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Important Upcoming Dates

- September 30: Take Home Reading Volunteer Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- October 2: Restaurant Night at Flippin' Pizza, 4:00-9:00 p.m.
- October 9: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- October 10: Deadline to Order Spirit Wear
- October 12: Basketball Registration Deadline
- October 13: Columbus Day - No School
- October 15: Deadline to Submit [Student & Parent Form](#)
- October 15: Academic Competitions Registration Deadline
- October 19: Yearbook Presale Deadline
- October 24: Box Tops Contest Ends

Thank you for Supporting the Boosterthon!

Thanks for supporting the Boosterthon! It was a HUGE success! The weather was beautiful, the music was loud, and the kids had a BLAST!

Now the real work begins - the students need to collect their pledges! Please go to your child's pledge page at www.funrun.com, and simply click the box next to your pledge and you will be prompted on how to pay for your pledges. The students were given collection envelopes to collect their pledges and a collection detailed letter. They will turn these envelopes in to their teachers. There is still time to donate! The donation website will remain open until **Wednesday, October 1st**. Donations can be made through the website using a credit card, or you may write a check payable to 'Mantua PTA' and send it to school with your child.

If you have any further questions, contact Meri Farling at MeriFarling@hotmail.com.

Restaurant Night THIS Thursday

Come to a family night out hosted by the PTA on **Thursday, October 2nd** at Flippin' Pizza in the Turnpike Shopping Center between 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. You can dine in or take out with other Mantua families and school staff. Dinner will be delicious! Choose from a variety of 18" red pizza pies and white pizza pies, calzones, salads, garlic knots, and pepperoni bites. And, 50% of the evening's proceeds will go to the Mantua PTA! A flyer must be presented to earn credit. Look for it in last week's Tuesday folder papers or go online to <http://mantuapta.org/documents/fundraisers/restaurantnights/2014-15/flippinpizza.pdf>. Please join us! It will be a family fun evening as we dine together and earn dough for the Mantua PTA. Buon appetito.

Parent and Student Information

Help us get a jump on the new year by completing the Student & Parent Info Form, which must be submitted by **Wednesday, October 15th** for edits to be reflected in the 2014-15 PTA Student Directory. You may delete or add information as you see appropriate for your family. The information you provide will be used for various school and PTA purposes, such as the aforementioned directory and the Alert News distribution list. The information will also be shared with PTA volunteers for PTA programs such as Chat'n'Chew or Raccoon Runners among others, in case they need to contact you for any reason. Please note that the form must be finished before your child(ren) may participate in any PTA-sponsored activity—important PTA permission slips are contained within. Contact Paige Rushing at paigerushing@gmail.com if you have any questions! Go to <https://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2014-15studentparentinfo> to complete your form!

Mantua Basketball Kicking Off!

Basketball registration closes on **Sunday, October 12th**, so please register your 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade girl or boy today!

Mark your calendar for mandatory player evaluation as follows:

- 3rd & 4th Grade Girls: 10/18 12:30-2:30 p.m. (make-up on 10/20 6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- 3rd & 4th Grade Boys: 10/8 3:00-5:00 p.m. (make-up on 10/20 7:30-8:30 p.m.)
- 5th & 6th Grade Girls: 10/19 12:30-2:30 p.m. (make-up on 10/21 7:00-8:00 p.m.)
- 5th & 6th Grade Boys: 10/19 3:00-5:00 p.m. (make-up on 10/22 7:00-8:00 p.m.)

Please visit our website for information regarding registration at <http://www.mantuabasketball.org>.

Spirit Wear for Sale

The PTA's 2014 spirit wear collection is now on sale. Order today! The deadline for all orders is **Friday, October 10th**. Choose from a variety of shirts, hoodies, sweat pants and jackets; all in school colors. New items this year include jackets and polo shirts with an embroidered design. All other items have screen print design. See samples displayed in the school cafeteria. Order today using a paper order form found at <http://mantuapta.org/documents/fundraisers/spiritwear/order.xls> or online at <http://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2014-15spiritstore>. Items will be delivered by November 14. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

Take Home Readers Program

Attention all Take Home Reading volunteers! THR training is scheduled for **September 30th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Reading Room with Ms. Puckett. If you're interested in the THR program (grades K-1) but have not yet signed up, it's not too late! If you have any questions or would like to RSVP for the training, please contact Lori Recher at lorirecher@hotmail.com.

Box Tops Contest!

The Box Top contest is on! Spread the word! The classroom that turns in the most Box Tops by **Friday, October 24th** will win a pizza party! Pink Box Tops can be found on participating products like General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker baking mixes, Ziploc and Hefty bags, Scott paper products, and more. Have your kids inspect all product packaging (preferably once you are done with it) for Box Top opportunities. Clip the Box Tops and send them in to school with your child in a ziploc bag with his/her teacher's name on it. Your child can give the box tops to his/her teacher or put them in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. During the first week of October, a Box Tops Goal Poster will be posted at school so that the kids can watch their class earning grow! Need more fun and more opportunities to earn Bonus Box Tops? Check out the Box Top website at BTFE.com (and try for a chance to win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua!) If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Sullivan at Asullivan10@verizon.net.

Academic Competitions

Please sign up to indicate interest in participating in any of the academic competitions by **Wednesday, October 15th** using the forms on the Academic Competitions webpage: <http://www.mantuapta.org/students/academiccompetitions.html>. These forms are used to encourage contact among interested parents, since students are not placed on teams; rather, teams are largely self-forming and are coached and supported by parents and parent volunteers. If you have additional questions, please email mantuacompetitions@gmail.com.

The Directory is Coming!

Advertise in the Mantua Student Directory for as little as \$50. We are working on this project full steam ahead, so please go to the following link to get more information on advertising:

<https://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/rockysponsors>.

Because every penny counts, you don't need to be a business to be seen in the upcoming Directory. For as little as \$25 you can submit a special message for your special student in the Directory Just think how excited they will be! Go to this link for more information:

<https://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2014-15membershipandsupport>. Please contact Monika Brenner at monika.brenner@dhs.gov for any questions.

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!

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Email Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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