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### Important Upcoming Dates

**April 18-29** - Read-A-Thon.

**Saturday, April 30** - Woodson 5K.

**May 2-6** - Teacher Appreciation Week.

**Friday, May 6** - PTA meeting, 9:30am



### Mantua Read-a-Thon Coming To A Close On Friday

We are coming close to the end of this amazing Read-a-Thon and we are so excited about how much our students are reading! The Mantua PTA is thrilled by the enthusiasm but also incredibly grateful for the generous donations! **The Read-a-Thon will end this Friday, so please make sure you have your minutes added to 99pledges no later than Saturday, April 30 at 12:00 noon.** After this time we will not be able to include any minutes that would apply to possible raffle prizes!

We encourage all students to track their minutes every day. The Read-a-Thon will continue until **Friday, April 29th** and there will be some great prizes at the end, so please encourage your child to read as much as they can by next Friday. Reading minutes count if you read to them, if they read in school, if they read picture books, chapter books, magazines. Anything they are reading means they're exploring and that counts!

Stay tuned for additional announcements on our Facebook page and if you have any questions regarding use of the [99pledges.com](https://www.99pledges.com) platform, please email [fundraising@mantuapta.org](mailto:fundraising@mantuapta.org).

And yes I mentioned prizes! Thank you to all of our generous sponsors for the prizes for both our raffle and classroom competition prizes:

- 3 Kindle Readers: sponsored by Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long and Foster Realtors
- 2 Writing Doodle Tablets: sponsored by Travis Pugh, Samson Properties
  - Harry Potter Express Train LEGO Set: sponsored by Elite MA
  - Friendship Tree LEGO Set: sponsored by Dr. Jones and Merrifield Orthodontics
  - Mini Drone: Sponsored by Travis Pugh, Samson Properties
- 2 \$150 Gift Cards: sponsored by Jennifer Mack Properties and JL Tree Service
  - MA Training Vouchers: sponsored by InCourage Martial Arts
  - \$50 Local Business Gift Card: sponsored by Dr. Banaji Dentistry

Please let us know if you have any questions at [fundraising@mantuapta.org](mailto:fundraising@mantuapta.org). Thank you!

### **Sixth Grade T-shirt and Party**

Sixth Grade Parents!! 6th graders will be celebrating their end of year with a promotion ceremony and party on Thursday June 9. They will also get a T-shirt to wear for the Gettysburg field trip on June 1. Please complete the form and payment at the link below for the 6th grade T-shirt and party?. Every family must complete the form by **Friday April 29!**

<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/20226thgradeparty>.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

The week of May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week! The class parents will be sending detailed info but please plan to send your child in with the following:

- Mon 5/02 (flower)
- Tues 5/03 (fruit)
- Wed 5/04 (card, teacher luncheon side & gift card)
- Thurs 5/05 (class supply)
- Fri 5/06 (treat/candy)

The annual Teacher Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday 5/04. Details will also follow, but each grade level will be assigned a food side (drinks, chips, cookies, plates, etc.) to bring as well as a gift card and/or donation. This takes a lot of donations—so please plan to help/donate. Let's have fun and celebrate our wonderful teachers!!

### **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!

### Interventions at Mantua

In recent PTA meetings we have shared the interventions that are taking place at Mantua this year. The [Mantua's ESSER/SIIP 2021-22 at Glance](#) 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.

**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 [online tutoring services website](#).

### Thank You to the students and families who donated to the Clothing Drive for Ukrainian Refugees. We appreciate your generosity!

The Kids Care Club (KCC), Mrs. Rene, and Ms. Sullivan would like to thank everyone who was able to donate coats, gloves, socks, and blankets. The Mantua Community rallied in a very short time to donate over 50 items. These items were collected and brought to nearby Providence Community Center, where they were consolidated with donations from across the Northern Virginia Region and then shipped to refugees in Poland and residents still in Ukraine. (For more info: <https://novaregion.org/1546/Helping-Ukraine>)

*A sweet note on one donation:*



*Mrs. Bruining and Ms. Sullivan dropping off Mantua donations at the Community Center:*



### **Family Resource Center**

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

- 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. [Register for Supporting Early Learners: Growing the Caregiver's Toolbox: A Webinar for PreK-2 Families](#)

### **Mantua Drama Club Presents Seussical, Jr!**

Mantua Drama Club presents Seussical, JR. "Oh, the things you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper! Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical JR., a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony-winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton will hear a Who and a cheerful chaos will ensue when Mantua Drama Club presents Seussical JR. on **May 13 at 7pm** and **May 14 at 2pm** at Mantua Elementary School, 9107 Horner Court, enter to back left, Gym Door 5.

