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Important Upcoming Dates

September 4 (Tuesday): Basketball Registration Begins.

September 5 (Wednesday): Enrichment Registration begins, 8am, online. PTA Club Registration, 8am, online.

September 6 (Thursday): Academic Competition Mtg, 7:00-9:00pm, Library.

September 7 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Library. Volunteer Info Meeting, 10:30-11am, Library. Pizza and Ice Cream Social, 5:30-7:00pm, Mantua playground. Volunteers needed!

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****Digital Tuesday Folder****

Everyone will see something new in the open house folder, less paper! Don't worry, we still have lots going on, it's just not going to clutter up your house. Along with our weekly News You Choose (fka Alert News) coming to your inbox, go to the new and improved [MantuaPTA.org](#) for all of your info! Important dates, Events (click to add to your personal calendar!), Flyers, Program info, Volunteer info, Visit our Sponsors, Meeting info, and much more ...

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Fall 2018 Enrichment Registration!

The Mantua PTA is excited to offer a wide selection of enrichment classes focusing on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM, sports and more! Fall registration begins **8AM Wednesday, September 5th** and ends 12PM Friday, September 14th. (Late registration is available for a \$40 fee beginning 1PM September 14th and ending 12PM September

17th.

Classes run October 1st - December 7th. Program information can be found here:

<https://em-mantua.jumbula.com/#/home>

Questions, email enrichment@mantuapta.org

Registration Open for Global PLUS Classes

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

This year we will be offering the following classes: 20 weeks — \$359 Early Bird Discount — register by Oct. 5 to save \$20 using promo code **GLOBAL20**.

These **classes begin the week of Oct. 15**.

- GP03120-0004 Chinese, Grades 1-3 Wed 4:15 pm
- GP03220-0004 Chinese, Grades 4-6 Fri 4:15 pm
- GP05220-0001 German, Grades 4-6 Wed 8:00 am
- GP07120-0007 Spanish, Grades 1-3 Thurs 8:00 am

8 weeks — \$155 Early Bird Discount — register by Oct. 5 to save \$8 using promo code GLOBAL8. These classes begin on Oct. 4. GP02308-0001 American Sign Language, Grades 1-6 Wed 8:00 am 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). Use the above course numbers to register

at <http://bit.ly/GLOBALPlus>. Email Susie Eister

at globalplus@mantuapta.org with questions.

See Flier - <https://bit.ly/2wuXqsR>

Join our PTA clubs!

Beginning **Sept 5th at 8am** you can register for the following clubs: Raccoon Runners, Chat n Chew, Kids Care Club, and Photo Club. Registration link for all clubs:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2018-19clubs

Chat'n'Chew

Love to read? Registration for the lunchtime book club, Chat 'n' Chew, begins **Wednesday, Sept 5th, 8 am**. Register through the link on mantuapta.org or on your memberplanet account. Students in **Grades 3-6** meet once per month from December through March at lunch to discuss a book in small groups. Groups meet once a month to discuss four books chosen in consultation with the librarian and reading specialists are provided as part of the program. Cost is \$35 (\$25 for PTA members).

PARENT VOLUNTEERS are needed to facilitate the book groups. SHHHH! This is the most fun volunteer opportunity at the school. Contact Kathy Philips at ChatNChew@MantuaPTA.org

Information <http://www.mantuapta.org/programs.html>
 Questions, email Kathy Philips at ChatNChew@MantuaPTA.org
 See Flier <https://bit.ly/2PkNUQ9>

Kids Care Club

Kids Care Club (KCC) works to help others in our community through student volunteerism!
 Registration Fee: \$15 (No PTA discount offered)
 Grades: K-6
 Days/Times: second Wednesday of each month 4:05 - 5:15pm
 Runs: October – June
 Max Enrollment: 30 Students
 Information <http://www.mantuapta.org/programs.html>
 Questions, contact Denise Gavilan at KCC@MantuaPTA.org

Raccoon Runners - Registration

Join a positive youth development program for third through sixth graders empowering them to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition and social awareness. Our Raccoon Runners, separated by boys and girls, are strengthened through various fitness activities while training for a 5K run.
 Raccoon Runners - Boys and Girls
 Registration Fee: \$70
 Grades: 3-6

