

Mantua Elementary School PTA

Back-to-School Issue for 2012-13

Dear Mantua ES Parents,

It's almost time for school to begin - can you believe it? The Mantua ES PTA sends out a warm welcome to our new families and a welcome-back to our returning ones!

Here are some upcoming calendar items and important notes:

Help and Contributions Needed for Welcome Back Breakfast for Teachers/Staff!

The Mantua PTA will host a Welcome Back Breakfast on Tuesday, August 28th at 9 a.m.

We need parents to help with:

* Set-up/clean-up

We need parents to bring:

* Juices

* Pre-cut bagels, muffins, pastries, croissants and danish

* Fresh fruit (sliced melon, berries, grapes. etc.

* Yogurts

* Cream cheese, butter/margarine, jelly

Please have your items delivered to the Mantua Cafeteria by 8:30 a.m. Bring your item in a dish that is DISPOSABLE, include a DISPOSABLE serving utensil if possible. If your item can't be in a disposable dish, please mark it carefully. All unclaimed containers will be brought to the Office.

Please contact either [Deanna Firth-Freemyer](#) or [Meri Farling](#) to let us know if you can help out and what you will be bringing. Thank you!

Help Still Needed for Open House Folder Stuffing!

Join us on Wednesday August 29th at 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria. It's a great way to socialize while preparing the student Open House Folders. For more information, please contact [Monica Cameron](#).

Open House at Mantua ES - Thursday, August 30th

Gym doors open at 1:30 p.m. to find out your child's teacher, sign up for PTA membership, and find out more about the great activities and events this year. Classrooms are open from 2-3 p.m.

2012-13 NEW School Hours

Mondays: 9:10 a.m.-1:20 p.m.

Tuesdays - Fridays: 9:10 a.m.-3:50 p.m.

PTA - Become a Member!

The 2012-2013 PTA membership drive is here! The PTA funds and sponsors many programs and projects throughout school - including weekly alert news, basketball, carnival, new computers, drama club and continuing ed for teachers. You can join the PTA at Open House or by filling out the membership envelope in your Open House Folder. Checks can be made payable to Mantua PTA in the amount of \$15 for a family membership.

NEW this year: PTA members will receive a **\$5 reduction per child** for registration for the ever popular PTA programs: Basketball, Drama Club, and Chat and Chew Book Club. Thank you for your continuing support of our children. Any questions, please contact [Liz Schatzman](#) or [Shannon Murphy](#).

Upcoming Dates

Tue 8/28, 9-10 a.m.: Parent-hosted Staff "Welcome Back" Breakfast
(Food needed! Email [Deanna Firth Freemyer](#) to volunteer.)

Wed 8/29, 4 p.m.: Open House Folder "stuffing party" (cafeteria)

Thu 8/30, 1:30-3 p.m.: Open House (gym and classrooms)

Tue 9/4, 9:10 a.m.: First Day of School - Click [HERE](#) for Kiss & Ride info

Fri 9/7, 9:30 a.m.: PTA Meeting (library)

Fri 9/7, 10:45 a.m.: Volunteer Info Meeting (library)

Fri 9/7, 5:30 p.m.: Ice Cream Social (playground) Pizza will be available!
(Helpers needed. Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#) or email [Denise Gavilan](#))

Thu 9/13, 6:30 p.m.: Back-to-School for grades K-3 (gym)

Thu 9/20, 6:30 p.m.: Back-to-School for grades 4-6 (gym)

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is back again at Mantua for 2012-13. This is a national program that develops self confidence in young girls through running. We are fortunate to have a great group of ladies coaching this program again. It is available to all girls in grades 3-6. It will be on Monday & Wednesday mornings from 8-9 a.m. All information and registration is on the local [WEBSITE](#). Registration will begin August 20. If you have any additional questions you can contact Robert Silkowitz at Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com.

Interested in Cub Scouts?

Looking for a great activity for boys and their families in grades 1-5? Cub Scout Pack 1533 wants you to join the fun. Come to our Join Scouting Night at Mantua Pool Clubhouse on Saturday, September 15, 4-5:30 p.m. Our first Pack meeting for the year will be September 19 at 7 p.m., and our Fall campout will be October 5-6. Check out our [WEBSITE](#) to see some of our exciting programming for the year. Contact Missy Greene with any questions at 703-407-5767 or missyfay76@msn.com.

The Following Clubs/Activities Needs Your Help!

Kids Care Club and Community Building Network Please email [Teresa LeMair](#) for more information or to volunteer.

2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)
School Supply Lists by Grade [HERE](#)

* Stay informed all year long by visiting our website: ww.MantuaPTA.org

* Are you on Facebook? Stay informed by joining us: [HERE](#)

Thank you,

The Mantua Elementary School PTA

NOTE: We are currently in the process of uploading the new school year's parent email distribution list from the front office. If you have left the area or graduated out of Mantua Elementary, please feel free to click the "Unsubscribe" link at the bottom of this email.