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## Important Upcoming Dates

October 27-31: Spirit Week

October 30: Deadline to Register for AMC 8 Math Competition

October 31: Fall Spirit Parade, 9:30 a.m.

October 31: Deadline for Wish Fund Submissions, 12:00 noon

October 31: Reflections Deadline

October 31: First Grading Period Ends/2-hour Early Release

November 3 & 4: Student Holidays/Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 7: Deadline for Thanksgiving Luncheon Registration

November 12: Picture Make-Up Day

November 14: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

## Red Ribbon Spirit Week

During Red Ribbon Week, students make a commitment to themselves to live healthy lives by choosing against drugs, alcohol, and violence. Each day this week will have a theme:

*Monday: Turn Your Back on Drugs – wear your clothes backwards/inside out*

*Tuesday: Too Smart for Drugs – wear college/career outfits*

*Wednesday: White Out Drugs – where white colors*

*Thursday: I “Mustache” You to Say NO to Drugs – anything mustache day*

*Friday: Spirit Parade – Grade level themes (9:30-10:30 a.m.)*

## Picture Make-Up Day

Picture make up day is Wednesday November 12th on the stage (from about 9:30-noon.) This is for students that may have been absent on picture day and/or would like their original pictures re-taken. Students should bring in the original picture packet and the photographer will take a new one.

## Directory "Shout Out" Information

There is still one week to submit a "Shout-Out" or advertisement in the upcoming Directory. For more information, go to <https://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2014-15membershipandsupport>. And, many thanks to our Diamond Level winner of the back cover Sarah Harrington of Long & Foster. Questions? Please contact [Monika Brenner](#).

## Volunteer MemberPlanet Administrator Needed

Interested in becoming more involved in PTA activities? The PTA is in need of a Volunteer Administrator for all activities related to our MemberPlanet site. The PTA uses MemberPlanet to send out our weekly Alert News emails, to collect registrations for PTA programs, to collect data for our annual directory, and so much more. This position is an integral part of the PTA Communications Team which includes our webmaster, Facebook administrator, Alert News editor and database coordinator. If you are interested or would like to learn more about the position, please contact [Paige Rushing](#).

## Grocery Club Enrollment Time

It's Grocery Club Enrollment time again! By enrolling your Grocery Club cards every year, Mantua earns much needed funds for the PTA. There are 2 easy ways to enroll:

1. Go to the [Mantua PTA website](#) and under the Fundraisers tab, you'll see links to Giant, Safeway, and Harris Teeter enrollment sites.
2. Or, check your Tuesday folders for a flyer, fill it out, send it in, and we'll do the enrolling for you!

## PTA Wish Fund

The application period for Wish Fund proposals will open on **Wednesday, October 15th**. This fund, new this year, has been created to

1. allow teachers/staff and PTA members the opportunity to have projects funded that are not currently within the budget,
2. enrich our children's school experience further by financially supporting important projects, opportunities, technology, and needed material items, and
3. give PTA members the ability to give input on how PTA monies

earned through fundraisers shall be spent.

Other schools have used wish funds/grants in the past to purchase items like iPads, Nooks, library resources, field trips, document cameras, benches, and more. Applications are available online at

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/wishfundprop.pdf>. The deadline for applications to be submitted is **12:00 noon on Friday, October 31st**. Please contact Wish Fund Chair [Teresa Lemair](#) with any questions.

## Wish Fund Committee Members Needed!

The Mantua PTA's newly-created Wish Fund will help fund proposals that will further enrich our children's educational experience. The Wish Fund Committee will review applications and meet to create a proposal for how funds will be allocated to Wish Fund projects. That proposal will be put forth at the November PTA meeting for voting. We are looking for 10-12 PTA members to join the committee, which is being chaired by Teresa LeMair. If you are interested in being a committee member, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#) by October 31st. If more than 12 members indicate interest, a lottery will be held to determine the final committee.

## AMC 8 Mathematics Competition

The AMC 8 Mathematics Competition is a challenging 40-minute, 25-question middle school math test that is the first in a series of qualifiers culminating in the U.S. Math Olympiad. Interested 6th graders are invited to take the test at Mantua on **Tuesday, November 18th** in Room M-4. Pre-registration is necessary. If you have not already signed up, you can do so until **Thursday, October 30th** on the [Mantua PTA Academic Competitions Page](#). Please contact [Haydee Cooper](#) with any questions.

## Reflections Program Deadline

If your child has an artistic side, then the Arts Reflections Program is for them. Artwork is due this Friday, October 31st. Please contact [Lori Prendergast](#) for a submission form and more information.

## Yearbook Photos Needed

The Yearbook wants YOUR photos! Fall parties and the Spirit Parade are all happening this week! Please send photos to [mantuayearbooks@gmail.com](mailto:mantuayearbooks@gmail.com). Include the teacher's name and event in the subject line. Thanks for your support!

## Woodson High School Craft Show

The 22nd Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show is **Saturday, November 8th** from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at W.T. Woodson High School. This exceptional show features juried handmade arts and crafts. They offer a diverse selection that includes: fine arts, jewelry, fiber arts, wood, photography, pottery, gift ware, pet accessories, stress relief items, and hundreds of holiday collectibles/decorations. Enjoy some holiday shopping while supporting local vendors. Admission is FREE for shoppers. The Woodson Crew team is organizing the craft fair, and proceeds go to support the team.

## Woodson Cavalier Varsity Precisionette Dance Camp

Are you looking for something fun for your child to do for the upcoming teacher workdays? Come learn some dance from the award winning W.T. Woodson Precisionettes. The participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and HAVE FUN! Participants will be divided by age to provide the most meaningful experience for all. Space is limited so register now. The camp is scheduled for Monday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 4, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Woodson High School. Students in kindergarten-8th grade can participate. The cost is \$75. Please contact [Yelena Jones](#) for more information.

## Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky!

Thanks to all who made a "Friends of Rocky" Donation – the PTA appreciates your support!

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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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