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Important Upcoming Dates

November 10-11(Thursday-Friday): 5th Grade trip to Camp Highroad.

November 11-18 (Friday- Friday): Book Fair

November 16 (Wednesday): **PTA Meeting, New Date 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

November 16 (Wednesday): Thanksgiving Luncheon, Grades K-3.

November 17 (Thursday): Thanksgiving Luncheon, Grade 4-6.

November 18 (Friday): Peter Pan Jr. by Mantua Drama Club, 7:00 p.m.

November 19 (Saturday): Peter Pan Jr. by Mantua Drama Club, 2:00 p.m.

November 23 (Wednesday): 2 Hour Early Release.

November 24-25 (Thursday - Friday): Thanksgiving Break.

November 29 (Tuesday): AAP Parent Information Meeting, 5:00 p.m. in Room 30.

Deadlines

November 11 (Friday) 5 p.m.: Wish Fund Deadline.

Book Fair

The annual Mantua Book Fair is a fantastic fundraiser for the Mantua School Library- proceeds from this sale go directly to the library to purchase more books and technology for our children. It's the perfect place to purchase holiday gifts for your family and friends, while benefiting our school. Your child will have the opportunity to browse at the Book Fair one day in class and return to make purchases another day.

Parents are invited to browse and shop as well. Hours are:

- Friday, November 11 - 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
- Monday, November 14 - 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 15 - 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 16 - 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
- Thursday, November 17 - 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
- Friday, November 18th - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Please note that November 11th and 14th are preview days for the classes, but the Book Fair is also open for sales.

If you would like to volunteer at the Book Fair this year, please visit this sign-up genius link: fill a top

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea92f4-book>

If you have any question, contact Julie Middleton at gmandjm@verizon.net.

Wish Fund

The generous support of Mantua Elementary School families, community supporters, faculty and staff enables the Mantua PTA to operate an internal grant-making program called the Mantua PTA Wish Fund. At the October PTA meeting, the membership voted to open the application period for the third year of grant making. Mantua Teachers, staff and PTA members are encouraged to submit ideas via the application process for projects that will benefit Mantua Elementary School. The Wish Fund will distribute up to a total of \$10,000 to worthwhile proposals. We look forward to all applications and appreciate your commitment to Mantua Elementary School and its students. Visit the PTA website for more information: <http://mantuapta.org/wishfund.html>
Questions contact Julie Middleton at gmandjm@verizon.net.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Celebration

The Thanksgiving Luncheon Celebrations will be slightly different this year. An envelope was sent home in last week's Tuesday folder for those who would like to send in a check or cash. **Tickets are being sold before and after School November 1st-11th in the school lobby.** Tickets will be sold after school once busses have left. Guest tickets are \$4.25. Mantua students should use their lunch cards to pay for their meals. Tickets will be distributed to the classroom teachers on the day of the luncheon.

Dates of the event are as follows, for times check the flier sent

home in the Tuesday Folder.

November 16 (Wednesday) Grades K-3.

November 17 (Thursday) Grade 4-6.

May the Force Run With You!

Thank you for supporting our 2016 Run for Rocky fundraiser. Through your enthusiasm and school spirit we were able to make almost \$32K that will benefit the students and school THIS year! Our heartfelt thanks to the local business and parents who volunteer time and time again to make these events possible and fun for all...

Cathy Pougmalai for helping to outfit the entire Mantua ES family in Run for Rocky t-shirts.

Exciting raffle prizes were provided by the following: Judy Wonus, Anne and Sarah Harrington and Merrifield Orthodontics.

The following gave tirelessly of their time and resources to help make the event successful: Lisa Libby, Samantha Galui, Kristian Clarke, Nicole Willis, Dawn Keene and Chanda McCarthy.

