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Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 17 - 4th Grade strings concert at 7:00 pm at Mantua ES.

Tuesday, May 24 - 5th and 6th Grade strings and chorus concert at 7:00 pm at Mantua ES.

SOL Test Dates

- Tuesday, May 17 – 3rd Grade Math
- Wednesday, May 18 – 4th Grade Math
- Friday, May 20 – 5th Grade Math

Parent Education Session

“TEACHING STUDENTS HOW TO HANDLE STRESS AND ANXIETY”
-presented by Rachel Bailey, M.A., CPDPE

When: **Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00pm**

Where: Virtual - link provided later

Many of you know Rachel Bailey through her Podcasts and training sessions developed to empower parents while raising responsible, resilient, and confident kids. This session will focus on how to help our kids deal with the stress and anxiety they face, particularly now, as they are readjusting to “normal” life, rebuilding social skills, balancing academics/sports/social activities, etc., and just being a kid.

Questions? Contact PTA Parent Education coordinator, Hope Sanders, hopesand1@yahoo.com. For more information about speaker Rachel Bailey, please visit <https://rachel-bailey.com/>

4th Grade Outdoor Strings Concert



The 4th grade strings concert will be held on **Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm** on the blacktop at Mantua ES.

Students should report to the blacktop by 6:30.

There will be chairs set up on the blacktop for parents to sit. The concert should **last approximately 30 minutes**. Students should wear their strings t-shirt and black pants/shorts/skirt.

There will be a rehearsal and short recording session during school.

5th and 6th Grade Strings and Chorus Concert



The 5th and 6th grade strings and Chorus concert will be held on **Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 pm** at Mantua ES on the playground blacktop.

Students will receive their strings t-shirts at school on May 24th. We will have a rehearsal and short recording session during school, so please make sure your child brings their instrument and music to school on Tuesday next week.

Students are welcome to leave their instruments at school instead of take them home and bring them back for the evening concert. The instruments will be left in the gym and organized by grade. Please make sure your child's case is labeled with their name. Each year we have a mystery instrument left behind. It would be great to avoid that this year!

Students should report to the blacktop by 6:30. There will be chairs set up on the blacktop for parents to sit. Students should wear their strings t-shirt and black pants/shorts/skirt.



Library Books

All library books are due Friday, May 27th. Notices will go home weekly in Tuesday folders and via email, to make you aware of what your student(s) has out. Questions, please email the librarians at kgmarmol@fcps.edu and mahawk@fcps.edu.

Volunteers Needed in Art!!

We have just about a month and a half left of school and we will be starting our textile unit soon. We need help with yarn cutting, threading needles, tying knots, cutting burlap, organizing the storage closet, filling glue bottles and more! Please consider signing up for a spot or two at the following link....thank you so much we appreciate your time! The Mantua Art Team

[Sign up here.](#)

Congratulations to our Read-a-Thon Raffle Prize Winners!

We are so impressed with how much everyone read and are proud of all the students!

Writing Doodle - Emilia D. and Charles H.
 Kindle Reader - Chloe D., Elena C., Aviva A.
 Harry Potter Lego Set - Corinne P.
 Friendship Tree Lego Set - Rebecca H.
 Mini Drone - Julian H.
 \$50 Gift Cards to Local Bookstores - Jacob F., Rian J., Henry C., Leticia X., Khloe R., Alice P.
 InCourage Martial Arts Gift Cards - Colin F., Blake R., Brandon C.

And a HUGE thank you to our sponsors that made these prizes possible: Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster Realtors; Elite MA; Jennifer Mack Properties; JL Tree; Travis Pugh, Samson Properties; Dr. Jones and Merrifield Orthodontics; Dr. Banaji Dentistry; InCourage Martial Arts; and Mantua PTA Thank you all for making this fundraiser and Read-a-Thon a huge success!

2022 Summer Programs for LJ Students

Any 6th graders going to Luther Jackson Middle School?

