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Important Dates

May 19 (TONIGHT): Virtual Kindergarten Orientation, 6 pm.

May 21 (Friday): Last day to submit pictures to yearbook.

May 28 (Friday): Last Day to Return Books to School Library.

May 31 (Monday): Memorial Day, No School.

June 8 (Tuesday): Virtual School, Primary Day.

Virtual Kindergarten Orientation - TONIGHT

Mantua ES will be holding a virtual Kindergarten Orientation meeting to talk about your child's upcoming year! The virtual meeting will be held **TONIGHT at 6pm**. The Kindergarten team will provide an informative video as well as be there to answer any questions you may have. **A link to the meeting:**

<https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/b7104693ef7a48629d295613bc07cea8>

The Kindergarten Team looks forward to seeing you!

Order Your Mantua ES Yearbook

The 2020-21 Mantua yearbook is now on sale until **Friday, June 11**. Cost is \$18. In order for your student to get their yearbook promptly once they are received, please make sure you input the teacher's name correctly. For directions on how to complete the order once you are on the web site please look at the **attached flyer**. Click **here** to order your yearbook. For assistance with orders contact ybsupport@strawbridge.net or call 800-889-6092.

If your student was not able to participate taking a school picture earlier this year then submit a portrait (head shot used on classroom pages) of your student for the classroom click **here**. Make sure you name the file your student's name, teacher's name and grade (e.g. student_name_Sheila Andersen_gr6). If you do not use this link for your portrait, it will not get in the yearbook.

For any candid photo submission click **here** and name your file (e.g. student_name_Sheila Andersen_gr6). **Do not submit portrait photos** with this link. The software doesn't allow movement between the portrait database and the candid database.

Last day to submit photos to yearbook is Friday, May 21, no exceptions. We are currently trying to get missing portrait photos of students while they are in the building (e.g. SOL testing) if we do not have one. We cannot promise everyone's will get done. This is based on student availability.



2021 Woodson Pyramid Virtual Art Show

The 2021 Woodson Pyramid Art Show is virtual this year! Click on the link to check out artwork from Mantua students as well as the other elementary feeder schools, Frost MS, and Woodson HS. Our students are super artists and we have enjoyed "creating" with ALL of them this year!

<https://woodsonhs.fcps.edu/node/6371>

Library Update

All library books are due back on **Friday, May 28th**. Virtual students can return books any school day between 8:30 and 4:30 to the rolling cart outside the main entrance. In-person students can return them to their classroom carts. **The last day curbside checkout service will be offered is Monday, May 17th.**

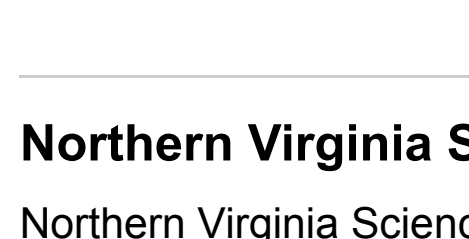


Attention Rising 7th Grade Parents!

Dear Parents of Rising 7th Grade Frost Students The transition to middle school for both students and their parents can be exciting and a bit overwhelming at the same time. One way to help parents alleviate some of the unknowns is to serve on the PTA Board! Current Frost PTA President and Vice President positions end in June. The work is not hard nor very demanding, and can be very rewarding! These are great opportunities for you to: Connect with and get-to-know Frost Administration, including Principal Harris, and the Teachers Be more aware of the various school-related activities and programs to help you and your child navigate the transition to Middle School Influence what programs and activities the PTA could host to support students, teachers, and the entire Frost community Meet more awesome parents outside of your elementary-school circle To learn more about the Frost PTA, visit <http://frostmspta.org/>. If you're interested, or know someone who may be interested, contact LaTisha Elcock, Frost PTA President, at president@frostmspta.org. LaTisha and Kathy Hughes, the Vice President, would be happy to chat with you! Warm Regards, Kathy Hughes Vice President Frost MS PTA

6th Grade T-Shirts

It's that time of year when we celebrate our amazing 6th graders. While we figure out what this year's celebration will look like, we want to move ahead with one tradition...the T-SHIRTS! **T-shirts are provided free of charge by the Mantua PTA.** Please answer the questions in the link below as soon as possible. We'll be in touch soon with more details and volunteer opportunities! <https://forms.gle/bACZ6rFJ5NMEHeNJS>



Northern Virginia Science and Engineering Fair 2021 Results

Northern Virginia Science and Engineering Fair (NVSE) 2021 - Congratulations to our Mantua Science Fair Participants in the 7th Annual Regional Science Fair, at George Mason University, held virtually in Spring 2021.