Days/Times: Wednesday and Friday mornings 8-9am
Runs: October 3 – Nov 30
Max Enrollment: 50 Students
Information <http://www.mantuapta.org/programs.html>
Questions, contact Jenn McRobbie at
RaccoonRunners@MantuaPTA.org

Photography Club - Registration

Do you have a child interested in photography? Register to join once a month the after school class to learn basics such as composition and depth of field and contribute their work to the Mantua Yearbook and Mantua's student newsletter, The Bandit.

<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2018-19clubs>

Take Home Reading Kickoff

The Take Home Reading program will kick off with a training and information session. It will take place on **Tuesday, September 25th at 9:30 am in room 30.**

What is Take Home Reading? THR is a program coordinated by our reading specialists with **kindergarten and first grade teachers** that provides an opportunity for every child to read a book one on one with an adult volunteer. Your child then borrows that book to bring home and show off their new skills! THR is a GREAT volunteer opportunity, as you'll get to know your child's classmates while you read with them individually. You can volunteer as often or as little as works for your schedule. Even if you have volunteered for the program in the past, join us to refresh your memory and to meet our reading resource teachers Mrs. Grice and Mrs. Wilson.

Questions, email Kristina Clarke at thr@mantuapta.org. RSVPs are appreciated to the same address, please include your name and your child's teacher.

Back to School Pizza and Ice Cream Social

Please join us in kicking off the 2018-2019 school year with our Back to School Pizza and Ice Cream Social! The event will be held from 5:30-7:00pm on **Friday, September 7**, on the playground at Mantua Elementary School. Tickets (\$1.00) can

be used to purchase pizza and ice cream sundaes (two tickets each), as well as bottled water and glow necklaces (one ticket each).

Volunteers are needed to set up, sell tickets, serve food and drinks, and clean up. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba8ae2eaafa7-back>.

Drama Club Registration

Drama Club Registration is THIS WEEK. Registration is first come, first serve and we can only take 60 cast members and 12 tech team members.

Pre-registration for 6th graders CAST ONLY will be Tuesday, September 4, from 9am-7pm.

General Registration for 3rd-6th grade Cast and Tech is Wednesday, September 5, at 9am. Our 60 spaces filled in 11 minutes last year and 9 minutes the year before that. We recommend you register right at 9am on Wednesday, September 5.

We will start a waitlist immediately after registration fills. To be placed on the waitlist, email drama@mantuapta.org

REGISTER FOR CAST HERE:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/dramacast2018

REGISTER FOR TECH HERE:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/dramatech2018

Questions, email Rebecca Kiessling, Mantua Drama Club Coordinator drama@mantuapta.org.

Mantua PTA Basketball Registration

Registration opens **September 4, 2018**. The Mantua PTA Community Basketball League is a developmental organization which embraces student athletes with a wide variety of skill levels and emphasizes teamwork, skill development, and sportsmanship while teaching the fundamentals of basketball in a neighborly environment. All third through sixth grade, male and female students, are eligible for registration and encouraged to sign-up for this fun, supportive, community-based, basketball league which promotes sportsmanship and a love of the game. Third through sixth grade students are eligible to register starting September 4, 2018. Late registration will begin October

2, 2018, and end October 18, 2018. NO registrations will be accepted after October 18, 2018. All eligible Mantua ES students are encouraged to register at www.mantuabasketball.org starting on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**. The school-based league is comprised of roughly 300 student athletes each year.

Registrants are organized into four divisions: third and fourth grade boys, third and fourth grade girls, fifth and sixth grade boys, and fifth and sixth grade girls. Typically, the divisions are broken down to teams of 7-8 players, which have one evening practice session each week and one game each weekend. All games and practices are held in the Mantua ES's gym. The season culminates in a fully-inclusive playoff period, including championship games in early March.

