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Important Dates

- April 15 (Thursday): Virtual PTA Meeting.
- May 8 (Saturday): Virtual Raccoon Run.
- May 31 (Monday): Memorial Day, No School.



Virtual PTA Meeting

Thursday, April 15 at 7pm
<https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/5bcc0f94412d4d6289cd7a926ae08d06>

Picture Day is Coming...

- April 19 – ALL Virtual students only use [signup.genius](#) to schedule 5 min. appointments (or parents can download a picture if they do not want to come into the building)
- April 21 – ALL T/W students
- April 22 – ALL TH/F students

Picture envelopes went out the week of April 6th. Parents can order online ahead of time and print the confirmation or send money in the day of the event.



Volunteer Opportunity with the Mantua PTA!

We have an immediate opportunity to get involved with PTA! We are hard at work planning for next year. The first step is the nominating committee in charge of finding nominees for the executive board and other committee chairpersons. Three people serve in this position for just one month, April to May 2021.

If you're willing to help with this important but short term role, please email Kristina Clarke at president@mantuapta.org

21st Annual Raccoon Run: VIRTUAL

Join in the fun with those in your own "bubble" for a Virtual RACCOON RUN in support of Life with Cancer on or about **Saturday, May 8, 2021**. Although there isn't an official start/finish line or ROCKY Raccoon cheering you on, the Raccoon Run runs on!



Visit www.raccoonrun.org for all the details Contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, jacooper@aol.com 703-966-830 with any questions.

Mantua Parent Liaison Seeking New or Gently Used Clothing

Hello Mantua Families, Thank you for your continued and generous donations of food and other items through our Parent Liaison, Luis Uribe, to those Mantua families in need. A recent need he identified is children's clothing sized 8-16, primarily for boys. If during your spring clean out and return to school you find that you have pants, shirts, or other clothing to donate to Mantua please contact Luis at lauribegambo@fcps.edu to set up a time for donation drop off. Thank you!

Session 5 of Virtual Enrichment is Here!

Enrichment Matters is offering **over 20 classes** to choose from this session!

- Registration runs from 8AM on 4/19 through midnight on 4/21
- Classes run 4/26 - 5/22

Check out <https://enrichmentmatters.com/virtual-enrichment/> for a link to course offerings and email enrichment@mantuapta.org with questions.

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 25th**, 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

ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (AAP)

SCREENING FOR SCHOOL-BASED (LEVEL II-III) SERVICES

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers a continuum of advanced academic services for all students in grades K-8. Learning experiences are designed to develop higher-level thinking through enrichment, acceleration, and extensions of the Program of Studies (POS). Teachers, administrators, and advanced academic resource teachers (AARTs) work together to provide the following levels of school-based services in each elementary school:

- Critical and Creative Thinking Lessons, Grades K-6 (Level I)**

All students in kindergarten through grade six receive level I services which consist of model lessons that are designed to teach critical and creative thinking skills. The lessons are modeled in all classrooms by AARTs and the thinking strategies are then used throughout the year by classroom teachers and other teachers who work with students. Student responses to these model lessons are used as part of the identification process for AAP services. Parents may also practice the thinking strategies during family conversations and activities. A description of the nine critical and creative thinking strategies can be found at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/elementary-school-academics-k-6/advanced-academics/critical-and-creative-thinking>.

- Differentiated Lessons in Areas of Academic Strength, Grades K-6 (Level II)**

The AART collaborates with classroom teachers to provide additional challenge through lessons and resources that extend and enrich the POS.

- Part-Time Advanced Academic Programs, Grades 3-6 (Level III)**

Students identified by a local school screening committee for part-time advanced academic services are challenged through models and strategies designed to extend and enrich the POS in the four core subject areas. Students receive direct instruction from the AART at the local school using curriculum from the AAP Curriculum and Resources to Support the Differentiated Framework. Students identified for Level III services continue to receive level III services through grade 6.

Screening for school-based services is done schoolwide in spring to determine services for the next school year. Parents or guardians may initiate the screening for school-based level III services by submitting the AAP School-Based Services Referral Form (available at <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement/elementary-school/current-fcps>) at the bottom of the page in Forms) to the Eva Bousbouras at vsbousbouras@fcps.edu prior to spring screening by Friday, May 7th. Multiple criteria are used to screen students for all levels of AAP services. Parents or guardians who submit a referral will be notified by Mantua Elementary School of their student's eligibility status by Friday, June 11, 2021.

If a parent or guardian wishes to appeal an ineligible decision, they may submit an appeal with new data for consideration by the local school screening committee. This new information should be submitted to Eva Bousbouras at vsbousbouras@fcps.edu.

If you have any questions, please contact Eva Bousbouras at vsbousbouras@fcps.edu.

2021 Spring Line is Finally Here!

10% OFF

Rainbow Hoodies
Items: 81192, 118291
Coupon Code: **OPR21W**
Valid: 04/01/21 - 04/30/21

MONTHLY SPIRITWEAR COUPON FOR April, 2021

Use this coupon the entire month of April for great savings!

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) 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/>

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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