



## HOW DO YOU STAY "IN THE KNOW" THIS YEAR AT MANTUA ELEMENTARY?

### **AlertNews**

- Joint Mantua ES and Mantua PTA newsletter emailed weekly to all families, though important announcements may be sent intermittently
- Contains information such as upcoming Mantua ES, Mantua PTA and FCPS events & activities, links to sign-up forms, notices from the school office
- If you aren't receiving your copy by email, please complete this form, <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/alertnewsdistro>, so we can add you to our distribution list. Past issues can also be found at <http://www.mantuapta.org/anarchives.html>
- Paper copies available only to families without email

### **Mantua PTA's Facebook Group**

Be sure to join our closed group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/> and stay up to date on the latest with Mantua PTA and Mantua ES. We hope to create an online dialog that goes both ways—we encourage friends to reach out to us on Facebook with information or questions, which we make every effort to answer. If you have any questions about our page, send a FB message to our administrator, Jennifer McRobbie at [jenn\\_mcrobbie@hotmail.com](mailto:jenn_mcrobbie@hotmail.com).

### **MantuaPTA.org**

- Current schoolwide club, activity and event information with links to flyers
- PTA meeting minutes and documents
- Parent Resources such as: Online FAQs for Parents, Student activity and event descriptions, Blackboard 24/7 link, new family information, SOL information & resources
- Student Resources
- PTA contact list and back issues of the AlertNews

## **Flyers in Your Child's Tuesday Folder**

The weekly folders you know and love, check them as they have lots of great information from the school and your child's teacher!

## **The "Parents' Corner" Table at the School's Main Entrance**

- Visit this billboard & table to find current information and sign-up forms for activities and events
- Box Tops can be dropped in the labeled tubs – please put box tops in a Ziploc bag with your student's name and his/her teacher.

## **Parent View Accounts on FCPS 24-7 Learning (Blackboard)**

- Enter and update student(s)' emergency care and contact information online (WeCare@schools)
- Go to <http://fcps.blackboard.com> to learn the steps involved in creating a Parent View account
- Consider subscribing to Keep In Touch (KIT). Learn more about how to subscribe at [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)

## **PTA Student Directory**

The Mantua PTA Student Directory is our printed school directory, which contains student name, student grade level, parent name and parent email addresses of many of Mantua ES's families as well as a school telephone directory and other important school information. Participation is voluntary, though the majority of parents opt to include their family's information in the directory as it is a key resource for parents, students and faculty throughout the school year.

## **Mantua Twitter Feed @MantuaES**

The Mantua Twitter feed is maintained by the school and showcases pictures of classroom activities and school wide events. Sign up to follow us and see the exciting things happening in and around the school.