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#### Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, April 15 - Last day to order yearbook. Last day for donations

Saturday, April 23 - COVID Vaccine Clinic and Carnival, 12- 4pm @ Little Run ES. Discovery Garden Cleanup, 1-3 @ Mantua ES.

April 18-29 - Read-A-Thon.

#### **Yearbook Sales**

The 2022 yearbook is sold through the company's online portal. The information and link can be found on the <u>FCPS Mantua school web page</u> and in the All Parent Schoology Course.



The last day to order is April 15.

#### Mantua Read-a-Thon: April 18-29

The Mantua PTA has organized the FIRST EVER Read-a-Thon **April 18-29**. Students will each receive their own online donation and minutes tracking page, so they can record their minutes over this 2 week period. More information will be sent directly from the PTA on the process, what minutes count, and how it all will work, so please stay tuned!

And for a little extra motivation to get these students reading, there will be prizes! The 2 classes that read the most minutes will receive \$150 gift cards (sponsored by Jennifer Mack Properties and JL Tree Service) to replenish books in the classroom. Additionally, we will be holding a raffle and prizes include 3 Kindles (sponsored by Anne and Sarah Harrington), a Harry Potter LEGO set (sponsored by Elite MA), a Friendship Treehouse LEGO set (sponsored by Merrifield Orthodontics) and more gift cards for local stores (sponsored by Dr. Banaji Dentistry).

This will be the Mantua PTA's final fundraiser of the year, so show your support by donating to your child's reading efforts for the Read-a-thon. We greatly appreciate your contributions for all that it does for our school, students and teachers. Please stay tuned for more information or contact <u>fundraising@mantuapta.org</u> with any questions!

### SOL Test Dates

- Friday, April 29 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading
- Wednesday, May 4 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading
- Friday, May 6 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading
- Tuesday, May 10 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science
- Wednesday, May 11 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading
- Friday, May 13 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- Tuesday, May 17 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math
- Wednesday, May 18 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- Friday, May 20 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math



Mark your calendars! The final two PTA meetings of the year will be in person on **Friday, May 6th at 9:30** am and **Thursday, June 2nd** in the evening. On June 2nd, we'll start with our volunteer appreciation reception at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7 pm. Please join us to hear how we plan to finish off the year strong, meet your new executive board, and see what is in the works for 2022-23!



#### Volunteers Needed to Help Mantua ES Art

This is your opportunity to give back to the school. We need volunteers to sign up for the Spring (April/May) to help out in the Mantua Art Room. <u>Click the link</u> to sign up, THERE ARE STILL SLOTS OPEN. No experience necessary! We need help cutting paper, refilling glue bottles, framing artwork, hanging artwork,

cutting burlap, string and more! You may help either teacher, no matter who your child has. We have many different time slots to choose from, all we ask is that you check in with the front office when you arrive.

Thank you so much for your time, we appreciate it!

~Mrs. Shirley, Mr. Lorenzi, and Mrs. Rozycki~

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AA9AC22A6FF2-mantua5

#### Advanced Academics Program (AAP) information

Please visit the AAP webpage on <u>fcps.edu</u> for information on timelines and Level I-IV using this <u>link</u>.

#### Interventions at Mantua

In recent PTA meetings we have shared the interventions that are taking place at Mantua this year. The <u>Mantua's ESSER/SIIP 2021-22 at Glance</u> describes our work to support student academic achievement and wellness. Our ESSER leads are listed below.

Academic Leads: Jane Dunfee and Lisa Dreyfus

Wellness Leads: Lindsay Mueller and Emily Tilman

### **FCPS** Tutoring

FCPS is excited to share a new resource that will soon be available to students to support learning. All FCPS students will have unlimited access to online tutoring support services through Tutor.com at no cost. Students can connect online any time, and in most subjects for as long as they need. Tutoring is focused instruction provided to students in a one-on-one format through voice or text chat. Tutors will focus on developing students' strengths and capabilities in reading, mathematics, or other specified subjects. Tutoring services may be accessed before, during, or after school hours and/or on weekends through a link in Schoology. All tutors must pass a rigorous application process including an extensive background check. No personal information is shared between a student and tutor. All sessions are recorded and transcripts are available for review by teachers and parents/guardians.

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Students will automatically have access to the Tutor.com tutoring service unless a parent/guardian submits an opt-out request. Watch for an email soon that will include the online tutoring services notice and opt-out information. For additional information, visit our <u>online tutoring services</u> website.



