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## Important Upcoming Dates

Now-December 4: Five Below Shopping Fundraiser

December 9: Restaurant Night - Freddy's Steakburgers, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

December 18: 2-Hour Early Release - **2:05 p.m. Dismissal**

December 19-January 3: No School, Winter Break

## Shop at Five Below and Support Mantua THIS Week

Support the Mantua PTA while you do your holiday shopping! Shop during the weeks of **November 26th- December 4th** at the Five Below at Pickett Shopping Center, and 10% of every Mantua dollar spent will be donated back to the PTA. You'll need to present the flyer that was sent home in your child's Tuesday folder. Additional flyers can be found online at

[mantuapta.org/documents/fundraisers/5below/2015.pdf](http://mantuapta.org/documents/fundraisers/5below/2015.pdf) or on the credenza in the front lobby of the school.

## Restaurant Night Next Wednesday

Join Mantua friends and family for Restaurant Night on

**Wednesday, December 9th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers located at 10030 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030. Whether you dine in or take out, 15% of the proceeds will be donated to the Mantua PTA!

## Holiday Shopping Online?

There are opportunities for you to help with fundraising when you shop this holiday season! 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 [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org) and click on the [Amazon](#) and [4ourschool](#) Shop Now links to help our school!

## Lost & Found

Is your child missing something? Please check out the LOST & FOUND for your missing items. Any items left by **Thursday, December 17th** will be donated to charity.

## SCA Winter Coats/Mittens Drive

We are collecting until **Friday, December 18th**. Please donate gently used or new mittens, hats, and/or scarves. We are also collecting gently used coats this year. Coats/mittens will be distributed to students in need around FCPS. Please see the flyer in your child's Tuesday Folder for more information.

## Room Parents Still Needed!

Thank you so much to those of you who have already signed up to support our children's classrooms this year! Of course there are always more jobs that need to be filled, but first and foremost, we really need to have at least one room parent for each class. The room parent position is an important one as the room parent is the central point of contact for parents regarding a number of events throughout the year - you do not have to coordinate the events, just get things going. Emails are sent to remind room parents of upcoming events, with sample flyers, text, etc. The job can be done from home, from the office, or on the go.

**The following classrooms are still in need of Room Parents: Hartwell, Lupari, DuBose, Andersen, and Malc.**

To sign up, please click here and find the appropriate tab:

[www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53175D704A1CF4-family#](http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53175D704A1CF4-family#)

Can't be a room parent this year? The great news is that using Signup Genius allows parents to continue signing up for things where we still need coverage. Please check out your child's class signup and consider how you may contribute this year! Questions, please contact Teresa LeMair at [teresalemair@aol.com](mailto:teresalemair@aol.com).

## PTA Wish Fund

At the last PTA Meeting, the membership voted to distribute \$8,365 for 8 projects at the school. The list of projects and recipients is below:

- **KEVA Planks**, Eva Bousbouras
- **Short Throw Projector Project**, Jane Dunfee, Jan-Marie Fernandez
- **iPad Covers**, Natalie Lorenzi
- **Art Apps for iPads**, Nathalie Shirley, Davide Lorenzi

- **Mini iPad Stands for PE & GMM**, Jane Dunfee, Kay Donnelly
- **Courtyard Garden Hose Bib**, Christine Clifford, Kati Hesford
- **Enchanted Learning**, Ann Marie DelValle
- **Seed Money: Garden Club Supplies and Gardening Curriculum**, Lori Gaskill

## Book Fair Thank You

Thank you to all who came out to support Mantua's Library at our annual Book Fair! We'd like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make it a successful event: Wendy Hahn, Lesley McKnight, Kathy Phillips, Amy Mireku, Julie Middleton, Raena Close, Sarah Braesh, Mia Brennan, Vanessa Hall, Melissa Moran, Karen Bruntrager, Eva Orłowski, Susanne Fitch, Eric Menge, Tré Krupnick, Deb Leiberman, Samantha Galui, Chanda McCarthy, Nicole Willis, Sally Meyer, and Anbu Vijay. An extra big thank you to our super cashiers Chrissy Boylan and Meri Farling and to the coordinators Lori Recher, Sharon Schechtel, and Lori Prendergast!

## Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky!

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

**Sriram Peri:** Diamond Level

**Joel Najjar:** Gold Level

**Meredith Farling:** Gold Level

**Kate Glynn:** Silver Level

**Elizabeth Jones:** Silver Level

## 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 Lisa Libby at [lisa.a.libby@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.a.libby@gmail.com) 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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