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Important Upcoming Dates

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

October 19 (Friday): **Picture Day!**, Pokemon Night, 7-9 pm, Cafeteria.

October 26 (Friday): **Run for Rocky!**, Box Tops due.

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>

Run for Rocky, Superheroes Run This School!

Run for Rocky will be held this year on **October 26th!** Theme is Superheroes Run This School! This is the PTA's **biggest fundraiser of the year!** Help us raise money for technology, school enhancements, curriculum materials and many other wonderful things for our school. The Pep Rally will be held on October 18th, and fundraising will begin! The Run for Rocky will be held on October 26th and fundraising will

extend through November 1st. Students will have the opportunity to **Win Prizes**, including the following:

Kindle For Kids donated by Judd | Mack Properties
Echo Dot Kid Edition donated by Quest Remodeling
Fit Bit Aced donated by JL Tree Service, Inc.
iPod Touch donated by Elite M.A. Center - Fairfax
Nintendo Switch Bundle donated by Anne and Sarah
Harrington Nintendo Switch Bundle donated by Banaji
Pediatric Dental Specialists

Donations can be made at <https://bit.ly/2QwVnvX>

Stay tuned for the School Spirit Days starting October 22nd!

Author Visit and Book Sale

On October 24, Mantua 5th and 6th graders will be visiting with writer J. A. White, the author of the *Thickety* series and a new book out this past summer called *Nightbooks*. We are excited to offer students the opportunity to purchase books from a local bookstore and they will be signed by the author. To take advantage of this offer, please fill out the form and return it to school with a check (made out to Mantua Elementary School) no later than October 10th. Questions? Email our librarians

Mrs. Adams kmadams@fcps.edu or

Ms. Graap_kegraap@fcps.edu

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/geninfo/ja-white.pdf>

Family Fun Night – Pokemon Trading Night

PTA Family Fun Night **Friday, October 19 7:00 to 9:00pm** Mantua Cafeteria Bring your Pokemon or other trading cards to Mantua's annual Trading Card Night. Trade cards and play games with friends. If you are new to Pokemon, then learn how to play the game with our expert game guide. There is no fee to attend, however, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wish Fund

The Mantua PTA Wish Fund is back for its fifth year. Through the generous support of PTA fundraising efforts and its'

members, the Wish Fund operates as a grant program to fund valuable projects that benefit our school. Teachers, faculty and PTA members are invited to submit an application for funding of their project. Application and related materials can be found at mantuapta.org and on the PTA Facebook page. Any questions, please contact Kristina Clarke at wishfund@mantuapta.org.

Application deadline is **5 p.m. Friday, October 26.**

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/programs/wishfund/application.pdf>

Advanced Academics Services

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

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!

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.

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.

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/dtf/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/boxtops.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".

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 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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