#### 6th Grade Promotion and Party Planning

Save The Date: **Thursday, June 9th** will be the 6th Grade Promotion and Party. More details to come! Planning and preparation is underway. Thank you to those that have volunteered to date!

Email Kristina Clarke at <u>president@mantuapta.org</u> with any questions.

https://www.signupgenius.com/

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#### **Clothing Donations for Ukrainian Refugees**

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, more than three million residents of Ukraine have fled the country due to the Russian invasion. More than two million people arrived in neighboring Poland. As the crisis escalates, the number of refugees increases. They need our help!

A campaign responding to this unprecedented crisis is underway in the Mantua community.

The Mantua Kids Care Club placed bins in the Elementary School lobby we hope to fill with donations. We seek donations of:

- · new or gently-used coats
- new blankets
- · new pairs of sweat socks or new heavy socks
- new gloves

Please bring any donations by April 15th.

Items will be boxed and secured for shipping soon after. Thank you for considering donating and supporting those at this critical time. If you have any questions, contact Christine Rene at crenester@gmail.com.

For more information and a list of other donation locations throughout the

community, please visit https://novaregion.org/1546/Helping-Ukraine.

# Discovery Garden Spring Clean-Up & Garden Updates Volunteers Needed

#### Saturday, April 23



We will be holding our bi-annual Discovery Garden Clean-Up on **Saturday, April 23 from 1-3 pm**.

We'll finish the winter clearing and weeding and add compost and mulch to the beds above the playground. As always, this is a family-friendly event so kiddos are encouraged to come and help out. In addition, we'll also begin work on clearing the area by the quad buildings for our brand new, hands on 'Learning Gardens' to be used by our teachers and students. No green thumb is necessary and we welcome everyone to join us in this effort!

The committee has limited tools, please bring along any of the following: shovels, pitchforks, hand clippers, rakes, extra wheelbarrows will also help speed up the removal of debris to the dumpsters. If anyone has a heavy duty tiller they'd be willing to let us borrow that would be greatly appreciated!

To help us with planning, please sign up using the <u>SignUp Genius link</u>. See you on April 23!

Questions, contact Karin Hudson gardens@mantuapta.org.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA4A72EA5FC1-mantua1

#### Premier AC Soccer Tryouts

Love Soccer? Want to try playing travel soccer? PREMIER AC soccer club is hosting rolling try outs this month. Boys practice Tuesday and Thursdays, Girls practice Monday and Wednesdays. If you have further questions, please reach out to <u>Sarah.smith8103@gmail.com</u>

To register visit <u>https://forms.gle/P5hEea3k8ggbmjLx7</u>

#### **Family Resource Center**

Supporting Early Learners: Growing the Caregiver's Toolbox: A Webinar Series for PreK-2 Families

- 4/22/22: Supporting Healthy Habits & Routines in Early Learners
- 5/20/22: Growing through Tough Moments in Early Learners

There are so many ways children learn and develop throughout early childhood. Relationships, habits, and even challenges can become rich opportunities to teach and foster lifelong learning and skills for our children. Learn more about how self-regulation, executive functioning, and routines can help your children learn and develop. <u>Register for Supporting Early Learners:</u> <u>Growing the Caregiver's Toolbox: A Webinar for PreK-2 Families</u>

### WT Woodson 5K for the Trevor Project

W.T. Woodson High School is hosting a 5K Race/Walk and Fun Run to raise awareness and money for The Trevor Project. At Woodson, we have an extremely diverse student population. In raising money for the Trevor Project, we hope to support their mission to further mental health awareness for all students. This is a community 5K and Fun Run for students at Woodson High School, families, friends, and community members. The race is organized by students, and will take place on Saturday, April 30.

Price: \$25.00 Race Fee + \$2.45 SignUp Fee Registration: Price increases to \$35.00 after April 15, 2022

Registration is here: https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Fairfax/WTWoodson5k

Flier: https://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2021-22/flyers/woodson-5k.jpg

#### Frost PTA Bingo Night

SAVE THE DATE! Frost MS Bingo Night is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21st. Doors open at 6:00PM, Bingo starts at 6:30PM**. This is a great event for the whole community with lots of prizes, raffles, and FUN! We hope that many of our 6th grade families are able to attend!

