



Mantua PTA News 2021, Issue 25

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**Important Dates**

March 26 (Friday) - End of third grading period, two hour early release.  
March 29 - April 2 - Spring Break, no school.  
April 5 (Monday) - Teacher workday, student holiday, no school.



**Mantua Virtual Book Fair**

Our book fair is still open for you to stock up on new books, learning materials and gifts for your classroom libraries! Please visit and support the Mantua Elementary library!  
[https://www.bookwormcentral.com/school-online-store.php?id=00324020-DDCE-4FF5-9541-F78F3A71E167&pro\\_id=160&school\\_code=mantua](https://www.bookwormcentral.com/school-online-store.php?id=00324020-DDCE-4FF5-9541-F78F3A71E167&pro_id=160&school_code=mantua)

**Mantua Logo Masks**

Need extra masks with your students heading back into school or sports? PTA has a limited number still available! Link below to purchase student and adult masks, delivery details emailed after purchase.



<https://mantuapta.memberhub.store/store>



**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)



**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

**Diversity in STEM Talks!**  
Presented by  
The Diversity Committee of the  
Thomas Jefferson High School of  
Science and Technology PTSA

Monday, March 15, 2021, 6:00–6:45 p.m.  
For students grades 4-8  
Hear from people working in the Science, Technology,  
Engineering and Math (STEM) field!

Guest speaker: Vern Williams, Mathematics Teacher BASIS  
Independent McLean and former FCPS Mathematics Teacher

Mr. Williams taught mathematics in FCPS for 40 years and taught in the gifted and talented program for over 30 years. His special interest is teaching traditional and rigorous mathematics to gifted middle school students. Join us to hear from this master teacher!

- What sparked his interest in math?
- What does he enjoy most about math?
- What would he recommend to students who want to pursue math?
- What else would you like to know?

Parents, register at this Zoom link:  
<http://bit.ly/TJStemTalk3>  
Submit questions in advance here:  
<https://bit.ly/tjdiversitytalks>

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**MONTHLY SPIRITWEAR COUPON FOR March, 2021**  
Visit our Spiritwear Store the entire month of March to take advantage of this coupon!

**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/>

**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)
- [www.instagram.com/naturewalkswithtalia](https://www.instagram.com/naturewalkswithtalia)

**How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News**

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