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MANTUA PTA NEWS

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June 12 (Friday): Last Day of school.

Last Chance to see Teachers

Hopefully by now you've seen the schedule for your student to pick up their belongings left in school at the time of the closure. On the day that you are scheduled, it is very likely that your classroom teacher will be there at Mantua handing those belongings back to students. This would be a great time for you to give them any cards or gifts, or to just wish them well for the summer. They've worked so hard and I know that many are looking forward to the chance to see their students one last time for the year.



Library News

Students and parents should have received an email notice from the library with a list of any books a child currently has out. Please try to locate any of the books that may be at home and bring them back on your designated drop off day the last week of school. Please note that these notices may include books that were left in the classroom. Those books will make their way back to us in the next few weeks. Please reach out to Katie Marmol (kgmarmol@fcps.edu) or Michelle Hawk (mahawk@fcps.edu) with any questions. Thank you!

Picking Up of Student Belongings – Week of June 8th

The process for picking-up student belongings is taking place in both the Bus Loop and the Kiss and Ride Loop, please see the schedule below for day, time and location by homeroom teacher. Pick-up will occur as a curbside drive-up. As we are speaking through masks, it speeds up the process and is very helpful if you write your son/daughter's full name on a large piece of paper and display it through the window when you drive up to the designated pick-up locations. A bag with your son/daughter's belongings will be brought to your vehicle. If you have library books, instruments or patrol belts to drop off there will be someone there to collect these items from you.

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR. No walk-ups are permitted.

There is not currently an alternative schedule for the return of items. If you are unable to make your scheduled pick-up, please work with another family from the same homeroom to pick-up your child's belongings and send an email to the homeroom teacher. With approximately 1,100 bags of belongings, we cannot distribute belongings across classrooms or organize by family, thank you for your understanding. Our goal is to move through this pick-up process quickly and keep the line moving. To make this happen, it is also important that you arrive within the pick-up window listed below.

Tuesday, June 9th – 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade

2nd Grade

Bus Loop

- 9:00-9:40 am – Zimmerman
- 10:00-10:40 am – McCoy
- 11:00-11:40 am – Loveday
- Kiss & Ride Loop
- 9:00-9:40 am – Kapetanakis
- 10:00-10:40 am – Smith

3rd Grade

Bus Loop

- 1:00-1:40 pm – Cro
- 2:00-2:40 pm – Sakell
- 3:00-3:40 pm – Stanco
- Kiss & Ride Loop
- 1:00-1:40 pm – Sperapani
- 2:00-2:40 pm – Lupari
- 3:00-3:40 pm – Clapp

Wednesday, June 10th – 4th Grade and 5th Grade

4th Grade

Bus Loop

- 9:00-9:40 am – H. Hong
- 10:00-10:40 am – Baugher
- 11:00-11:40 am – Amer

Kiss & Ride Loop

- 9:00-9:40 am – Hall
- 10:00-10:40 am – DeRosa
- 11:00-11:40 am – Garneski
- 12:00-12:40 pm – Robins

5th Grade

Bus Loop

- 1:00-1:40 pm - Anomaly
- 2:00-2:40 pm – Cajati
- 3:00-3:40 pm – Schwenzler/Sullivan
- 4:00-4:40 pm – Sottolano

Kiss & Ride Loop

- 1:00-1:40 pm – Greene
- 2:00-2:40 pm – Welsh
- 3:00-3:40 pm – Kneeland
- 4:00-4:40 pm – Bartges

Thursday, June 11th – 6th Grade

*** Note, Promotion certificates and other end of year items will also be in bags for 6th graders. More information about specific activities will be shared by the teachers during synchronous instruction times.**

6th Grade

Bus Loop

- 1:00-1:40 pm – Andersen
- 2:00-2:40 pm – S. Hong
- 3:00-3:40 pm – Monheim
- 4:00-4:40 pm – Kostik

Kiss & Ride Loop

- 1:00-1:40 pm – Malc
- 2:00-2:40 pm – Gray
- 3:00-3:40 pm – Boyd
- 4:00-4:40 pm – Chong



Mantua Virtual Book Fair

We're partnering with local business, Bookworm Central, to bring you a virtual book fair and keep your kids reading all summer long! You'll find a diverse and current selection of titles, as well as educational games and activity books!

