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Message From the Principals

Each year we try new strategies to streamline the classroom placement process. In a school of this size, it takes many weeks during the summer to accomplish this task. We have lots of information regarding your child since teachers fill out cards on every student. However, if parents feel that they have additional information that needs to be shared with the administrators please fill out the form which can be accessed at the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FlvjLBFGDPkpA_0YU5o2HPMcTXHzt58IPJTrUx269XQ/viewform. Any families who are planning on filling out this form must do this by **Thursday, July 4, 2013**.

Just as a reminder, it is not helpful to state the desire to have a specific teacher. Ironically, over the years, we have noted that parents do not always pick the best match for their own children. They do not have the benefit of actually knowing the different teachers' personality and teaching styles, as we do. We work many days to thoughtfully complete class placements. Parent requests for specific teachers can often throw off the dynamics of this process and can cause a classroom to be filled with too many students with similar needs.

Remember, we must have the form completed by Thursday, July 4, 2013.

Many Thanks,

Jan-Marie Fernandez, Principal

Amy V. Alley, Assistant Principal

Tina Tingler, Assistant Principal

PTA Meeting THIS Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. with Elections on June 6th and June 7th

The last PTA meeting of the school year will be held on Thursday, **June 6th** at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Come to the meeting to participate in important decisions for next year, including our PTA Board Elections. Our nominees are listed elsewhere in this Alert News.

As you may have read in last week's Special Alert email, PTA Board elections will begin at the

conclusion of other PTA business on Thursday, **June 6th**. In order to allow every PTA member a chance to vote, the elections will continue on the morning of Friday, **June 7th** from 8:30-10:00 a.m. For more information about this process, please see the following:

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/alertnews/2012-13/SpecialAlert053013.pdf>.

Childcare will be provided for the June 6th PTA meeting. We hope to see you there!

Sixth Grade End of Year Party Volunteers Needed!

The Sixth Grade End of Year Party is less than two weeks away, and we are still in need of some helping hands to make the party a huge success! Please consider helping for one hour or more on Friday, **June 14th** with setup, cleanup, face painting, outdoor volleyball, snow cones, etc. This is the last opportunity we have to volunteer with our children at Mantua, so grab it while you can! www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E45AEA82F4-sixth

Mantua Elementary Partners in Education

Mantua PTA is partnering with businesses who commit to give a percentage back to our school when you patronize their establishments. It is as simple as saying that you are with Mantua Elementary, no card or flyer required. Please peruse the list below and you may find a new place to try or a family favorite that is right down the road. Questions contact Jennifer Epley at epleyjb@gmail.com.

Valvoline Instant Oil Change 9883 Fairfax Blvd (Across from PJ Skidoos), 703-273-7333 gives 10% back when you mention Mantua.

Twins Ace Hardware - mention Mantua

Red, Hot and Blue 4150 Chain Bridge Road, 703-218-6989 - gives 10% back when you mention Mantua.

Support Mantua While Shopping with Amazon

Please support Mantua when you shop for Father's Day and summer essentials! By using the Amazon link on the Mantua PTA website, you can shop privately and securely, and Mantua can receive up to 10% of your purchase. To get started, simply go to the [PTA website](#), and start shopping. By accessing Amazon through the Mantua PTA website, you will be on your way to shopping and supporting your favorite school!

It's Time to Check the Lost and Found

Is your child missing a sweatshirt or jacket or lunchbox? The school's Lost and Found is filled with items often left behind in the cafeteria or on the playground. The Lost and Found is cleaned up on the LAST FRIDAY of every month. Unclaimed items will be donated. Please encourage your students to look through the Lost and Found for any items they may have misplaced at school. You are welcome to come to the school to look, too.

PTA Executive Board Elections Held at June PTA Meeting

The slate of PTA Board Officers for the next school year is

President: Jennifer Epley

First Vice-President (Programs) - Nominees: Teresa Willebeek-LeMair or Laszlo Pentek

Second Vice-President (Fundraising and Membership): Meri Farling

Treasurer: Carolyn Stephan

Secretary: Julie Middleton

Only dues-paying PTA members are eligible to vote. Please join us on Thursday, **June 6th** at 7:00 p.m. during our regularly scheduled General PTA meeting to vote. You may also vote at the school on Friday, **June 7th** from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Yearbooks are Coming!

If you did not preorder a yearbook, we will have a limited number of yearbooks available for purchase that will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like one, please make a check payable to *Mantua PTA* in the amount of \$30 per yearbook. Mark the envelope clearly "Yearbook Order", and include your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher. Envelopes should be sent to Mergie in the front office. Students will receive their yearbooks on the last day of school.

If you have any questions, please contact Yelena Jones at mantuayearbooks@gmail.com or 703-501-9597.

Congratulations to the Science Olympiad Teams!

Mantua's Division A Science Olympiad Teams, the *Nerds of Steel* and the *Surfing Smarties*, competed at the annual tournament at Rachel Carson Middle School on April 18th and 19th along with 27 other teams from over a dozen elementary schools from Northern Virginia. The participants in this year's team were Third Graders Suruthikha Vijay, Ashwin Rajesh, Clara McCallister, Hari Naicker, and Nicole Choe; Fourth Graders Alexandra Cooper, Rushika

Devineni, Umang Jain, Akash Seenuthoju, Danielle Joseph, Bradley Brewington, and Nicole Joseph; and Fifth Graders Rochelle Mendes, Pratistha Timilsina, Samhitha Reddy, and Zachre Andrews.

The kids had a great time and learned so much while training for the events. Mantua did very well, placing 2nd in overall number of medals (15 total!) out of all the participating schools, in spite of fielding a small number of kids overall.

The Mantua students won two 1st place medals, two 2nd place medals, three 3rd place medals, one 5th place medal, five 7th place medals, and two 8th place medals.



Important Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 4: Field Day for Grades K-2

Wednesday, June 5: Field Day for Grades 3-4

Thursday, June 6: Field Day for Grades 5-6

Thursday, June 6: Last PTA Meeting (including Board Elections), 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 7: PTA Elections Continue, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 10: 6th Grade Musical, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12: Strings Performance, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 14: 6th Grade Award Ceremony, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 18: Last Day of School

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

