the Mantua Clubhouse 9330 Pentland Place Fairfax VA 22031 DON'T WAIT - SPACE IS LIMITED REGISTER HERE <https://contactcoaching.wufoo.com/forms/find-your-voice-summer-camps-2021/>



Summer Camp Programs

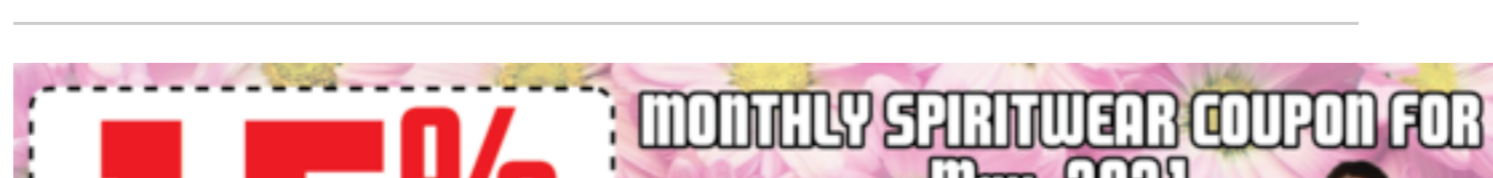
Fairfax County's Neighborhood and Community Services offers several summer camp programs from June through August for students ranging from rising 1st graders to teens. Share the link below for registration and more information.

[Registration Opens for 2021 NCS Summer Camps | Neighborhood and Community Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

Girls Summer Basketball Camp

2021 VGS Girls Summer Basketball Camp July 26-30.

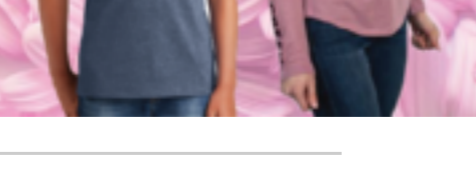
For more info contact Coach Gibson: WFR3@bason@fcps.edu



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