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Important Upcoming Dates

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

December 10: Mantua Night at Woodson Basketball Games

December 14: Winter Choral Concert, 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

December 14-18: Spirit Week ([see details below](#))

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

December 19-January 3: No School, Winter Break

FCPS Budget Information

As you know, there have been a lot of discussions about next year's FCPS budget. To help you navigate this time, the Mantua PTA would like to be an objective resource of information for you and your families. To that end, we have attempted to outline why FCPS is facing a \$50 million-\$75 million budget shortfall and how you can stay informed.

Please visit the Mantua PTA website for specific information:

mantuapta.org/documents/2016fcpsbudgetinfo.pdf

Restaurant Night THIS 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 and click on the [Amazon](#) and

[4ourschool](#) Shop Now links to help our school!

Spirit Week: December 14–18

Celebrate the last week of school before winter break with Spirit Week. These are the themes for each day of the week:

- Monday, 12/14: Long Socks Day
- Tuesday, 12/15: Colorful Sweater Day
- Wednesday, 12/16: Crazy Hat Day (fun hat or headpiece)
- Thursday, 12/17: Let it Snow! (something snow-related)
- Friday, 12/18: Pajama & Stuffed Animal Day

Reminder: 5th & 6th Grade Human Growth and Development Lessons

The 5th and 6th grade will begin teaching their five Human Growth and Development lessons on **Thursday, December 10th**. The students will be separated by gender and taught by their grade level teachers and specialist teachers. All students will be included in this lesson unless an opt-out form has been submitted to the school by December 9th. Additional opt-out forms can be picked-up in the main office or requested from your child's teacher.

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.

PTA Student Directory Distribution

Copies of Mantua ES's 2015-16 PTA Student Directory were distributed to PTA members before Thanksgiving break. If you didn't receive a copy, please email [Monika Brenner](#). The directory, an essential tool for connecting with anyone in our school community, is one of the many perks of PTA membership. If you would like to receive a directory, too, simply join PTA by clicking [HERE](#).

Book Fair Back Orders

All back orders have now been delivered to the teacher mailboxes. If you have not received your back order, please contact [Lori Recher](#). Thank you!

Computer Programs and Resources for Students

Parents - you can find many helpful computer programs and resources for your student at this web site:

www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/mantua_studentpage.html

Please note: this page is not to be shared with the community outside of Mantua since it has links to licensed material.

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: Lupari, Andersen, and Malc.

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

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.

Mantua Night at Woodson Basketball Games

Come to W.T. Woodson High School on **Thursday, December 10th** for Mantua Night at the Girls Basketball Games! The JV game begins at 5:45 p.m., and the Varsity game begins at 7:15 p.m. Wear your basketball jersey!

Children get in free with a paying adult.

Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky and to Local Business Supporters!

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

Sriram Peri: Diamond Level

Thanks to local businesses who made a donation, as well - the PTA appreciates your support!

Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster: Platinum Level

Cathy Pougmalai, Realtor: Gold Level

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Dr. Jones, Orthodontist: Silver Level

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Brandywine Swim Club: Bronze Level

Dr. McDonough, Orthodontist: Bronze Level

Jennifer Epley, Arbonne: Bronze Level

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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 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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