Be sure to use the organization code: **mantua**.

- Mantua Elementary will receive 15% of the proceeds.
- Free shipping on orders over \$20.

Visit <https://www.bookwormcentral.com/> and enter organization code: **mantua** at the top of the website.

Bookworm Central is intent on helping you connect books with children. Bookworm is hyper-focused on doing its part to protect your families' health. At the warehouse, your orders are packed by team members practicing social distancing, always wearing gloves and masks, and continually disinfecting surface areas.

Mantua Summer Reading Program

Check out the Mantua Summer Reading Program! You will need to be logged into a FCPS Gmail account. The summer reading form can be accessed from

the image of the Chalkboard. Click around the virtual library to access different resources!

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12iEuwobPJwP2HTGayXo8-LlyO725eq36riykiizbEjs/present?slide=id.p1>



Mantua's Virtual Kindergarten Orientation

scheduled for June 3rd will be postponed until early August. This will allow the school to share more clarity regarding the 2020-2021 school year. Parents of incoming kindergarten students who have begun the registration process will be notified soon regarding the August date and time.



Kindergarten

— 2020-21 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! —

Kindergarten and New Student Registration

If your student does live in the Mantua ES boundary and is in kindergarten or new, please fill out the form linked below. Your form will be submitted to Mergie Kakouris, our school registrar, who will be able to assist you with the kindergarten registration process.

<https://mantuaes.fcps.edu/new-student-registration-2020-21>

FCPS and School Board Planning for Fall

FCPS leadership and the School Board are preparing for the fall by identifying possible options. Decisions about how to proceed will be informed by guidance coming from the state and CDC this month. Superintendent Brabrand will present an initial plan to the School Board at their meeting on **Monday, June 15**, beginning at 11:00 am. This School Board meeting may be **viewed online** and a recording will be available on **FCPS' YouTube page** afterwards. The School Board will hold a final public meeting to discuss the return plan on **Tuesday, June 23** at 1:30 pm. By the end of June, the plan is anticipated to be finalized so preparations for the fall can begin.



Virginia PTA Wednesday Webinars

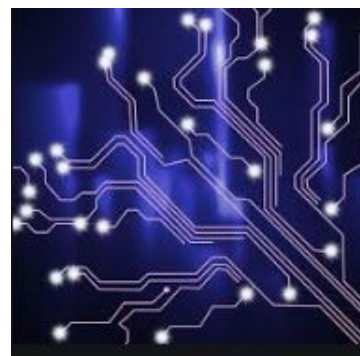
This summer, the Virginia PTA is offering all PTA members an opportunity to connect with parents, school staff, policy makers, and specialists to share information about topics that impact our students and school communities, and

provide an opportunity to share feedback directly to policy makers. From 12:00-1:00 pm every Wednesday beginning **June 10**, you can join the webinar online or call in on your phone to listen to the presentation. Webinars are free but advance registration is required. Please click on any of the following sessions for the webinar description or to register.

- June 10 **Trauma Informed Care during COVID-19**
- June 17 **Supporting Military Families through PTA**
- June 24 **Mental Health and Suicide Prevention during COVID-19**
- July 8 **Special Education during COVID-19**

Internet Access for Low Income FCPS Families

Cox Internet can provide free modem rental and free installation of internet for low-income, unconnected Fairfax County families. Households who meet income and other guidelines, can be granted this service **free through July 15** (and then continued at a fixed rate of \$9.95/month for two years).



This is unaffiliated with the MiFi distribution from FCPS.

More information can be found and shared with families from this website:

<https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete.html>

Raise Funds for Mantua ES by Linking Your Rewards Card

It's time to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC cards to Mantua!

This is a really easy fundraiser- once you link your card to our school you'll be helping to raise money every time you shop. And even better? We'll do the work for you! Go

to <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/vic> to fill in your VIC card information and we'll do the rest!

Encourage friends & family to do the same!

Parent Information Relating to Special Education

All these opportunities are **FREE** unless noted.

In most cases **you must register** if registration information is provided.

When other events become available they will be posted at:

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/upcoming-community-events/>

Note that The FCPS **Parent Resource Center** is still **open**, and it continues to provide direct assistance to families, educators, and community members. The staff there can help you find answers and solve problems.

