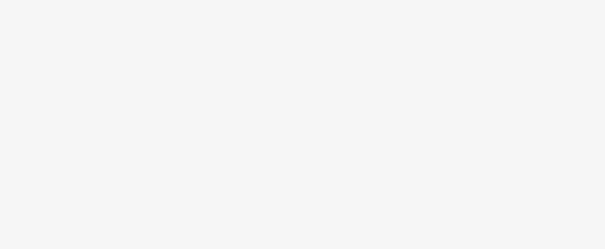


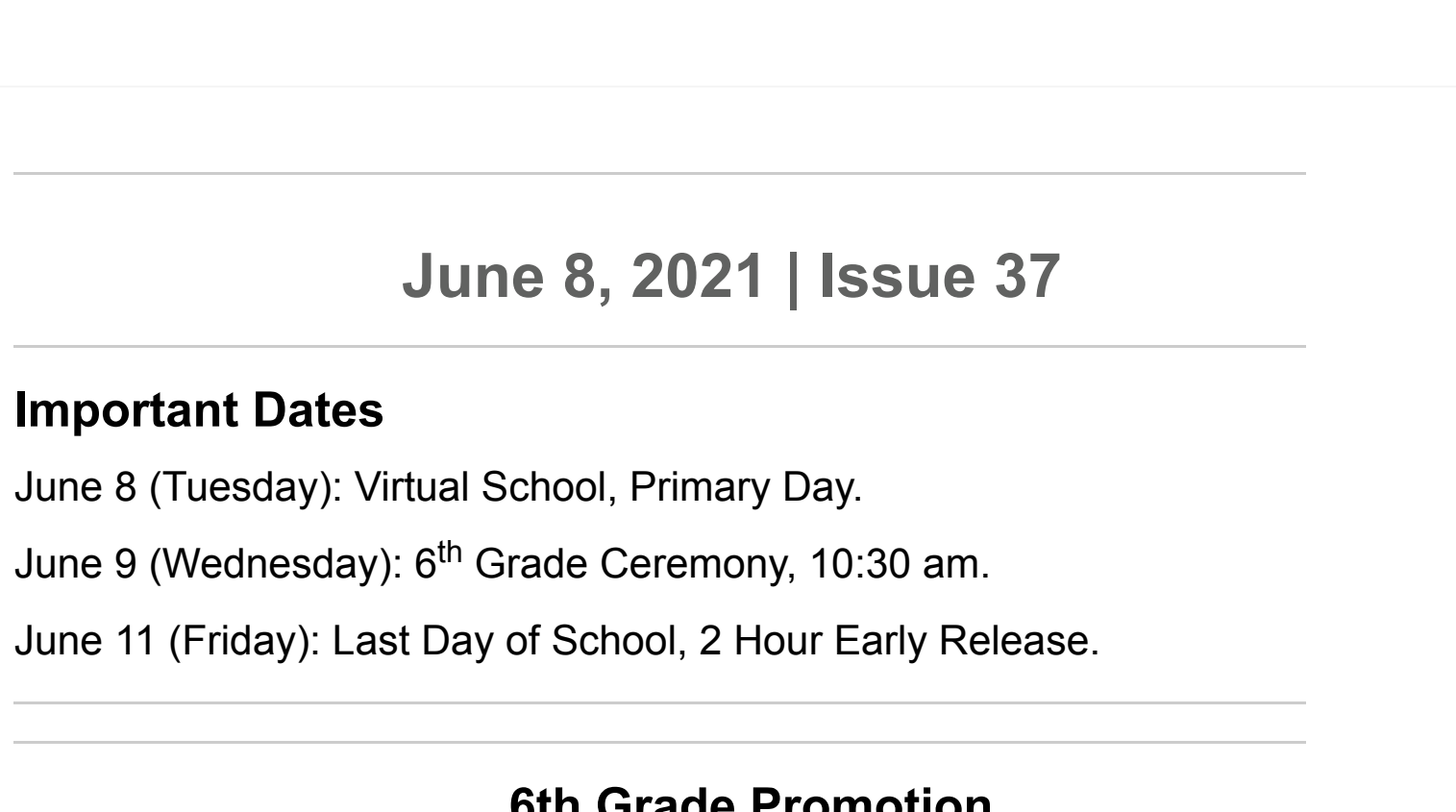
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Important Dates

- June 8 (Tuesday): Virtual School, Primary Day.
- June 9 (Wednesday): 6th Grade Ceremony, 10:30 am.
- June 11 (Friday): Last Day of School, 2 Hour Early Release.

6th Grade Promotion

We are happy to announce that we will be recognizing Mantua's 6th grade students through an in-person promotion ceremony this year.