Thank you to all who made a "Friends of Rocky" Donation - the PTA appreciates your support! **Monina Bantug**: Silver level

Family Life Education Instructional Program Information

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides a comprehensive, sequential Family Life Education (FLE) program for students in grades K-12. Instruction is seen as a partnership among parents and guardians, the school, and the community in supporting the learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of all or part of the Family Life Education program. Students who are opted out are provided with age-appropriate, nonpunitive alternative health instruction, and every effort is made to foster respect for family choices. If you wish to opt your child out of all or part of FLE for this school year, opt out forms were sent home at Back to School Night or in the Tuesday folder following their evening and are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. Please fill in the opt-out form and return it to your child's teacher prior to Family Life Education instruction, which will begin mid-December

for 5th and 6th grade and second semester for K-4.

Detailed grade-level program descriptions are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. FLE grade level-specific lessons and media that FCPS has streaming rights for are available for parents online in FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard) Parent View. Account information is available at your local school or online at <http://bit.ly/1N2BUPl>. Grade level-specific lessons are also available at the Fairfax County Regional Library in the City of Fairfax (this location does not have media). Grade level-specific lessons and media that is not streamed online are available for review at your child's school library. Due to copyright restrictions, we are unable to stream all media online.

Program questions may be addressed at your child's school or by contacting Instructional Services at 571-423-4550 or by contacting Elizabeth Payne, Health and Physical Education Coordinator at etpayne@fcps.edu.

AAP Parent Information Meeting

The Advanced Academics Parent Information Meeting will be held at Mantua Elementary School on Tuesday, November 29th from 3:00-4:00pm in room 30 (the Reading Room). The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, [Eva Bousbouras VSBousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:VSBousbouras@fcps.edu), will provide information about levels of service at Mantua, as well as explain and answer questions about the screening processes for Level IV services. The meeting is open to all parents of students in 2nd - 6th grade general education classes.

Mantua Drama Club Presents -- Peter Pan!

Faith, Trust ... and a little pixie dust! Come and see the magical story of Peter Pan come to life, November 18th and 19th. Mantua Drama Club presents PETER PAN JR! Tickets can be purchased at the door. Friday, November 18, 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm). Saturday, November 19, 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1:30 pm). Bring your family and friends and watch these wonderful students create magic right before your eyes!

Fairfax County Public Library

Natalie Lorenzi, former Mantua Librarian, will be signing her

latest novel for children, *A Long Pitch Home*, next weekend at the Fairfax County Public Library Foundation fundraiser. For more information

visit <http://fairfaxlibraryfoundation.org/foundation-book-fair/>

Godspell Presented by Woodson Drama

W.T. Woodson Drama presents the musical *Godspell* **November 3rd through 12th** at the Joan C. Benninger Auditorium at W.T. Woodson High School. *Godspell* was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Pippin*); and it took the world by storm. *Godspell* features a parade of beloved songs, including "Day by Day", "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord", "All for the Best", "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

Ticket prices start at \$5.00 for children under 12, please go to WTDrama.org to purchase tickets.

Frost Middle School 5k Run

Frost MS will hold its 3rd Annual "[Falcons on the Run 5k/1 Mile Fun Run](#)" on Saturday, November 12, [register here](#).

The event has been tremendous fun in the past and we hope that you will join in this year to make it even better!

There are opportunities to participate, donate (your choice if you'd like an event t-shirt), or to volunteer (a great opportunity for students trying to earn service hours). Teams are able to get special group rates for entering teams of 20 or more children to participate in the 5K or Fun Run.

Contact [Laura Reed](#) about the group rates.

The Falcons on the Run 5k/Fun Run is an opportunity for our community to gather and have fun together. We hope to see you there on 11/12!

Bus Delay Notification System

Beginning September 6 parents may access the system [here](#) or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

Receiving or Unsubscribing from the Alert News

Mantua PTA distributes paper copies of the Alert News to all families for the first month of school only. If you aren't receiving your copy by email, complete this form: <http://bit.ly/2cPDrOA> to be added to the distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address access to a computer, you will continue to receive the newsletter in each week's Tuesday Folder.

To unsubscribe from the Alert News list click on the word "unsubscribe" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your assistance!

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 4ourschool.

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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