



# ALERT NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**September 5** (Tuesday): Mantua Basketball League registration begins.

**September 6** (Wednesday): **Academic Competitions Interest Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Mantua Cafeteria.

**September 6** (Wednesday): **Registration for Fall Enrichment** begins 8:00 a.m.

**September 6** (Wednesday): **Chat and Chew** registration begins.

**September 7** (Thursday): Drama Club Auditions, 5:30 p.m.

**September 8** (Friday): **PTA Meeting**, 9:30 a.m. followed at 10:30 by Volunteer meeting, Library.

**September 8** (Friday): **Pizza & Ice Cream Social**, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Mantua playground.

**September 8** (Friday): Drama Club Auditions, 5:30 p.m.

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## Fall Enrichment

Fall 2017 Enrichment is almost here! The Mantua PTA is excited to offer after school enrichment classes. An easy, safe, convenient way for your child explore interests. Classes focus on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM, and sports. Registration for fall begins at **8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6** and ends at Noon on Wednesday, September 15. Late registration begins 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 15 and ends at Midnight Wednesday, September 18 for a \$40 fee. Program information and registration at: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com>. Questions, email Heather Hill and Tara Kelly at [enrichment@mantuapta.org](mailto:enrichment@mantuapta.org).

## Chat n Chew Registration Opens September 6

If your child likes to read and discuss good books with their friends, the Chat 'n' Chew program is for them! Chat 'n' Chew is a book club for 3rd-6th graders that meets once per month

(December through March) by grade level. Books are provided by the PTA and the students meet during lunch/recess in groups of approximately 6 kids, with a parent volunteer, to discuss the books. Cost is \$35 to register (with a \$10 discount for PTA members). Registration is through MemberPlanet <http://mp.gg/2Oep4>, beginning on September 6 and ending on September 22. Questions, contact Kathy Phillips, [kathyphysics@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyphysics@hotmail.com).

## Pizza & Ice Cream Social

Join us for the Back To School Pizza & Ice Cream Social! Friday, September 8 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the playground. You can buy tickets for \$1 each and use them to buy ice cream sundaes and pizza (for 2 tickets each) and water bottles and glow necklaces (for 1 ticket each.) Please sign up to help, we can't do this without you!

## Volunteers Needed for Pizza and Ice Cream Social

The Mantua PTA kicks off fundraising with this fun getting to know you social event at the school. All profits go directly back to improving our school. This is a great way to meet new parents and to get involved with the school right away. Please consider volunteering your time to make this event great. Sign up for available jobs via [SignUpGenius](#). Questions please contact Emily Mosso at [mossoem@gmail.com](mailto:mossoem@gmail.com)

## Academic Competitions Interest Meeting

Would you love for your child to work on a team to do something fun outside of school? To meet new kids? To have new challenges? If yes, then come join us on **September 6th at 7pm** in the Mantua E.S. Cafeteria to hear more about exciting programs outside of school, like Destination Imagination, Odyssey of the Mind, Lego League, Science Olympiad, Science Fair, National Geographic and Spelling bees, Math Counts, and more. These academic competitions offer opportunities for all students, K-6 to try new things or delve deeper into their favorite subjects, whether they are exploring outer space, writing a play or original song, or creating machines that actually work. Each of these competitions facilitates creative team-building that encourage resourcefulness, self-confidence, problem solving, and leadership in children of all ages. Come join us at the Academic Competitions information session! If you can't attend, please review competition information or the interest signup form at <http://mantuapta.org/programs.html>. For more information, please contact Vanessa Hall at

[mantuacompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:mantuacompetitions@gmail.com).

## Mantua PTA Basketball League: Registration Opens September 5

Mantua PTA's basketball league is celebrating almost 50 years of continuous operation at Mantua Elementary School. The program embraces students with a wide variety of skill levels and emphasizes teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship. All eligible third through sixth grade, male and female students are encouraged to sign-up for this fun, supportive, community-based, basketball league that promotes sportsmanship and a love of the game.

