

**Mantua PTA News 2021, Issue 24**

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**Important Dates**

March 4 (Thursday): Virtual PTA Meeting, 7 pm.

March 5 (Friday) : 2 Hour Early Release.

March 8 (Monday) : Teacher Work Day, No School.



**Virtual PTA Meeting**

Thursday, March 4 @ 7pm.

<https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/5bcc0f94412d4d6289cd7a926ae08d06>



**Friday, March 5 Early Release.**



**Mantua's Got Talent!**

Think the Mantua PTA Talent Show is cancelled due to the pandemic? No, think again! The Mantua ES Music Department and the PTA are teaming up to bring you this year's talent show virtually. All ages and talents welcome, start planning your covid-friendly act now!

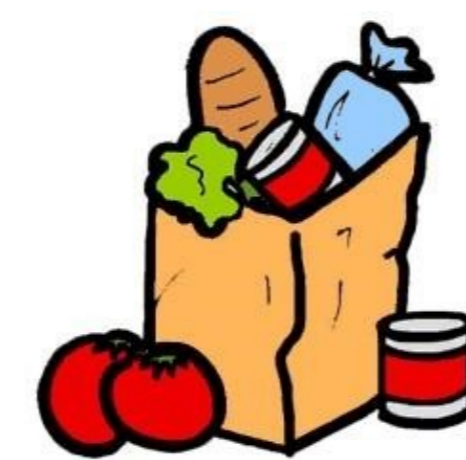
More details to come but you can plan on:

- acts being a maximum of two minutes in length
- registration mid March and video submissions due end of March/beginning April
- live premiere and watch party end of April

Questions? Email Kristina Clarke at [president@mantuapta.org](mailto:president@mantuapta.org)

**PTA STEM Kit Update**

PTA STEM kits will be distributed this week! Please check the email that you registered with for details! Questions? Email Jenn Ros at [jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com)



**Mantua Food Drive – Grade Level Competition!**

The Mantua Food Drive aims to support families from our own neighborhood and school. Luis Uribe Gamboa, Mantua's fabulous parent liaison, started this incredible effort last spring. No donation is too small, so if you are able to grab a few cans or an extra box of cereal, every little bit helps. From **now until April 18th**, we are going to see which grade at Mantua ES can drop off the most food! The PTA will have a surprise for the teachers of the grade that collects the most food! Drop off is at 9214 Ponce Place (please leave donations outside of the garage door), just add a label to your donation to indicate your child's grade. Here is a list of items needed:

Oil -Flour -Tortilla Flour (Maseca) -Dry Beans, red, black etc.. (No Cans Please!) -Rice -Pancake Flour -Pancake Syrup -Tomato Sauce for pasta -Mac & cheese -Spaghetti -Pasta (all kinds) -Canned Tomatoes -Canned Vegetables (green beans, carrots, mixed vegetables etc.) -Canned fruit -Snacks (energy bars, chips etc.) -Coffee -Sugar



**Virtual Enrichment Class Registration**

Session 4 of Virtual Enrichment is Here!

Enrichment Matters is offering over 30 classes to choose from this sessions.

- Registration runs from NOW through midnight on 2/24 (Classes that include mailed supplies may close on the 2/23.)

- Classes run 3/1 - 3/26

See <https://enrichmentmatters.com/virtual-enrichment> for a link to course offerings. Questions email [enrichment@mantuapta.org](mailto:enrichment@mantuapta.org).

**Library Curbside Pick Up - Update**

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](mailto:kgmarmol@fcps.edu)) or Michelle Hawk ([mahawk@fcps.edu](mailto: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/>

**UVA SEPT Program**

The summer enrichment camp is a 12-day residential experience. Students live on grounds at UVA and attend classes at a nearby private school.

- Session I: June 26- July 3
- Session II: July 4-15
- Session III: July 18-29

See flier [here](#). For this year's course descriptions, visit <http://curry.virginia.edu/sep>

**William & Mary's SEP Program**

Summer 2021 SEP registration is now open for high ability students in grades 2-12. William & Mary's Center for Gifted Education is excited to offer 2 weeks of virtual opportunities with courses available in the morning and afternoon each week. We have virtual courses available in the areas of **robotics, civics, STEM, coding, writing, social science, and many more**. Please see our Summer 2021 brochure for more information.

**Nature Walks with Talia**

Talia Schmitt a Mantua alum and current outdoor science educator for the National Parks in Virginia. Offers organized family outings, group trips, scout outings and kids camps. For more information on walks and outings visit the links below.

[www.naturewalkswithtalia.com](http://www.naturewalkswithtalia.com)

[www.facebook.com/naturewalkswithtalia](https://www.facebook.com/naturewalkswithtalia)

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