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Important Upcoming Dates

February 21 (Wednesday): Box Tops Due.

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

March 2 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30AM, Cafeteria.

March 10 (Saturday): Talent Show, 5:00-9:00pm, Gym.

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!

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>. Registration at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094baca92aa20-troop1>

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.

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.

Absences, Tardies, Early Dismissals and Transportation Changes.

Any absences or planned tardies should be **reported by 9:30 am**. Robo calls for unexplained absences start at 10:00 am.

Please email MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu and copy the classroom teacher. If you don't have email call the attendance line at (703) 645-6363 but email is preferred for clarity purposes. Please include the date of the absence or change of transportation, the student's name, teacher and what the change or absence is.

Example: Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2099.

URGENT NEED: 3 Nominating Committee Members

The Mantua PTA Executive Board is in need of 3 PTA Members to serve on the Nominating Committee to put forth the new slate of Executive Board Members for the 2018-2019 school year. We need to elect this Nominating Committee at our March PTA Meeting (you do not need to be present at this meeting to be a member of the committee, though it is encouraged.) The slate needs to be announced at our April meeting and the membership will vote on the slate at our final meeting in late May. If you would like to be a part of this important committee or have questions, please contact Sam Leiber at president@mantuapta.org.

This is a volunteer commitment that will last approximately 1 month and is not very time consuming (especially if you already know some Mantua parents that would be perfect for the PTA

Executive Board!)

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 بكفالة 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 Viktor 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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