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Important Upcoming Dates

March 11(Monday): 3 Hour Early Release.

March 15 (Friday): 4th Grade Colonial Day. PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Cafeteria.

March 21 (Thursday): Heritage and Literacy Night.

March 23 (Saturday): Mantua Talent Show.

PTA Meeting

The March PTA meeting has been rescheduled to Friday March 15th at 9:30am in the cafeteria. Come join us! We would also like to announce that the open board member position for next year is our Secretary position. If you are interested in serving with us, please contact Lisa Libby at president@mantuapta.org and she will connect you to our nominating committee for more information. Thanks!



Talent Show 2019

Mantua Talent Show Saturday, March 23rd ,
5:00-9:00 PM Mantua Gym

Come out and support your friends!

Tickets are \$3 at the door Pizza and snacks will be for sale

New Bus Dismissal Pattern

We continue to be worried about student safety, in an effort to improve overall student safety during dismissal, Mantua began lining up buses for student boarding in a new arrangement. Buses will no longer be parked in two rows, but instead will park for boarding with the front of every bus angled towards the curb. We anticipate that moving into this new dismissal formation could initially delay all buses leaving Mantua by up to five



minutes.

As always, we ask for your continued help in keeping the Kiss and Ride line processing smoothly and quickly. Please be off your cell phones, and be sure that you are not going around other cars and creating unsafe traffic patterns. Kiss and Ride works at its best when everyone stays in line, watches for and follows instructions for where to go, and does their best to leave promptly in an orderly and safe fashion once they have their students in their car.



Heritage & Literacy Night

Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 6 pm to 7 pm Location- Mantua Elementary School Gym.

Fill out this form to participate <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/programs/cbn/heritage-night.pdf> Deadline to submit the form is March 7.

Person to Contact- Luis Uribe Gamboa-

Parent Liaison email- lauribegamboa@fcps.edu tel. (703)645-6405

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.



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.

You're Invited to the PTA Listening Tour

Research shows that parent engagement in school and at home helps students succeed. Fairfax County Council PTA is working to increase opportunities for parents to become active in their children's school communities.

Parents and caregivers are invited to share their thoughts and experiences during one of four upcoming listening sessions hosted by Fairfax County Council PTA.

Your voice matters. Please join us for small group discussions 7-9 p.m. on Mondays at the following schools:

- Mar 11 Mount Vernon HS
- Mar 18 Madison HS
- Apr 1 Marshall HS

There is no cost to attend. For questions contact Stella Pekarsky,

vp.outreach@fccpta.org.

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” email or 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 email or 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 الإيميل: 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.
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- 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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