#### **COVID Vaccine Clinic and Carnival**

COVID Vaccine Clinic and Carnival - April 23 12:00-4:00pm

Thanks to a *generous grant from the National PTA*, the Little Run PTA will be hosting a FREE community COVID-19 vaccine clinic and carnival on **Saturday**, **April 23 from 12:00-4:00pm** at Little Run ES at 4511 Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA.

- FREE Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines available
- o Appointments available, but NOT required
- o No ID required o Age 5+: 1st or 2nd dose
- o Age 12+ (including adults): 1st, 2nd, or booster dose
- o Children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- o Bring confirmation of any previous COVID-19 vaccine doses (picture OK)
- · FREE carnival games and prizes

• FREE pizza and popcorn (while supplies last) You do NOT need to be a student/family currently attending Little Run ES to take advantage of this opportunity, so please share this information with neighbors and friends.

A second vaccine clinic will be held during the World at Little Run Festival on Saturday, May 14 from 1:00-4:00pm. First doses, second doses, and booster doses will again be available. If you receive a first dose on April 23, May 14 is the perfect time to receive a second dose. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni Russell at <u>ilrussellzia@fcps.edu</u>.

#### **COVID Vaccination Status**

You may wish to voluntarily share your child's COVID-19 vaccination information with Mantua ES. However, we do not require your child's vaccination information and no school employee will ask for your child's vaccination status. If you would like to provide us with your child's vaccination status, please bring your child's COVID-19 vaccination card or a photocopy of the card to Ms. Kakouris in the front office. COVID-19 vaccination documentation contains Protected Health Information and should not be emailed.

#### Seventh Grade Immunization Requirements

Effective July 1, 2021 all students entering 7th grade will be required to receive one dose of each of the following immunizations prior to the beginning of school: Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis booster (Tdap) given at age 7 or older, and Meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) given at age 10 or older. Seventh grade students cannot begin school in August without proper Tdap and Meningococcal documentation.

Acceptable documentation to submit to Mantua ES can be one of the following:

1. An immunization record showing the month, day, and year the immunization(s) was given.

2. A note on a healthcare provider's letterhead stating the month, day, and year the immunization(s) was given.

3. A healthcare provider's written statement of a permanent or temporary medical exemption for a student who cannot receive the immunization due to medical reasons.

4. A notarized Religious Exemption Form, which is available online at: <u>http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health\_medical/certificate\_religious\_</u> <u>exemption.pdf</u>

# Children Ages 5-11 Now Eligible to VaxUP!

Children ages 5-11 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. FCPS is collaborating with the Fairfax County Health Department, Inova, and the Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Pediatricians to offer community-wide access to vaccines as soon as possible. Vaccines are

expected to be available at mass vaccination sites



really soon. Check with your local pharmacy or pediatrician for appointment availability. Up-to-date information about vaccination opportunities <u>will be</u> available on our website.

In the meantime, you may have questions about the vaccine. We talked with local pediatricians to answer some of the most common questions. First, we asked how the vaccine works and about its safety. Hear what they have to say in this <u>short video</u>.

- <u>Return to School COVID-19 Vaccination for Children Ages 5-11</u>
- Message from the Superintendent
- FCPS Nov. 3 newsletter

#### NEW! 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

### Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at <u>MantuaPTA.org</u> and click **JOIN PTA NOW!** Dues are \$20 per family and get you discounts on PTA sponsored clubs. Our dues fully support our free programs so that every penny of our fundraisers goes right back into the



classrooms. Follow us on Facebook to get the inside scoop on all our events and programs - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/</u> - Can't wait to get started! Mantua PTA News 2022, Issue 31



requested by emailing the Mantua Attendance (<u>Mantuaelem.attendance@fcps.edu</u>) by 11:00am, so the office has time to relay that change to the classroom teacher. No early dismissals will be permitted after 3:30pm.

#### **Visitors Welcome**

The most updated guidance from FCPS indicates that we can welcome visitors and volunteers. Our Visitor Management System is back up and running in the main office. Visitors who will be engaging with students will need to check-in using this system. Please know that the Visitor Management System requires that visitors have their licenses when checking in. Our teachers may begin to solicit parent volunteers through their parent communication.

# How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News



Please <u>complete this form</u> to have a Mantua ES- or Mantua PTA-related announcement placed in the weekly Mantua PTA News, on our <u>Facebook page</u> and/or on <u>MantuaPTA.org</u>

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

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