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Important Upcoming Dates

October 1 (Monday): Enrichment begins.

October 4 (Thursday): PTA meeting, 7-8pm, Library.

October 8 (Monday): Columbus Day, **NO SCHOOL**.

October 10 (Wednesday): Restaurant Night, 5-8pm, Elevation Burger.

October 19 (Friday): **Picture Day!**

Volunteers Make a World of Difference!

It's HERE! The sign up genius you've all been waiting for! Click on the tabs at the top of the page to find your grade. We need help in the classrooms, in the clinic, in the garden and more! Don't see what you want listed? Email Jenn Ros with questions at volunteering@mantuapta.org. Please note that this document is constantly changing, so check back often! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4dadaa2aa0fb6-schoolwide1>

Advanced Academics Services

Interested in Advanced Academics Services? Read the SeptemberNewsletterES.pdf for information, please see here <https://bit.ly/2MYNYnc>.

Custodian Appreciation Week Oct 1-5

A huge thank you to our custodians who keep our school so

beautiful and clean throughout the year. The Mantua PTA Appreciates you!

Call for Donation of Used Tennis Balls!

If you have any used tennis balls that you no longer need, we would appreciate them at Mantua. Our custodians will use them at the bottom of chair legs in order to help protect the floors. You can send them in with your student or drop them off at the Front Office.

Any number of used tennis balls, from 1 to 100, will help out! Thank you!

Registration Open for Global PLUS Classes

NEW INFO on ASL Class

Introduce your child to the new FCPS/World Language program! GLOBAL Plus will establish a strong foundation in foreign language learning with an emphasis on communication skills. The NEW CURRICULUM provides more structure, yet offers the teacher flexibility to be creative for a fun experience.

20-week classes — \$359

Early Bird Discount — **register by Oct. 5** to save \$20 using promo code GLOBAL20.

Chinese (Grades 1-3) Wednesdays at 4:15 pm, begins Oct. 17

Chinese (Grades 4-6) Fridays at 4:15 pm, begins Oct. 19

German (Grades 4-6) Wednesdays at 8:00 am, begins Oct. 17

Spanish (Grades 1-3) Thursdays at 8:00 am, begins Oct. 18
188-week class — \$155

Early Bird Discount — register by Oct. 5 to save \$8 using promo code GLOBAL8.

- American Sign Language (Grades 1-6) Tuesdays at 8:00 am, begins Oct. 16

Registration is currently underway. Registering multiple children? Call 703-658-1201 to receive a 10% Sibling Discount. (Sibling Discount cannot be combined with Early Bird Discount). Register at [MantuaPTA.org/programs](https://www.mantuapta.org/programs) under the

GlobalPlus section. Email Susie Eister at globalplus@mantuapta.org with questions. See Flier - <https://bit.ly/2wuXqsR> FLIER CONTAINS INCORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT ASL. Corrected ASL flier coming soon.

Gardening!

To volunteer for gardening – for either a one-time event or throughout the school year as your schedule permits – please contact our Garden Coordinators, Sarah Wells and Thanny Young at garden@mantuapta.org. They will share with you the details about Mantua's many wonderful gardens, large and small. You do not need to have any prior gardening knowledge.

Looking for Parents Interested in Eco Issues

For any parents interested in joining the Mantua Eco-School Committee, we would be delighted to meet you! You can fill out this Volunteer form and we will get in touch: www.greenmantua.org/volunteer.

Questions? Email Staff Contact, Michele Sullivan, at masullivan@fcps.edu.

We are looking forward to a GREEN YEAR here at Mantua!

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.

No notes can be written for friends to ride a bus until **Monday October 1**, as per transportation office.

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.

Enjoy Dinner cooked by Troop 1533 Spaghetti Dinner

Community Event - ALL ARE WELCOME - Troop 1533 SPAGHETTI DINNER **Sunday October 7, 2018** Fall 2018 Spaghetti Dinner and Fall Join Scouting Event What: Troop 1533 Spaghetti Dinner - Salad, Pasta (multiple sauces), Meatballs, Sausage, rolls, beverages, and dessert When: **Sunday, October 7, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 PM** - Come any time during that window, it is open seating. Where: Mantua Clubhouse - 9330 Pentland Pl, Fairfax Who: Everyone's invited & and we'd love any of our past scouts to come and see what we've been up to Cost: Freewill donation (suggested \$10/adult and \$5/child) Why: You deserve a night off of cooking and it's a great way to support Scouting in the Neighborhood!

<https://troop1533.trooptrack.com/share/pages/36536>

Elevation Burger PTA Restaurant Night

Dining for Dollars! Join the PTA for our Elevation Burger Restaurant Night October 10th HAVE FUN, EAT YUMMY BURGERS & **RAISE MONEY FOR:** Mantua Elementary School PTA.

WHEN: Wednesday, **October 10, 2018**

WHERE: Elevation Burger 9518 Main Street Pickett Shopping Center.

WHEN: 5:00 to 8:00 pm DINE-IN or TAKEOUT at Elevation

Burger on Main Street.

10% of ALL the evening's proceeds to be donated to the Mantua Elementary School PTA. Support our school PTA and dine on delicious burgers, fries and milkshakes at the same time. Visit www.elevationburger.com for menu information. <https://bit.ly/2PXbRNE>

2018-19 PTA Reflections Art Contest

This year's [PTA Reflections](#) contest is underway! The theme is HEROES AROUND ME. Students may submit entries in 1 or all of the arts categories (dance, film, literature, music, photography, and visual arts) along with a fully-completed entry form. Entries are due **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**. Thank you for participating! Please contact ReflectionsMantua@gmail.com with any questions. The FAQ: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/reflections/faq.pdf>

The Entry

Form:<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/reflections/entry.pdf>

Woodson Dance Camp November 2018

The Woodson High School Dance Team is hosting a "Night At the Theater" kid camp for grades K-8 on the **November 5th & 6th** Student Holidays from 9am - 1pm. If interested, please check us out at the given link and register today!

<https://tinyurl.com/y8ujm6ly>

Box Top Contest

It's Box Top Contest time! Please turn in all Box Top collection sheets and/or baggies labeled with your teacher's name by **October 26** to your teacher or the collection box in the front hallway. Classroom winner chooses pizza, popsicles or ice cream to celebrate!

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018->

[19/flyers/fundraisers/boxtops.pdf](#)

Boy Scouts of America – Girls Troop

Boy Scouts of America has been building young men of character for more than 100 years and now that program is available to young women too! Saint Matthew's United Methodist Church has agreed to charter an all female troop through Scouts BSA and it is available to young women between the ages of 11 (or 10 and completed 5th grade) and 18. An interest meeting will be held in the Saint Matthew's Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, 01 November from 7-8 p.m** for interested young women and adult leaders. Saint Matthew's is located at 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. If interested, please contact Jeff Spear (jeffspear73@gmail.com) or Keith Robertory (keith@robertory.com). Start your adventure today!

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 كفالة على هذا 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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