Adhering to the COVID-19 mitigation guidelines provided by FCPS for elementary schools, we have determined the plan for 6th grade promotion for the class of 2021. We are holding a "shine-only" outdoor event at 10:30am on June 9. Though outside, we must still adhere to gathering maximums and social distancing.

FCPS currently limits the number of people we can have on campus. Therefore, each student is strictly limited to 2 guests. As part of the COVID guidelines, all guests and students must be able to answer "no" to all of the questions on the FCPS Health Screening form found here http://fcpsonet.fcps.edu/assess/Mont_Comp/InPersonEvaluations.pdf?xml=http://search.fcps.edu/cgi-bin/textis.cgi/webinator/search/xml.txt?query=health+screening&pr=fcpshet1&prox=essence&order=750&sort=750&offset=500&view=500&feed=500&size=18&order=&qs=609c81df7f, wear a mask, and maintain a 6' distance from other guests who do not share their home address.

Due to capacity guidelines and mitigation requirements, no guests may enter the building with their children. In-person students will arrive and proceed to their classrooms in the Modular Building as they do on a typical day. Virtual students will report to the Modular Building by 9:45am and be ushered to a classroom.

No more than 2 guests per student are allowed, guests will assemble on the grass around the blacktop by the playground. The entire blacktop is reserved for the event, there will be no seating provided for guests. All 6th graders, virtual or in-person and in attendance or not, will have their name called by Mrs. Fernandez alphabetically by classroom teacher. Following the ceremony, there will be photo opportunities with backpacks for students and families. Following the photo opportunities, virtual students will leave with their guests). In-person students may also check out and leave with their guests but are also able to remain in their classrooms for the rest of the school day.

We look forward to seeing you on June 9, 2021 at 10:30 am for this event, guests may assemble on the grass surrounding the blacktop as early as 9:45am. Please make sure not to block the driveways of Mantua's neighbors when you park.

6th Grade Promotion Timeline

6th grade families! Here is a tentative breakdown of tomorrow:

9:45am	Virtual and In person 6th graders report to the modulars.
9:45-10:30	Parents arrive (there will be no seating provided by the school for parents)
10:30-11:15	Ceremony
11:15-11:45	Photo opportunity outdoors, socially distant
11:45	In Person and Virtual Students can pick up their 6th grade t-shirts
11:45 - noon	Virtual students will grab their swap bag, and celebratory cookie to go.
11:45 - noon	In person students will return to the modular for pizza and cake.
12:30-2:30	Baby picture slideshow and movie in classroom.
2:30-3:10	Recess
3:10-4:05	Teacher led activities.

Summer Reading!

Summer reading is back at Mantua! Check out this website which will link students to our Olympic Themed summer reading Bingo board, as well as other local summer reading programs. (students will need to log in with their FCPS Google usernames and passwords. Mantua summer reading Bingo sheets can be turned in once school begins in August. Questions? Please contact Katie Marmol kgmarmol@fcps.edu or Michelle Hawk mahawk@fcps.edu.

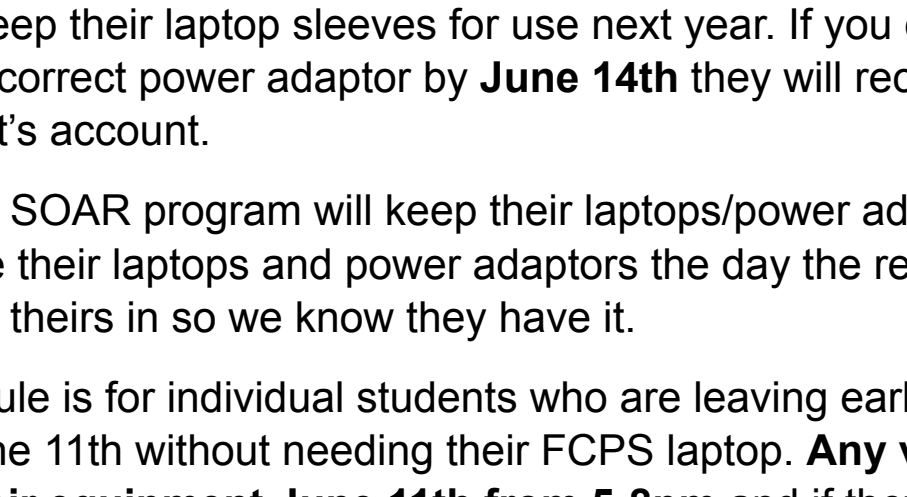
Order Your Mantua ES Yearbook

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.