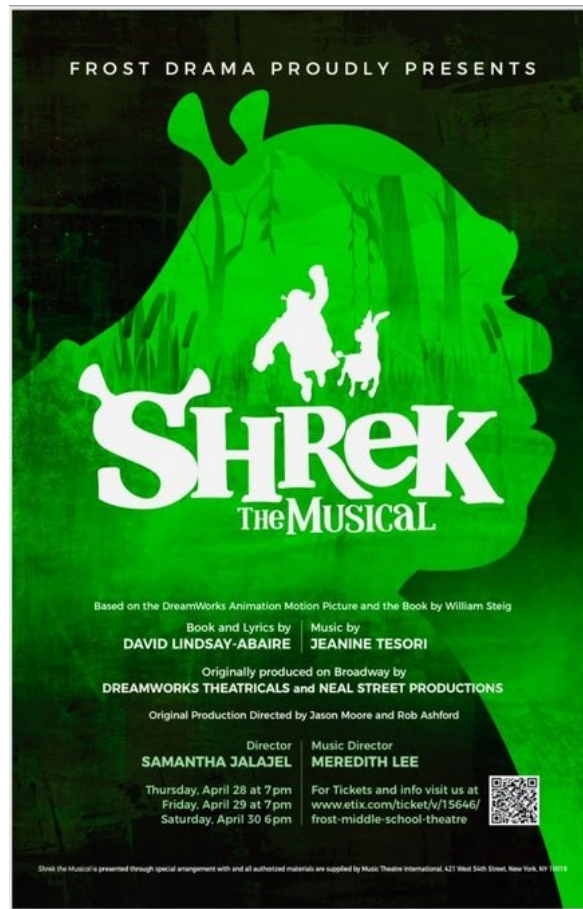
Tickets for sale at the door for \$7 for adults and children. Doors open 45 minutes before showtime, concessions available for outdoor consumption. Contact Lauren Brennan at [drama@mantuapta.org](mailto:drama@mantuapta.org) with questions.

### **Frost Presents Shrek the Musical: Tickets on Sale !**

Join Frost Drama for Shrek the Musical! Performance dates are:

- Thursday, April 28 at 7pm
- Friday, April 29 at 7pm
- Saturday April 30 at 6pm

**Tickets are on sale go to** <http://www.etix.com/ticket/v/15646/>

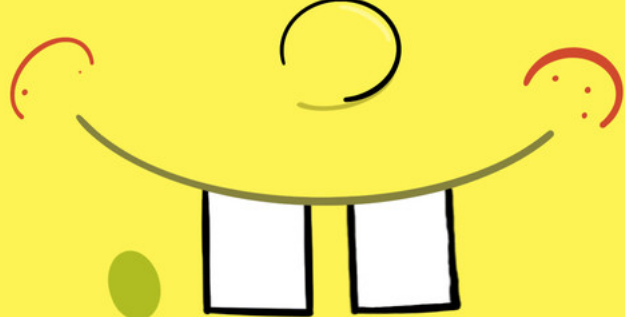


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**MUSIC DIRECTOR AMY MOIR**



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SUNDAY MAY 8 @ 6PM  
FRIDAY MAY 13 @ 7PM  
SATURDAY MAY 14 @2PM  
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### Woodson Drama Presents: *The SpongeBob Musical*

We are so excited to be opening our Production of *The SpongeBob Musical* in a little over a week! The stakes have never been higher in this dynamic stage musical, as SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total destruction of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance. And just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up and takes center stage. The power of optimism really can save the world! All of your Favorite SpongeBob characters take the stage in this epic adventure.

W.T. Woodson Highschool is the first FCPS school to produce the musical after its 12-Tony nominated Broadway run. This production is the PERFECT show to bring the whole family too! With nearly 150 Woodson students involved, we'd love to have you come out and support this incredible team. All proceeds go back to the drama department.

The show runs:

- Friday, May 6 - 7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 8 - 6 p.m. (Sensory Friendly Performance – use code "BikiniBottom" for \$5 FCPS Elementary student tickets!)
- Friday, May 13 - 7 p.m. (ASL Performance)
- Saturday, May 14 - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (for the 2pm show - use code "BikiniBottom" for \$5 FCPS Elementary student tickets!)
- Sunday, May 15 - 6 p.m.

[Tickets can be purchased here](#)

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### The Raccoon Run

The Raccoon Run is fast approaching! Race day is **May 7!** This race starts and ends at the elementary school and all proceeds support Life with Cancer! Please see the website for registration.

[www.raccoonrun.org](http://www.raccoonrun.org)



### 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: [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health\\_medical/certificate\\_religious\\_exemption.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/certificate_religious_exemption.pdf)

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

#### Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at [MantuaPTA.org](http://MantuaPTA.org) 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 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/> - Can't wait to get started!



Any changes in dismissal transportation need to be requested by emailing the Mantua Attendance ([Mantuaelem.attendance@fcps.edu](mailto:Mantuaelem.attendance@fcps.edu)) 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.

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### 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.

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### 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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