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Important Upcoming Dates

February 12 (Monday): Principal Appreciation Week.

February 16 (Friday): PTA Family Fun Valentine's Day Dance, 7-9pm, Cafeteria. Talent show audition videos due.

February 19 (Monday): President's Day, School Closed.

February 21 (Wednesday): Box Tops Due.

February 23 (Friday): Mantua Spelling Bee, 4:30-6:30, Cafeteria.

Human Growth & Development (HGD)

4th grade Parents/Guardians who do not wish for their child to participate in the Human Growth & Development (HGD) lesson must fill out an opt-out form. Please submit this to the main office no later than Monday, February 12th, 2018.

Students who have been opted out will receive a grade-level specific, non-FLE health lesson that meets the VDOE health standards of learning. The HGD lesson will be **taught on February 16th 2018.**

PTA Family Fun Valentine's Day Dance

The PTA has planned a very fun evening for you and your valentines! It's the annual Valentine's Day dance **THIS Friday, February 16th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.** You don't want to miss it! There is no cost to attend. DJ, music and group line dance instruction will be provided by Everything

Entertainment. Your whole family is invited to come. We'll have everyone dancing to a variety of music for all ages! Please note that **all children attending must be accompanied by an adult.** Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

Spring 2018 Enrichment Registration

Spring 2018 Enrichment at Mantua is almost here! Classes focus on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM, sports and more! **Registration** for the Spring session will end at **Noon on Friday, 2/16**. (Late registration begins at 1PM 2/16 and ends at midnight 2/20 for a \$40 fee.) Find all the program information at: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com/#/home> If you have any questions, please contact Heather Hill and Tara Kelly at enrichment@mantuapta.org.

2018 Mantua Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2018 Mantua Talent Show! Do you play an instrument, sing, or dance? Do you like to perform magic? Do you want to demonstrate your martial arts prowess? Then, why not try out for this year's show? Just head to: <https://tinyurl.com/MantuaTalentShowSubmissions> for instructions on how to enter and to submit a video and complete an audition form.

Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Video **Auditions** and Audition Forms Due: **Friday, February 16th.**
- **Dress Rehearsal** in the Gym: Friday, **March 9th, 5:00-9:00 p.m.**
- **Talent Show** in the Gym: Saturday, **March 10th, 5:00-9:00 p.m.**

If you have a child in the show, at least one parent needs to volunteer to help. There is a link on the confirmation email after you sign up your child. If you have any questions, please contact Althea Bryson at talentshow@mantuapta.org or 571-830-5320 (call or text) Good luck preparing your acts!

**FUN, FREE MATH PROGRAM
GIRLS AND MATH ENCOURAGEMENT
(GAMEOn)!
FOR 4th – 6th GRADE GIRLS**

GAMEOn (Girls And Math Encouragement) is a free math program designed to help increase 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls' interest and confidence in math. 3rd grade girls who are advanced in math and able to stay on-task may also enjoy participating. In GAMEOn sessions, enthusiastic high school and middle school student volunteers guide participants through fun math enrichment activities!

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/gameon.pdf>

Where: Patrick Henry Library, Meeting Room, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA 22180

When: **Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.**

Please pick up promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Sign up by Monday 2/12/18 in the Participant Sign-Up Log at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/GAMEOnFeb2018>

Program questions: contact Kyle Gatesman, USA Math Olympiad Qualifier, TJ High School Senior and Varsity Math Team Officer, MIT PRIMES Math Researcher, kylegatesman@gmail.com

Box Top Contest

The next Box Top contest **deadline is February 21**. Clip Box Tops and collect in zip lock baggies labeled with your child's teacher's name. The class turning in the most will win pizza or ice cream sandwiches. Would you like to earn even more Box Top cash for the school by simply scanning your receipt? Download the free app below.

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>

New! GLOBAL Cooking and Foreign Language Spring Break Camp

The GLOBAL Plus program is offering a new Spring Break Camp in 2018. Each day students will be exposed to a different language and culture, including Spanish, French, Chinese and German, introduced by GLOBAL PLUS language instructors. Kids will also enjoy culinary classes that conclude with tasty, hands-on fun! Space is limited to 12 students, so hurry and [register today!](#) A 10% sibling discount is available by calling 703-658-1262. Global Plus Spring Break Camp, for students in Grades 3-5 March 26-March 29, 2018, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Cost: \$289, Location: Plum Center, 6815 Edsall Road, Springfield VA 22151 Questions? Call 703-658-1215

Join your PE teachers and cheer on GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GMU VS. LAS (LaSalle University)

When: Saturday, February 24 th 2pm

Where: Eagle Bank Arena

Price: \$3.00 a ticket (special Mantua price)

- Meet the head coach and get player autographs after the game!!!
- Please turn in money and number of tickets with names to Karen Bruining by Wednesday February 21st
- Tickets will be under your name at the will call window on the day of the game

Name _____ Number of tickets _____

Email address _____

Please send in exact cash amount or check written out to Karen Bruining.

