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Important Upcoming Dates

May 11-June 5: SOL Testing
May 12: Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
May 18: Kindergarten Orientation, 2:00 p.m.
May 25: School Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
May 28: Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m., Woodson HS
June 4: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Volunteer Reception 6:30)
June 7: Mantua Homes Tour
June 8: Choral Concert & 6th Grade Musical, 6:30 p.m.
June 9-11: Field Days
June 18: 6th Grade Awards and Party
June 19: Last Day of School, 2-hour early dismissal

SOL Schedule

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Virginia Standards of Learning Tests beginning this week. It will be very helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during this time period. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude. However, please note that we want to reduce our students' anxiety about testing as much as possible by maintaining a healthy balance between students putting forth their best effort paired with reducing students' concerns about the actual test results. The SOLs are just one other measurement of our students' skills. The SOL schedule is as follows:

May 11– 3rd Grade Reading, part 1
May 12– 3rd Grade Reading, part 2
May 13 – 4th Grade Reading
May 15 – 5th Grade Reading

May 19 – 6th Grade Reading

May 20 – 5th Grade Science

May 22 – 4th grade Math

May 26 - 5th Grade Math*

May 27 – 6th Grade Math

May 28 – 3rd Grade Math, part 1

May 29 – 3rd Grade Math, part 2

June 2 – 4th Grade Virginia History

* This is a change from the date previously listed. Find more information below.

5th Grade Math SOL Date Change

Please make note that the date for the 5th grade Math SOL has changed. This is due to the ability for the students to take an expedited retake if their SOL score is in the 375-399 range. Prior to a student begin given a retake we are required to offer remediation for up to 7 days. Moving the 5th grade Math SOL to an earlier date will allow for remediation to take place and the retake to happen prior to the SOL expedited retakes window closing.

Online Registration for the 2nd Annual Mantua Homes Tour is Now Open!

Online registration for the Mantua Homes Tour on **Sunday, June 7th** is now open. Click [HERE](#) to register. Place your order on or before May 29th for a discounted price of \$15 per ticket. Ticket price after May 29th will be \$20. Support the PTA, and get great ideas for your spring projects!

We Need Your Help to Decide How to Spend Funds Raised by Our PTA

At our June 4th meeting, the PTA membership will be voting on how to spend the money we have raised for the school this year. If you have a good idea that will benefit a lot of children at Mantua, please send it in! All ideas will be shared with the school Administrators to make sure they are appropriate for our school. Ideas need to be submitted by **Friday, May 22nd** to be considered. Please email ideas to [Julie Middleton](#).

Volunteer Reception – Thank You! Thank You!

We are having a volunteer dessert reception prior to our next

PTA meeting to thank all of our wonderful parent volunteers who have helped to make this another stellar year at Mantua Elementary. Please join us from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Library on **Thursday, June 4th** prior to our final PTA meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Sixth Grade Party!

The 6th Grade Party will be after the Awards Ceremony on **Thursday, June 18th**. Please look for party information and a T-shirt form in your 6th grader's Tuesday Folder. If you would like to volunteer to help, please email [Mia Brennan](mailto:Mia.Brennan@mantua.k12.pa.us).

Kindergarten Orientation

Mantua will hold its Kindergarten Orientation for parents AND rising kindergarteners on **Monday, May 18th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** All students registering for kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year must be 5 years old by September 30, 2015. Please stop by the school office to register your child between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. before May 15th. For more information, call the Mantua front office at 703-645-6300.

Woodson HS Flea Market and Spring Festival

Woodson Cav Cruise is hosting a Flea Market and Festival on **May 16th, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** Set up your yard sale or flea market. Sell your original creations - photography, art, jewelry, clothing, etc. Whatever you want to sell, this is the perfect venue. Registrations will be accepted until May 9th unless sold out before that date. Discounts available if interested in reserving multiple spaces. There will be food trucks, entertainment, a car wash, many fun activities, and a 5k run. Proceeds from vendor registrations support Cav Cruise, Woodson's all-night Graduation party. For more information, visit www.woodsonptso.org/cavalier-cruise.html.

Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua ES family to feel included and connected—should families need to have a document translated into their native language, our volunteers are here to help!

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Email Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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