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Important Upcoming Dates

October 30 (Tuesday): Parent Education Session, 7pm, School Library.

November 5-6 (Monday-Tuesday): School CLOSED.

November 7 (Wednesday): AAP Information Meeting, 3-4pm, Cafeteria.

PTA Parent Education Session: How to Raise Responsible, Respectful Kids

How to Raise Responsible, Respectful Children...Without Yelling or Nagging Presented by Rachel Bailey, M.A., CPDPE **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7:00 PM** Mantua Elementary School Library FREE! No RSVP Necessary. Bring a Friend! Questions, email Mantua PTA Parent Education Coordinator Johanna Friedlander, Johanna_Friedlander@hotmail.com.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/programs/parent-ed/rachel-bailey.pdf>

AAP Parent Information Meeting at Mantua

An Advanced Academics Program Parent Information Meeting will be held at Mantua Elementary School on **Wednesday, November 7th from 3-4pm** in the cafeteria. The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, Eva Bousbouras, and Mrs.

Fernandez 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 parents of general education students in grades 2-6.

Please Note: Students may not be called for dismissal after 3:40 PM. If you who wish to take your child home after the meeting, please have your child meet you in the lobby at dismissal (4:05 PM). The office must know about any dismissal changes by 1PM.

Mantua 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 shop as well!

Hours are:

Friday, November 9 – 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Monday, November 12 - 9:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, November 13 - 9:00 a.m.-7:45 p.m.*
Wednesday, November 14 - 9:00 a.m.-7:45 p.m.*
Thursday, November 15- 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Friday, November 16th - 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

*Open late for after work shopping WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!
Please visit this sign-up genius link if you can help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e45a8ad22a7fc1-mantua1>

Questions, email Chanda McCarthy at chandaodo2@gmail.com.

Online Directory Opt-out

Mantua Online Directory Opt-out Please complete this short form if you do NOT wish to be published in The NEW Mantua PTA Online Student Directory. The NEW Mantua PTA Online Student Directory contains student names, teachers, parent names and email addresses of Mantua ES's families as well as some important school information. The information you provided to the school upon registration of your child(ren) will

be used to create our directory—unless you have since updated your information with the front office. The majority of parents opt to include their family's information in the directory as it is a great resource for parents, students, and faculty throughout the school year.

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/directoryoptout2018

Wish Fund Committee

Wish Fund is looking for committee members interested in reviewing applications. This is a low time commitment - one meeting this week - and a great way to learn more about the grant opportunity. If you'd like to help, please email Kristina Clarke at wishfund@mantuapta.org.

First Quarter Issue of the Bandit Will Be Released On 11/1!

Please inquire your child's homeroom teacher to share the files of the 1st Quarter's digital student newspaper, The Bandit, starting on 11/1! Articles include current events, artwork, and even restaurant reviews!

We really hope you enjoy reading it – all the contributors worked really hard on it!

Thank you all very much!

Ms. Dunfee, Ms. Roberts, Mrs. Hong, and #TheBanditSquad

Pre-order Your Yearbook!!!

We are partnering with Scherling for our yearbook this year. Yearbooks are just \$25!

Order yours today! www.virginia.preorderphotos.com

click the link then enter the code: **T79YW4. Add Yearbook to cart. Choose background A then add to cart again. Click next and follow the rest of the instructions!!**

Frost's 5th annual Falcons on the Run 5K and Fun Run

Frost's 5th annual Falcons on the Run 5K and Fun Run is Nov

17th. This event serves as Frost's single school-wide fundraiser, but more importantly as an opportunity to bring our communities together for a morning of building connections, fun, and fitness. Frost's event also supports the Hope for the Warriors organization that supports many of our local military families and Frost's Food 4 Thought food pantry that provides food to those in need over weekends and holidays. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate the day of the event. New this year, Fairfax County Sheriff's department will be present to offer FREE Child ID Cards. Visit the event site or reach out to Laura Reed (lareed@fcps.edu) to learn more about participating, volunteering, donating, sponsoring, or other opportunities.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Fairfax/FrostMiddleSchoolFalconsOnTheRun5KandFunRun>

Why Support the Mantua PTA?

Click below to see where our money was spent last year and what we have in store for this year!

<https://tinyurl.com/ya3ahgxj>

Consider joining the Mantua PTA! **Cost is only \$15 per family** (tax deductible).

[Visit the registration website for more information.](#)

Reminder About Early Dismissals

As shared in the first day folders, children will not be called out of class for early dismissal after 3:40pm and cannot be released to anyone other than a parent unless that person is on the emergency care card. The exception to the emergency care card requirement would be a release authorized by the parent through an email to mantuaesattendance@fcps.edu received prior to 1pm that day.

For "play dates" notes from parents of both the visitor and the host will be required for students planning to go home with a friend or neighbor after school. Students without corresponding notes will follow their typical dismissal plan.

National Geographic GeoBee

Mantua will be hosting a school GeoBee again this year for 4th - 6th graders (it is a strict National Geographic rule, we can't allow other grades). If your student is interested in a one

afternoon event to determine the school winner who will go on to compete in the state GeoBee, please email Megan Burski Wells (burskiwells@yahoo.com) with student name, grade, teacher, parent name and email. A date for the competition will be forthcoming, but if your student is interested, please follow the link for rules and ideas for studying.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee/study>

Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show

W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax will host the 26th Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show on **November 3rd from 10am-4pm** (9525 Main St., Fairfax VA 22031). This exceptional show features juried handmade arts and crafts with a diverse selection of: fine arts, jewelry, fiber arts, wood, photography, pottery, giftware, pet accessories, stress relief items & hundreds of holiday collectibles/decorations. There will be approximately 100 exhibitors and admission is FREE for shoppers. *All proceeds benefit the W.T. Woodson Crew Team www.wtwcrew.org

Lost and Found

There is a large number of items in the lost and found. All personal items brought to school should be labeled including lunch boxes, water bottles, jackets, coats, sweaters, etc. The lost and found is currently located outside the gym, please check there for any missing personal items. All items left in the lost and found after **November 16** will be donated to charity.

Fall Classroom Parties - Tips

Fall parties are soon upon us. In support of Mantua's Eco initiatives, please consider the following, this will help protect the environment and save \$'s along the way.

- 1) Ask kids to bring their own reusable water bottles. Mantua now has its own refillable water station to use. Help phase out plastic water bottles at Mantua.
- 2) Stick to finger foods! Avoid using plastic utensils which will never degrade in landfills. Cut up fruit, chips, crackers and cheese. Make parties centered around activities and movement, and less on treats.
- 3) Don't use styrofoam products, which contain styrene which can cause adverse health effects. If you need plates, buy small

compostable and biodegradable ones. You can find them on Amazon, and also earn \$'s for the school.

4) For activities, consider an outdoor event or using recyclable materials for craft projects.

5) Forgo plastic tablecloths and decorations, the kids will have fun either way! Minimize the amount of trash produced - it will make set-up and clean-up afterwards much easier!

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 the Amazon link before beginning your shopping and Amazon will donate to our school. The link is located in the upper right corner of PTA website and also further down under "passive fundraising".

Unsubscribing from the Alert News

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!

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!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية للإيميل cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email cbn@mantuapta.org.
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по

электронной почте: cbn@mantuapta.org или cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktor Zhardzetski.

• 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요(cbn@mantuapta.org.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Lisa Libby.

• Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at cbn@mantuapta.org 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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