Email: prc@fcps.edu Phone: 703-204-3941

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board is providing free access to Web and mobil tools to support our resilience and well-being. Appropriate for ages 13-adult. Start here:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/bbee573c701/92633049-c14e-4509-8384-f426ebbbf7.pdf>

Plan Ahead — Transition University — 5-session self-paced online course

Sun. June 7, 8:00 pm - Monday, July 20, 4:00 pm

Parents/guardians of school-age children can learn how to navigate the transition process to prepare their children for the adult world.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-2020-transition-university-virtual-training-registration-80303508957>

Plan Ahead — An Individualized Approach to Raising Your Challenging Child —9 session course

Tuesdays June 23-Aug. 25, Via Zoom

This program is to help parents identify the source of their child's challenging behavior and learn what they can do about it. For parents of children ages 3-12.

Register: <http://www.parentchildjourney.com/journey/> **\$ Cost varies.**

Support Groups

All these support groups are open to newcomers, and they are free, except where noted. No diagnosis is required to participate. Participants are typically given the opportunity to share their story, experience support, and glean guidance (as desired) from group members regarding both community and school resources. Confidentiality is respected. Many, but not all, have switched to online format.

Alpha Moms This support group for adoptive parents meets monthly in McLean. Contact: robin4brady@gmail.com

Autism Dads meets one evening monthly in Falls Church. Contact: George Buzby at 571-419-1257 or gbuzby@aol.com

CHADD: Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

- **Alexandria CHADD Parent Support Group** 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 pm. Contact: Jenny ADHDParentMountVernon@gmail.com or call 703-472-4678.
- **Burke CHADD Support Group for Parents, Caregivers and Family Members** Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Contact Kim Griffin: kimberlyrgriffin@yahoo.com
- **Loudoun County CHADD Parent Support** 3rd Tue. morning of the month in Sterling. Contact: Bonnie Little 571-306-2932 or on Facebook [@loudounahdhsupport](https://www.facebook.com/loudounahdhsupport)
- **West Fairfax CHADD Evening Parent Support Group** 3rd Thur. of each month at 7:30 pm Contact: Sharon clintob@aol.com or 703-716-4646.
- **West Fairfax CHADD Morning Parent Support Group** 1st Tues. of each month at 10:30 am Contact: Sharon clintob@aol.com or 703-716-4646.
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CSB Family Support Group at Gatlan Center 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month 6-8 pm in Alexandria Contact: Samar.Chwairy@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-799-2882.

D.A.D.S. Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome 3rd Tue. each month, 7-9 pm in Alexandria. Contact: George gbuzby@aol.com or call 703- 545-6089.

Fairfax Juvenile Court Parent Support Group for problems including runaway behavior, truancy, alcohol/drug abuse, and serious behavioral problems at home, at school, or in the community. 7:30 pm every Tues. Room 201.1 Fairfax County Courthouse – call 703-246-2495.

Kinship Caregivers Support Group 2nd & 4th Thur. monthly, 6:30-8:00 pm, South County Gov. Ctr. Rm. 220, 8350 Richmond Hgwy, Alexandria. Free dinner and resources. Register 1 week ahead: KFI@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-246-4653

Kinship Café – meets monthly on the 2nd Wed. in Fairfax. Free dinner. Activities for children and discussion for adults. Register 1 week ahead by calling 703-246-4653 or online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hrcode/EReg/Registration.aspx?groupID=27>

NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness builds better lives for affected families. Arlington Parent Support Group meets two Sundays a month at 7:00-8:30 pm. Contact: Naomi 703-862-9588 verdugo.naomi@gmail.com

OCD Family Support Group 1st Mon. of each month, 7:30 pm. Contact: familygroupocd@verizon.net or call 202-215-5859.

Northern Virginia Tourette Support Group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at noon at the Chantilly Public Library. Contact: mark.bramer@gmail.com

OCD Family Support Group 1st Monday of each month 7:30 pm. Contact: familygroupocd@varizon.net or call 202-215-5859

Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) meeting times and location posted at: <https://poac-nova.org/events/>

Parents of Autistic Teens meets the 2nd Sat. of each month in Oakton. Contact: Maria Dubuc 703-970-3676 or Admin@ASNV.org

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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