Salar Nasimov (Division 2, Life and Earth Sciences: Does Your Birth Season Affect Your Season Preferences?)Isha Stauber (Division 2, Physical Science and Engineering Division: 1st Place: The Helium Advantage) and Krish Stauber (Division 2, Life and Earth Sciences Division: 3rd Place: 5 Seconds of Terror) displayed their independent scientific research, and competed against 80 projects from 13 other elementary and middle school schools from Northern Virginia.

Be on the look out for more information in the Fall for the 2022 Science Fair.

June 8 Primary Election

Tuesday, June 8 the Fairfax County Electoral Board and City of Fairfax Electoral Board will be using 165 school facilities as polling locations, June 8 will be a virtual synchronous learning day (no in-person classes) for students.

Fairfax County's School Age Child Care to Open for 2021-22 School Year

SACC will be open to provide before and after school services for the 2021-22 School Year. The SACC program is currently assessing center capacities based on health and safety protocols. More information for the 2021-22 School Year program will be available by June 15 on the SACC website. Families who were previously enrolled will be contacted to determine their need for services.

Registration for VIP Summer Camp

What is your middle school child doing this summer? Like you, we believe your child is a very important person and deserves a summer experience that is safe and full of fitness, friends, fun and enrichment. FCPS and the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (DNCS) have teamed up to offer a 5 week camp for rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders attending Frost, Irving, Lake Braddock, Robinson, and South County Middle Schools. There is a \$50 camp supply fee. Breakfast & lunch will be served each day. Campers will have a great time playing sports, games, doing arts and crafts and cooking. We will have fun in-house field trips activities on Fridays. The staff is comprised of FCPS teachers and support staff, After School Program Specialists, and trained DNCS staff. Transportation is provided to and from each middle school to Irving Middle School.

Camp Details

Dates: Monday, June 28, 2021 - Thursday, July 29, 2021 (students are encouraged to attend all 5 weeks)

Hours: 9:00am-3:00pm (8-9 is drop off, camp begins at 9am)

Location: South County Middle School 8700 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton, VA 22079

Transportation: FCPS bus pick-up and drop-off available at Frost Middle School

Registration Procedure: Use the registration link provided here: <https://forms.gle/1zwrQAYnAVHK9aNB9>

Registration Fee: \$50 – pay information in on the registration application – Camp will fill up fast!

Refund Policy: To request a refund of the Camp Supply Fee, contact Chris Woodby, After-School Specialist at Frost MS, by emailing cwoodby@fcps.edu prior to the cutoff date of Friday, June 25, 2021. Refund requests submitted after the cutoff date will not be considered. Refunds will be in the form of a check. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing

Please note: You will receive an email confirmation, once the registration fee has been paid, from Deb Metzker that your child has been accepted into camp. Questions? Please contact Debbie Metzker at dmetzker@fcps.edu

Summer Volunteer Camp, July 12-16

The Kids Give Back Summer Volunteer Camp is the perfect opportunity for kids, ages 6-12, to make an impact in our community. Each day, kids will participate in volunteer work led by an FCPS teacher and teen camp counselors. They will also play games and meet leaders from local non-profits. Projects will include: Birthday Baking for kids in need Painting Corn Hole sets and Mags for kids bags for disabled individuals Packing meals for the homeless Making fleece blankets for an animal shelter And more.

Registration is \$125/child, \$200 for two siblings, \$300 for three siblings.

July 12-16, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8922 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. www.kidsgiveback.org

Find Your Voice - Summer Camp in Mantua

This summer is the best time to get your kids ready for... BACK TO IN-PERSON SCHOOL! Let iContact Coaching with Jenn McRobbie and Julie Johnston, help sharpen their social skills, teach them the power of good communication, the fun of improv, and build their self-confidence. 3-day sessions for grades 2-12th, starting June 22nd - July 29th at the Mantua Clubhouse 9330 Pentland Place Fairfax VA 22031 DON'T WAIT - SPACE IS LIMITED REGISTER HERE <https://icontactcoaching.wffoo.com/forms/find-your-voice-summer-camps-2021/>



Summer Camp Programs

Fairfax County's Neighborhood and Community Services offers several summer camp programs from June through August for students ranging from rising 1st graders to teens. Share the link below for registration and more information.

Registration Opens for 2021 NCS Summer Camps | Neighborhood and Community Services (fairfaxcounty.gov).



Girls Summer Basketball Camp

2021 WS Girls Summer Basketball Camp
July 26-30.

For more info contact Coach Gibson: WRGibson@fcps.edu



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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