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## Important Upcoming Dates

November 19 (Monday): Mantua Food Drive last day.

November 21-23: School CLOSED - Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 27 (Tuesday): 5th & 6th Grade Family Life Education parent preview, 6-7 pm, Library.

November 30 (Friday): Fall Picture Makeup Day.

December 11 (Tuesday): Restaurant Night, Mama Lucia, Fair City Mall, 2-8pm.

## The Directory is here . . ONLINE!

The 2018-19 Directory is online! Members should have already received an email with a link and login to access the directory from MantuaPTA.org. If you have not received the email, and you are a member, please contact Lisa Libby ([president@mantuapta.org](mailto:president@mantuapta.org)) and she will ensure you get access. If you are not yet a member, you can join at <http://mp.gg/6ciky> and you will receive the login in your confirmation email!

## 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](http://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!!\*\*

## Attention 5th and 6th Grade Families

Beginning Friday, December 7th all 5th and 6th graders will be taking part in lessons on Human Growth and Development. The lessons will be taught in gender-separate groups by grade level teachers and specialists. The content is divided into 5 lessons and will be taught over 5 days. Any parent wishing to opt their child out of any or all of the lessons need to complete an opt-out form and return it to your child's teacher. A parent preview meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 27 from 6:00-7:00 pm** in the Mantua Library for parents to preview the materials and talk with school staff about the program.

## Mantua Reflections Contest Winners and Award Ceremony

Congratulations to our Mantua Reflections Art Contest Winners and thank you to every student who entered! We will hold an award ceremony on **Tuesday December 4th at 6 pm** in the school cafeteria. Please mark your calendars! Winners will receive trophies, all entrants will receive prizes, there will be pizza and refreshments, a guest speaker, and you'll get a chance to see all the creative entries. We hope you can join us!

Congratulations to:

Abigail Stern, Anne Brady, and Keira Cheng (Literature);  
Genevieve Cheng, Chenfei Zhou, and Keira Cheng (Photography);  
Genevieve Cheng and Ava Neuhauser (Dance);  
Genevieve Cheng (Film);  
Sagar Kapadia (Music);  
Talia Grumet, Kaylee Bryson, and Keira Cheng (Visual Arts);  
Anne Brady (Photography 2nd Place);  
Darren Theobald (Music 2nd Place);  
Chenfei Zhou and Brianna Nguyen (Discretionary Award with opportunity to be published in an art book)!

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/programs/reflections/photo-winners.pdf>

## Reflections Theme Search Contest Entries Due 11/20

The PTA Reflections Theme Search is underway! Entries are due Tuesday November 20 in the PTA Reflections mailbox in the school office. Submit a unique, focused phrase to inspire students who participate in the National PTA Reflections art contest in a future year. The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100 prize from National PTA. Use the entry form link below to submit your theme. Thank you and good luck!

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/programs/reflections/theme-search.pdf>

## 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.](#)

## Mantua Elementary Trees

In early November we were joined for the day by Hugh Whitehead of Fairfax County's Urban Tree Management Division. Hugh brought 10 tall trees (each about 10 to 12 feet tall), generously provided by the county's Tree Conservation Fund, for us to plant around the playground. Mantua Elementary is fortunate to be the recipient of this many large trees. The species planted are:

American beech (*Fagus grandifloia*)

American elm (*Ulmus Americana*)

Black gum (aka sour gum or tupelo) (*Nyssa sylvatica*)

River birch (*Betula nigra*)

White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

Here is how the area now looks below the playground:



Thank you to the many students who planted the trees as well as the students who help water them during the recess “bucket brigade!” Hugh Whitehead of the Urban Forest team will continue to work with us and our trees, on lessons that involve learning from trees: data collection to track growth, photographic records, the impact of trees, and expressing information about trees through visual and language arts. As Hugh noted, “There are so many ways the trees could be a continuing contributor to the students’ education.”

## Woodson Parent's Night Out: Dec 7

Do you need a night off to go shopping for the holidays, have a date night or just put your feet up? Then Woodson Parent’s Night Out is for you! Simply drop your elementary school child off at Woodson High School on December 7th at 6pm. Your child will enjoy a fun-filled evening that will include arts and crafts, games, a pizza party dinner and a movie. Pick up is at 9:30pm. Space is limited so register early to reserve your spot! All profits will go to support Woodson Math Center, a program that provides free peer math tutoring. Cost: \$35 per child. Early Bird Discount (by November 16th) \$30 per child. Family discount: \$35 for the first child, \$30 for each additional child. In order to register, please mail back a completed registration form (2 pages) for each child along with a check made out to W.T. Woodson HS to Woodson High School c/o Valerie Silver. Questions: email Valerie Silver at [vmsilver@fcps.edu](mailto:vmsilver@fcps.edu).

Registration form:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y9qKRHP2kHV13sFz4nzk8F5kD5za9\\_sM/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y9qKRHP2kHV13sFz4nzk8F5kD5za9_sM/view?usp=sharing)

## 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](mailto: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.

## New this year: Looking to buy a Chromebook?

New this year! Looking to buy a Chromebook? Dell will donate 5% of your purchase to Mantua Elementary, plus free shipping and price match guarantee! Just use this special link: [www.dell.com/MantuaPTA](http://www.dell.com/MantuaPTA)

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/passive/dell.pdf>

## 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".

## Link Your Grocery Loyalty to Raise Money for the School

You can easily help our school by linking your grocery loyalty cards from Harris Teeter and Giant. Based on your purchases those merchants then send checks to the school. WOW! Please see flyer for details.

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/passive/grocery.pdf>

## 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 [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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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