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Important Dates

February 15 (Monday) - President's Day Holiday, No School.



Free Grab 'n Go STEM Kits

The Mantua PTA is hosting a FREE Grab 'n Go STEM event! Explore with your little scientists and have fun! Alka-Rockets, Cartesian divers, catapults and more! Each kit will include most of the materials needed for SIX experiments. Easy to follow directions include the science behind the fun and links to how-to videos, as well as extra activities you can explore. NO stress, SOME mess! Please sign up here for your free STEM kit by **Wednesday, February 17th**.

Kits will be available for pick up the first week of March. Questions email Jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com.

<https://forms.gle/mRi9CFdEMAQRdJiq6>

AbraKadoodle for Mantua Elementary!

We are excited to announce that AbraKadoodle (a Mantua Enrichment provider for many years) has offered to host TWO Monday afternoon online art classes specifically for Mantua students! Both the DOODLERS and SCULPT IT! classes will be offered for grades K-6, and all the materials needed for the 8-week class will be included in a kit delivered straight to your home!

The 8 week session will run **February 22nd - April 19th** (no class on 3/29 but there IS class on 4/5).

- DOODLERS 2:30pm - 3:30pm Cost: \$128 per student
- SCULPT IT! 4:00pm - 5:00pm Cost: \$138 per student

Please see the following flyer for more detailed class information.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2020-21/flyers/abradoodle.pdf>

Registration begins Tuesday, February 9th - Saturday, February 20th.

Follow the link below and look for the classes marked Mantua!

<https://www.abrakadoodle.com/va-northern-register/>

Parent Workshop Slideshow

Huge thanks to Mantua ES's Mental Health Team, Anna Bukont, Emily Tilman, Richard Hang and Susan Song for a very informative presentation last week! They are a great resource, please reach out to them anytime if you have any concerns or questions. Below is a link to their presentation as well as an article on resiliency.



- [Presentation](#)
- [Self-care Plan](#)
- [Self-care Padlet](#)
- [Washington Post article: Seven ways to build a child's resilience during the pandemic \(and long after it ends\)](#)

Library Curbside Pick Up - Update

Starting **Monday, February 8th**, library books that have been checked out will be left outside the main door bagged and labeled with students' last names and first initial. Books can be picked up between 8:30 and 3:30. We will no longer have pick up on Thursdays. Pick up will only be available on Mondays from 8:30-3:30. If this change presents difficulty for your family, please email Katie Marmol (kgmarmol@fcps.edu) or Michelle Hawk (mahawk@fcps.edu).



Please understand that this may change but we will do our best to inform you as soon as possible.

School Issued Laptop Help

If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's school issued laptop, please remember to refer to the self-help page and ticketing service.

Self-help page: <https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/technology-support-families>

Parent/Student Ticket Page: <https://itweb.fcps.edu/itsupport/>

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