Third through sixth grade students are eligible to register starting September 5, 2017. Late registration will begin October 6, 2017, and end October 11, 2017. NO registrations will be accepted after October 11, 2017. All eligible Mantua ES students are encouraged to register at

[www.mantuabasketball.org](http://www.mantuabasketball.org) starting on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017.**

Look for more information in the Tuesday Folders of Third through Sixth graders, future PTA Action Alerts, and [www.mantuabasketball.org](http://www.mantuabasketball.org). Contact Eric Fleming at [commissioner@mantuabasketball.org](mailto:commissioner@mantuabasketball.org) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer with Mantua PTA Basketball.

## School-Wide Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in many areas outside of your child's classroom. You can give as little or as much time as you wish. Our volunteers make Mantua Elementary a very special school and all of our children benefit from any amount of time you can give! Sign up at [www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org) or contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenn Ross at [volunteering@mantuapta.org](mailto:volunteering@mantuapta.org).

## Raccoon Runners Fall 2017

Join us this fall for the **Girls Raccoon Runners** group. We meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 starting Oct. 4. This is an 8-week program focused on building strength both physically and mentally through the joy of running. The coaches incorporate strength training and stretching on non running days. After each work out we have a snack and discuss issues relevant to their peer group.

**Registration closes on Sept. 27** or after 35 participants, whichever comes first. Registration begins on September 6 on the [Mantua PTA website](http://MantuaPTA.org). For questions please contact [raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org](mailto:raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org).

# Global Plus World Language Classes

Learn a World Language at Mantua through GLOBAL PLUS. The Mantua PTA offers extracurricular world language classes through FCPS's GLOBAL PLUS Language Program. The goal of the GLOBAL PLUS program is to offer high quality language classes to elementary students when they are at the optimal age for language acquisition. The GLOBAL PLUS curriculum delivers a strong focus on communication. This focus will provide children with skills to establish meaningful connections as they become GLOBAL citizens of our diverse yet interconnected world. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. Classes begin in October and continue for 20 weeks. The tuition cost is \$349 and includes materials and instruction. Registration is currently underway. Register early [www.fcps.edu/academics/global-plus](http://www.fcps.edu/academics/global-plus) (before 9/29) to save \$20! (Use promo code GLOBAL20 for discount). Sibling discounts are also available. Call 703-658-1201.

- GP03220-0002: Chinese for Grades 4-6, Fridays after school starting on 10/20
- GP05220-0002: German for Grades 4-6, Thursdays before school starting 10/19
- GP07120-0002: Spanish for Grades 1-3, Thursdays before school starting 10/19.

Questions, contact Susanne Fitch, PTA Representative, at [globalplus@mantuapta.org](mailto:globalplus@mantuapta.org).

## Take Home Reading Program – Training

Attention parents of kindergarten and first-graders! The Take Home Reading program's parent training session will take place on **Thursday, September 21st** at 9:30 am in room 30. What is Take Home Reading? THR is a program coordinated by our reading specialist with the teachers that provides an opportunity for every child to read a book one on one with an adult volunteer. Your child then borrows that book to bring home and show off their new skills! THR is a GREAT volunteer opportunity, as you'll get to know your child's classmates while you read with them individually. You can volunteer as much or as little as works for your schedule. Even if you have volunteered for the program in the past, join us to refresh your memory and to meet Ms. Grice, Mantua's Reading Resource teacher. If you have any questions, please email Kristina Clarke at [thr@mantuapta.org](mailto:thr@mantuapta.org). RSVPs are appreciated to the same address.

## Subscribing and 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> so we can add you to our 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. If your student has graduated and/or you have moved away from the Mantua ES community, you can help us to maintain a current distribution list by unsubscribing from the Alert News list. It is as simple as clicking 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 eScrip before begging your shopping and these organizations will donate to our school.

## Mason Game & Technology Academy

Hello! The George Mason University Computer Game Design Program's Mason Game & Technology Academy has programs for students grades 3-12 in Game Design, Programming, Minecraft Modding with Java, and more. Each Fall and Spring, we contact Fairfax County Schools in order to be part of their community distribution, and we have programs in the summer, fall, and spring. For more information visit <http://vsgi.gmu.edu/mgta/>

## 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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