Mantua Spring Break Art Camp

Mantua Spring Break Art Camp!! Monday, March 26 - Thursday, March 29, 9am - 2pm. Look for the flier and application form in Tuesday folders this week. Only 13 spots left!!! Questions? Email nsshirley@fcps.edu

Troop 1533 50th Anniversary Spaghetti Dinner

On Sunday March 4, Mantua PTA sponsored Boy Scout Troop 1533 is celebrating its 50th Birthday and you are invited to the PARTY. The Troop is sponsoring an open-seating Spaghetti Dinner between 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Mantua Clubhouse at 9330 Pentland Place. A freewill suggested donation of \$10/adult and \$5/child (or \$30/family) is encouraged to support the Troop and its equipment replacement. Please reach out to Camtu Nguyen with any questions. Learn more at <https://troop1533.trooptrack.com/share/pages/36536>.

T-Ball Carnival – Green Acres

Come to our FREE indoor T Ball carnival and learn more about Fairfax Little League while your kids play baseball themed games from 11-4 on February 24th at the Green Acres Center, 4401

Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Boys and girls ages 4-6.

Babysitting for a Cure

Date: **Wednesday, February 14th, 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM**

Location: Jewish Community Center

8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031

Ages 3-12 kids will enjoy FREE pizza, meet their favorite Disney characters in person, movies, crafts and participate in other fun activities!

Flat fee \$45/kid + \$20/each additional sibling

ALL proceeds will benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Student and Parent volunteers from WT Woodson High School

Reserve your spot by February 10th at

<https://tinyurl.com/YoungHeartsBabysit>

Questions please contact sgrammen138@gmail.com.

Raccoon Runners Spring 2018

Raccoon Runners is a group that meets every Monday and Wednesday morning before school to enjoy a refreshing run before hitting the books. Registration is open to boys and girls grades 3-6. We meet before school from 8:00-9:00 and run for about 30 minutes, then enjoy a snack while discussing issues relevant to our kids. Our goal is to introduce joy in running while at the same time building endurance, strength and a positive attitude. We will begin the week of March 19 and finish with the Mantua Raccoon Run 5k in May.

Mantua Spelling Bee

The Mantua Spelling Bee will be held on **Friday, February 23, 2018** after school in the Cafeteria (~4:30pm-6:30pm). To register your student, please contact Serena Chan (serena.chan@gmail.com) with your student's name and grade. You will receive access to the rules, 1st-8th grade word lists, and a FAQ.

MCA Contest – What it Means to Live in Mantua

The Mantua Community Directory, published by Mantua Civic Association, is sponsoring a contest! Students are invited to send original artwork on the theme of "Community" and What it Means to Live in Mantua." Winning designs will be published in next year's Directory, and one winner's artwork MAY be

chosen for the Directory cover. Original 2-dimensional work must be submitted in either 6" x 9" or 9" x 12" vertical (portrait) format. A HighRes scan is the best method for submitting work. We will also accept original art or a good color copy. Deadline for submission is **April 2, 2018**. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in two divisions, K-6 and 7-12. Contact Jim Oppenheimer (treasurer@mantua.org) or Loren Brandman (brandman@acm.org) for further details.

Yearbook Sales

The 2017-2018 Yearbook is available for purchase.

<http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1139775/Mantua-Elementary-School/>

We Need You! Mantua Volunteers

Volunteers help make Mantua the amazing school it is. Please click [here](#) to see how you can help! Be sure to click on the tabs at the top for different grade levels. We have opportunities in the classrooms and school-wide. Questions, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenn Ros at volunteering@mantuapta.org.

Parent Information Relating to Special Education

[All these opportunities](#) are FREE unless noted.

In most cases you must register if registration information is provided.

When other events become available they will be posted at:

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/upcoming-community-events/>

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Plans; Make Arrangements Now in Case of an Unforeseen Schedule Change

Cold and wintry weather is on its way! Due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, it may be necessary to close schools for the entire day, to open schools late, or to close early.

Parents are urged to make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedule changes are made (and to provide for the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances). Children should know where to go if a parent will not be home.

FCPS has several schedules set up to deal with inclement weather; these are put into effect when conditions threaten the safety of students and staff members:

- Keep schools closed.
- Open two hours late.
- Close two hours early.

When Fairfax County Public Schools has a schedule change (closing or delay) due to inclement weather or other emergencies, [the information is communicated in several ways as soon as the decision is made.](#)

Note: The official [@FCPSnews Twitter](#) account (with blue check mark) is generally the first and fastest mode of communication during emergency weather closings. Other communication channels will be updated as quickly as possible including email, text, website, other social media, and news stations. Please be aware, due to the large volume of emails sent, there will likely to be a lag between the time a FCPS Twitter alert is posted and receipt of an email in your inbox.

Video: Learn How Inclement Weather Closing Decisions Are Made

Ever wonder how FCPS administrators decide to close or delay school due to inclement weather? [Watch this video for an explanation and answers to some common questions.](#)

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or eScrip before beginning your shopping and these organizations will donate to our school.

Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua ES family to feel included and connected —should families need to have a document translated into their native language, our volunteers are here to help!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية كفالة على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: hannaz74@gmail.com или ViktarZ@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요(cbn@mantuapta.org.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Lisa Libby.
- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at cbn@mantuapta.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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