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MANTUA PTA NEWS

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Important Upcoming Dates

February 18 (Monday): No School, Presidents' Day.

February 22 (Friday): Last day to submit Box Tops. PTA Family Fun Night, Movie Night, 7-9pm, cafeteria.

March 1 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30-10:30 AM, cafeteria; Lego Night 7:00 to 9:00 PM cafeteria.

Spring Enrichment Registration is Here!

Spring Enrichment registration is here and ends **Tuesday, February 12th at midnight**. There will be one day of late registration on Wednesday, February 13th 8AM-6PM for a \$40 fee. For our schedule of Spring classes and registration details click here: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com/#/spring-2019> More questions? Email Heather Hill and Tara Kelly at enrichment@mantuapta.org.

Box Top Collection Drive

Box Tops Contest Keep clipping those Box Tops, Mantua! Our next collection drive is underway. Please turn in all Box Top collection sheets and baggies labeled with your teacher's name by **February 22nd** to your teacher or the collection box in the lobby. The class that submits the most box tops gets their choice of a pizza, popsicle or ice cream party to celebrate! <http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/boxtops/springinfo.pdf>



Art Department Needs Baby Wipes/Disinfectant Wipes

The art department is in desperate need of baby wipes (for hands) and disinfectant wipes (for tables)!! When we teach out in the Quad we do not have sinks so the hand wipes go very quickly. If you can donate please drop off in Main Office labeled "Art" or have student drop off in the Art Room #254.

Thank you very much, we appreciate your support! Mrs. Shirley, Mr. Lorenzi & Mrs. Mahon

PTA Family Fun Night Movie Night



Ready for a movie??!! Please join us for our annual Movie Night at Mantua, we'll be showing the Incredibles 2 for your enjoyment, **Friday, February 22, 2019 7:00 to 9:00 PM Mantua Cafeteria**. The Mantua PTA will be selling snacks during the movie for those that get the munchies. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Jonah Troth at jrtroth@gmail.com with any questions.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/family-fun-nights/movie.pdf>

GMU Men and Women's Basketball Tickets

GMU VS. LAS (LaSalle University) When: **Sunday, February 17th 2pm**

Where: Eagle Bank Arena Price: \$3.00 a ticket (special Mantua price)

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/geninfo/mason-womens-game.pdf>

GMU VS. Duquesne When: **Saturday, February 23rd 4pm** Where: Eagle

Bank Arena Price: \$13.00 a ticket (special Mantua price)

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/geninfo/mason-mens-game.pdf>

Questions contact kjbruining@fcps.edu

Talent Show 2019

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2019 Mantua Talent Show! Do you play an instrument, sing, or dance? Do you like to perform magic? Do you want to demonstrate your martial arts prowess? Then, why not participate in this year's show? Just head to:

<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2019talentshow> to complete an audition form and get all the info.

Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Audition Forms Due: Friday, February 22nd

- Video and Music Due: Friday, March 1st
- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: Friday, March 22nd, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Talent Show in the Gym: Saturday, March 23rd, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

If you have a child in the show, at least one parent needs to volunteer to help. There is a link on the confirmation email after you sign up your child.

To volunteer sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E45AEA82F4-mantua9>

Join Scouts BSA Night (for boys and girls)

Join Troop 1533 at the Mantua Elementary Cafeteria for “Join Scouting Night” on **February 12 at 7:00 pm**. The program will run until 8:00 pm. Guests are welcome to stay for the Court of Honor ceremony at 8:00 and refreshments afterwards. This event is for both boys and girls interested in participating in Scouts BSA. The program is open to those in grades 5–12 (ages 11—18). This is an opportunity for boys to learn about the current troop and for girls to learn about the Scouting BSA Girls’ Troop forming at Mantua in February. The Scouts BSA program is for boys and girls in Grades 5-12 that want to camp, participate in other outdoor and STEM activities, grow in citizenship and leadership skills, earn merit badges, and progress towards the Eagle Scout rank! Troop 1533 offers an active program of adventure and leadership skills. The troop offers monthly camping trips and chances to learn new skills. Annual activities include. Camping Cooking High Ropes and Zip-lining SCUBA Cycling STEM Outdoor Adventure Come for a fun evening to learn about Troop 1533 and the Scouts BSA program!

Contacts:

- John Hall (New Families Coordinator for Troop 1533)
- halljohnm@yahoo.com Rich Harrington
(Scoutmaster for Troop 1533 Boys’ Troop)
- rhedpixel@gmail.com Bob Phillips
(Scoutmaster for Troop 1533 Girls’ Troop)
- girltroop1533@gmail.com

The Frost Family Festival is Around the Corner!