Virtual Author Visit

Our 6th graders will have the opportunity to meet author Keir Graff on Tuesday, June 8th Mr. Graff is the author of several popular titles, including The Other Felix, The Matchstick Castle, and The Phantom Tower. His latest release, The Tiny Mansion, follows a middle schooler who is forced to spend her summer off-the-grid with her family in a tiny home!

Students will enjoy a presentation and Q&A sessions. You can support these authors AND the Mantua Elementary Library, but shopping at our book fair here! https://www.bookwormcentral.com/school-online-store.php?ids=00324020-DDCE-4FF5-9541-E78F3A7E167&pro_id=&school_code=mantua



LAPTOP RETURN!

Virtual and Leaving Early Student Laptop Returns (check-ins)

Mantua has begun accepting laptop returns. Those families with computers at home that the student can still use to remain in school until the last day. If a family knows they are leaving the school before the last day, they can turn in laptops by appointment before June 11th, using the chart below.

Before returning the laptop wipe down all items with a damp, but not dripping disinfectant wipe (laptop, power adaptor, mouse). In order to receive credit for checking in the device you will need to return the student's laptop, FCPS power adaptor, and in some instances mouse. Students will keep their laptop sleeves for use next year. If you do not return the laptop and correct power adaptor by June 14th they will receive a charge on their student's account.

Students in the SOAR program will keep their laptops/power adaptors, but we still want to see their laptops and power adaptors the day the rest of the students check theirs in so we know they have it. The first schedule is for individual students who are leaving early or can attend school until June 11th without needing their FCPS laptop. Any virtual student can turn in their equipment June 11th from 5-8pm and if they are not going to be here on the 14th.

Please email pjdunfee@fcps.edu for an appointment. It is important that all devices be checked in by June 14th in order for your student's account not to be charged.

Day	Times by appointment (email pjdunfee@fcps.edu)
June 7th (Monday)	8:30am-12:30pm front lobby 4:30-5:30pm front lobby
June 9th (Wednesday)	12-1pm front lobby 4:30-5:30pm front lobby
June 10th (Thursday)	12-1pm front lobby 4:30-5:30pm front lobby
June 11th (Friday)	12-1pm front lobby 5-8pm by appointment with Ms. Dunfee pjdunfee@fcps.edu

Virtual Whole Classroom Student Laptop Check-in Schedule (Monday, June 14th)

Monday, June 14th, families with multiple children can check in devices for all children during what would be one of their assigned check in times.

Date	Grade	Time
June 14th	Kindergarten and 1st grade	8-9 AM
June 14th	2nd grade	9-10 AM
June 14th	3rd grade	10-11 AM
June 14th	4th grade	Noon - 1 PM
June 14th	5th grade	1-2 PM
June 14th	6th grade	2-3 PM

Mrs. Fernandez Tribute Video
 After 20 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:
- Go to our [tribute video website](#)
 - Click on the "Record/Upload Video" big red button
 - 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 11.**

Summer Garden Volunteers Needed
 The Discovery Garden is in full swing and in an effort to keep everything healthy and looking its best the Garden Committee is seeking volunteers to help with occasional watering, weeding and general clean-up over the next few months. Temperatures are on the rise so we just want to ensure happy and hydrated plants over the summer break so there's a beautiful display to greet everyone back next fall. No gardening experience is required and instructions about needed tasks, supplies, etc...will be provided. If interested, please contact Karin Hudson at garden@mantuaqa.org.

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://woodsohns.fcps.edu/node/6371>

Attention Rising 7th Grade Parents!
 Dear Parents of Rising 7th Grade Frosts 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://frostmapta.org/>.

If you're interested, or know someone who may be interested, contact LaTisha Elcock, Frost PTA President, at president@frostmapta.org. LaTisha and Kathy Hughes, the Vice President, would be happy to chat with you! Warm Regards, Kathy Hughes Vice President Frost MS PTA

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/tzwrQAYnAVHK9aNBg>
Registration Fee: \$50 – pay information on the registration application – Camp will fill up fast!
Refund Policy: To request a refund of the Camp Supply Fee, contact Chris Woody, After-School Specialist at Frost MS, by woodyc@fcps.edu or by email to woodyc@fcps.edu prior to the cutoff date of Friday, June 25, 2021. Refund requests submitted after the cutoff date will not be considered. Refunds will be in the form of a check. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing
Please note: You will receive an email confirmation, once the registration fee has been paid, from Deb Metzker, your child's school who 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 9350 Penland 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 WS Girls Summer Basketball Camp July 26-30.
 For more info contact Coach Gibson: WRCGibson@fcps.edu