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR LEAGUE The league started almost 50 years ago and we believe it is the oldest operating, PTA-sponsored, school program in Virginia. Four division commissioners (one for each division) work directly with League Commissioner, Eric Fleming, to coordinate volunteers, assign players to each division and operate the league. Please consider donating your time by signing-up as a coach and/or referee to support this great league and help provide this amazing resource to our precious children. No experience is required.

- **Coaching:** At least one parent is needed to coach each team. Coaching requires holding practices and preparing their team for weekly games.
- **Referees:** One parent from each team is required to referee a game each week (cannot be your child's game). The referees help make sure players are playing fairly and following the rules of basketball.
- **High School Volunteers:** High school students over the age of 15 may assist the league and can earn community service credit, but responsible adults who can manage emergencies should assist. Ask the commissioners if you have questions.
- **Training:** The league provides training opportunities for new and returning coaches at the beginning of each season. Seasoned coaches are always happy to help new coaches with any questions or techniques. The league also provides ongoing training and evaluation of referees to help improve knowledge of the game and rules and to ensure they are comfortable refereeing in different divisions. Most league leaders started learning about basketball by volunteering for their own children as they entered the program. You can do it!

Questions or to Volunteer, contact

Eric Fleming commissioner@mantuabasketball.org

Academic Competitions Open House

Would you love for your child to work on a team to do something fun outside of school? To meet new kids? To have new challenges? If yes, then come join us on **September 6th at 7pm** in the Mantua E.S. Cafeteria to hear more about exciting programs outside of school, like Destination Imagination, Odyssey of the Mind, Lego League, Science Olympiad, Science Fair, National Geographic and Spelling bees, Math Counts, and more. These academic competitions offer opportunities for all students, K-6 to try new things or delve deeper into their favorite subjects, whether they are exploring outer space, writing a play or original song, or creating machines that actually work. Each of these competitions facilitates creative team-building that encourage resourcefulness, self-confidence, problem solving, and leadership in children of all ages. Come join us at the Academic Competitions information session! If you can't attend, please review competition information or the interest signup form at <http://mantuapta.org/programs.html>. Questions, please contact Vanessa Hall at mantuacompetitions@gmail.com.

Science Olympiad Division A

For more information on the Science olympiad please see attached

flier <http://mantuapta.org/documents/programs/academiccomps/so2018.pdf>

Join the Mantua PTA!

Our annual PTA Membership Drive is a fundraiser that helps support the many PTA services provided to you and your child. **Cost is only \$15 per family** (tax deductible), and in return you'll receive a copy of the Mantua PTA Student Directory, an essential tool for connecting with anyone in our school community. Your family will also receive a \$10 discount on fees for Drama Club, PTA Basketball, Chat'n'Chew and Raccoon Runners. Perhaps most importantly, though, joining PTA gives you a vote on what we're doing on campus and how our money is spent!

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

Spirit Wear – Free Shipping Until September 10

School is in session and the spirit wear free shipping event has begun! Orders are shipped as soon as they are processed so order today at www.mantuaspiritwear.com so that you have your great Mantua swag for the new school year!

Many popular designs from last year are back and a couple of new ones have been added! Go check it out! This is a great PTA fundraiser that allows you to support activities at Mantua Elementary School through the proceeds from sales AND support your school and neighborhood with great Mantua gear. If you have any questions, let me know! **FREE SHIPPING ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 10!**

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.

Mantua Eco Teams

The Mantua Eco Teams will be starting up in September. Our goal is to help our community and the environment, while having fun and learning!

Eco Teams work on projects related to gardening, recycling, food sharing, and conserving energy. Solar energy is one of our longer-term goals. To learn more www.greenmantua.org.

We are also happy to support new projects and areas that your student is interested in. Please contact Ms. Sullivan (masullivan@fcsp.edu) with questions and ideas.

To volunteer for gardening (for either a one-time event or throughout the school year as your schedule permits), please contact our Garden Coordinator, Sarah Wells (sarahfwells@gmail.com). She 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.

For any parents interested in joining the Mantua Eco-School Committee, please contact Ms. Sullivan as well and she will put you in touch with the group.

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

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 either Amazon or eScrip before begging your shopping and these organizations will donate to our school.

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 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 Viktar 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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