How To Survive Middle School 2022

Session 1: July 25 & 26

Session 2: July 27 & 28...

[See more here.](#)

FCPS Tutoring

FCPS is excited to share a new resource that will soon be available to students to support learning. All FCPS students will have unlimited access to online tutoring support services through Tutor.com at no cost. Students can connect online any time, and in most subjects for as long as they need. Tutoring is focused instruction provided to students in a one-on-one format through voice or text chat. Tutors will focus on developing students' strengths and capabilities in reading, mathematics, or other specified subjects. Tutoring services may be accessed before, during, or after school hours and/or on weekends through a link in Schoology. All tutors must pass a rigorous application process including an extensive background check. No personal information is shared between a student and tutor. All sessions are recorded and transcripts are available for review by teachers and parents/guardians.

Students will automatically have access to the Tutor.com tutoring service unless a parent/guardian submits an opt-out request. Watch for an email soon that will include the online tutoring services notice and opt-out information. For additional information, visit our [online tutoring services website](#).

Family Resource Center

Supporting Early Learners: Growing the Caregiver's Toolbox: A Webinar Series for PreK-2 Families

- 5/20/22: Growing through Tough Moments in Early Learners

There are so many ways children learn and develop throughout early childhood. Relationships, habits, and even challenges can become rich opportunities to teach and foster lifelong learning and skills for our children. Learn more about how self-regulation, executive functioning, and routines can help your children learn and develop. [Register for Supporting Early Learners: Growing the Caregiver's Toolbox: A Webinar for PreK-2 Families](#)

Troop 55039 Backpack and Duffle Bag drive

Backpack and Duffle Bag donation drive - Troop 55039. Donations will go to CASA - an organization that helps kids through tough times. Duffle bags and backpacks will go to kids in the Foster Care system. They will have a bag of their own for their stuff instead of having to use a garbage bag for their belongings. Please donate new or gently used backpacks or duffle bags in the bins in the front lobby outside the office. Collection bins are located at the Mantua ES front lobby. Final day to donate is **May 31**.

Questions please contact akuhn_ilikai@hotmail.com.

COVID Vaccination Status

You may wish to voluntarily share your child's COVID-19 vaccination information with Mantua ES. However, we do not require your child's vaccination information and no school employee will ask for your child's vaccination status. If you would like to provide us with your child's vaccination status, please bring your child's COVID-19 vaccination card or a photocopy of the card to Ms. Kakouris in the front office. COVID-19 vaccination documentation contains Protected Health Information and should not be emailed.

Seventh Grade Immunization Requirements

Effective July 1, 2021 all students entering 7th grade will be required to receive one dose of each of the following immunizations prior to the beginning of school: Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis booster (Tdap) given at age 7 or older, and Meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) given at age 10 or older. Seventh grade students cannot begin school in August without proper Tdap and Meningococcal documentation.



Acceptable documentation to submit to Mantua ES can be one of the following:

1. An immunization record showing the month, day, and year the immunization(s) was given.
2. A note on a healthcare provider's letterhead stating the month, day, and year the immunization(s) was given.

3. A healthcare provider's written statement of a permanent or temporary medical exemption for a student who cannot receive the immunization due to medical reasons.

4. A notarized Religious Exemption Form, which is available online at: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/certificate_religious_exemption.pdf

NEW! 2022-2023 School Year Calendar



Any changes in dismissal transportation need to be requested by emailing the Mantua Attendance (Mantuaelem.attendance@fcps.edu) by 11:00am, so the office has time to relay that change to the classroom teacher. No early dismissals will be permitted after 3:30pm.

Visitors Welcome

The most updated guidance from FCPS indicates that we can welcome visitors and volunteers. Our Visitor Management System is back up and running in the main office. Visitors who will be engaging with students will need to check-in using this system. Please know that the Visitor Management System requires that visitors have their licenses when checking in. Our teachers may begin to solicit parent volunteers through their parent communication.

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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