Frost Family Festival is being held on February 20 from 5:30-7:30pm. All rising

7th graders and new to Frost 8th graders and their families are invited. This is an opportunity for school tours, classroom demos, table displays and other activities to provide an excellent view of middle school life. Principal Anthony Harris and his administrative team will be on hand during the evening for questions. Food for the event can now also be purchased online: <https://squareup.com/store/frostspiritstore>.

Second Quarter Issue of *THE BANDIT* has Been Released!

Please inquire your child's homeroom teacher to share the files of the 2ND Quarter's digital student newspaper, *The Bandit!* Articles include current events, opinions, recipes, and literature 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

Bus Driver Employment Opportunities

Step on Board to an FCPS School Bus Driver Career! Fairfax County Public Schools invites qualified individuals to join our transportation team.

This is a great opportunity for stay-at-home parents to earn income with search Bus Driver benefits (and bring your preschooler to work with you!). Retirees, college students and career-switchers are also encouraged to apply.



<https://www.fcps.edu/careers/career-opportunities/bus-driver-employment-opportunities>

PTA Family Fun Night Lego Night

Are you a Master Builder? Bring your Legos to Mantua's annual Lego Night, **Friday, March 1, 2019 7:00 to 9:00 PM Mantua Cafeteria**. Bring new builds or your collection of pieces and build something cool with your friends. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact

Jonah Troth at jrtroth@gmail.com with any questions.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/family-fun-nights/lego.pdf>

Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science Fair

The 6th Annual Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science & Engineering (FCSE) Fair will take place on **Saturday May 11, 2019** at George Mason University. <https://www.fcsefair.com> The FCSE fair will accept projects in the areas of Life & Earth Sciences and Physical Sciences & Engineering.

The divisions are:

Division I (grades 1-3)

Division II (grades 4-5)

Division III (grades 6–8) Students are encouraged to begin working on their projects now so that sufficient time is allowed for planning, data gathering, and final presentation of results.

Students are expected to keep a journal documenting the progress of their investigation. Students must prepare a trifold poster board of their project for the fair. Rules & Guidelines can be found at https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d54dde_7bfe491853294c92b4c088b054153cfc.pdf The FCSE fair has several requirements in advance of project start and submission this year, including a checklist, research plan/project summary, and an approval form. The FCSE fair will be following the rules of Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF); more information about Intel ISEF is available at: <http://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef>. All projects that require additional approvals must have forms submitted to mantuasciencefair@gmail.com and Ms. Sullivan (5th grade AAP teacher) before starting on such projects. If there are more interested students than available slots allotted to Mantua (which we will find out in early April), we will have to decide which projects will go to the fair based on scientific merit. Please email mantuasciencefair@gmail.com if your child is interested in participating in the science fair. Please indicate: - Child's name: - Child's grade: - Child's teacher: - Child's interested project area: - Child's proposed project topic (if known): Additional paperwork as noted above will be necessary prior to enrolling in the county science fair. Project registration occurs in late March-early April. Cost is typically \$120 divided evenly by all school participants.

Sustainable Learning Trip - Summer 2019

This trip is open to any FCPS student grade 6 and above, FCPS staff and

families too. This will be a great 10 day trip (cost includes flights, trains, local travel, hotels, food, tips, entrance fee, tour guides, and more).

Germany and Switzerland have been at the forefront of some of the world's most forward-thinking approaches to technology and energy. And it's easy to see why—these countries are a perfect blend of European charm and start-up culture.

Learn about Germany and Switzerland's innovative sustainability efforts by seeing state-of-the-art models of renewable energy, urban farming, and eco-tourism. Be a part of the creative conservation firsthand as you embark on an urban quest in the green city of Freiburg, hike through an Alpine glacier, and discover a vast underground city in a nuclear bunker in Lucerne.

For more information visit www.eftours.com/tour-website/2179932VE

Attendance email and Form

Submitting a student absence, reporting any transportation or dismissal changes has never been easier thanks to the online attendance form!

Submit any of these changes using the online attendance form or the email MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu.

Basketball and Scout Images Needed for Yearbook

If you would like your scout group or basketball group to be included in the yearbook, you need to submit your photos (use high resolution when sending) to Ms. Dunfee by March 1st at pjdunfee@fcps.edu and in the subject line of the email put in your scout's name or team name for basketball. We will put in the yearbook whatever we receive by **March 1st**.

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!!**

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".

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.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/passive/dell.pdf>

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 MantuaElem.Attendance@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.

There is a new direct email link on the Mantua ES Website for reporting dismissals and absences to <https://mantuaes.fcps.edu/attendance-form>

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 كفالة على هذا 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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