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Important Upcoming Dates

October 16 (Tuesday): Mantua Basketball Spirit Day.

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

October 22 (Monday): Spirit Week begins (see below for theme days)

October 23 (Tuesday): Reflections contest deadline.

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!

Spirit Week!

Our wonderful SCA has put together an amazing Spirit Week to compliment the Run for Rocky spirit week! We have combined everyone's ideas and here is our **NEW UPGRADED AWESOME** Spirit Week!

Monday, Oct. 22 -- Sports Day:

Go to school wearing your favorite sports team gear.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 --Rainbow Day:

Wear as many colors as you can.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 --Superhero Day:

Dress up as one of your favorite superhero, don't forget your cape!

Thursday, Oct. 25 --PJ or Harry Potter Day:

Wear your pajamas to school, or dress up as anything Potter!

Friday, Oct. 26 --Run for Rocky and Spirit Parade:

Run for Rocky shirts and each grade level has a theme to dress up for the Spirit Parade.

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](mailto: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.

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

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/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/wishfund/application.pdf>

[Embracing Movement and Mindfulness at Mantua ES](#)

Superintendent Brabrand visited Mantua here is his message: They're doing an amazing job of using movement and mindfulness to provide social-emotional supports for

students. Teacher Melissa Loveday talked about “movement moments” and how they help with behavior and executive functioning. (I “went bananas” with Melissa's class and highly recommend it!) After performing a mindfulness exercise with students, School Counselor Richard Hang (pictured above) explained how he connects mindfulness with brain research in a way that students can understand and appreciate. I hope you [enjoy the video](#). Be well!

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.

Online Directory Opt-out

Mantua Online Directory Opt-out Please complete this short form if you do NOT wish to be published in The NEW Mantua PTA Online Student Directory. The NEW Mantua PTA Online Student Directory contains student names, teachers, parent names and email addresses of Mantua ES's families as well as some important school information. The information you provided to the school upon registration of your child(ren) will be used to create our directory—unless you have since updated your information with the front office. The majority of parents opt to include their family's information in the directory as it is a great resource for parents, students, and faculty throughout the school year.

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/directoryoptout2018

Manuta Yearbook

We have copies of the 2017-18 yearbook available for \$35 and the 2016-17 available for \$5. Contact Ms. Dunfee at pjdunfee@fcps.edu and she will leave it at the front office for you to pay and pickup.

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.](#)

PTA Reflections Judges

The Mantua Reflections team would like to thank our talented panel of judges for 2018-19: Donna Finnegan and Susan Bongiolatti from the Fairfax Art League, Jenn McRobbie, Jeremy Zeigler, Greg Cioffi, Jacie Lee Almira, and Cindy Wallin! Please read the flyer for details. Students, remember to submit your Reflections art entries by Tuesday, October 23.

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/reflections/judges.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 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.

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>

PTA Parent Education Session: How to Raise Responsible, Respectful Kids

How to Raise Responsible, Respectful Children...Without Yelling or Nagging Presented by Rachel Bailey, M.A., CPDPE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7:00 PM Mantua Elementary School Library FREE! No RSVP Necessary. Bring a Friend!
For questions about the program, email Mantua PTA Parent Education Coordinator Johanna Friedlander, Johanna_Friedlander@hotmail.com.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/parent-ed/rachel-bailey.pdf>

Manuta PTA September Meeting Minutes

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/minutes/september.pdf>

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>

Mantua Basketball Registration Ends Thursday

Mantua PTA Basketball Registration Ends **10/18/2018**. Sign up Now!! Registration for Mantua Basketball will remain open until October 18, 2018. All third through sixth grade students are eligible to register and play in the Mantua PTA Basketball league. NO registrations will be accepted after October 18, 2017. Mantua PTA's basketball league embraces all student athletes and encompasses a wide variety of skill levels and experience. The program emphasizes teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship. All eligible Mantua ES students are encouraged to register at www.mantuabasketball.orgtoday. Contact Eric Fleming at commissioner@mantuabasketball.org if you have any questions. No prior experience required. The boys and girls love playing the game of basketball with their classmates and friends. It is a great community tradition that has run continuously almost 50 years.

Mantua Basketball Evaluation are Next Weekend

Mandatory Evaluations for Mantua PTA Basketball Will be on October 20 and 21, 2018 in the Mantua ES Gym! The league will be holding evaluations for each of the four divisions as outlined below. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time to check-in. Players should wear shorts, a tee shirt, and court shoes. No jewelry of any kind should be worn. Please make every effort to attend one of the evaluation dates listed below. Conducting player evaluations helps the commissioners organize the league with equity and parity. It is important for all participates to attend an evaluation session. Player Evaluation Schedule is as follows:

3rd and 4th Grade Girls: 10/20/18, 2:30-4 pm
(make-up on 10/23/18 from 7-8 pm)

3rd and 4th Grade Boys: 10/20/18, 1-2:30 pm
(make-up on 10/23/18 from 6-7 pm)

5th and 6th Grade Girls: 10/21/18, 1-2:30 pm

(make-up on 10/24/18 from 6-7 pm)
5th and 6th Grade Boys: 10/21/18, 2:30-4 pm
(make-up on 10/24/18 from 7-8 pm)

Evaluations are mandatory for all registrants so that teams can be constructed in an equitable and fair manor.

Local 3-on-3 Basketball League for 1st & 2nd Graders

Turnpike Basketball Club provides basketball leagues for the non-Mantua elementary schools in the Woodson High School pyramid. We invite Mantua 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls to play in our developmental 1st & 2nd grade 3-on-3 basketball league this winter to help them prepare for the Mantua Basketball League in 3rd grade. Player evaluations for registrants begin the week of Monday, October 22nd so register today at Turnpikebasketball.org. Contact us at turnpike.basketball@gmail.com if you have any questions. <http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/geninfo/turnpike.pdf>

Mantua Basketball Spirit Day, Tuesday, Oct 16

Mantua PTA Basketball League Spirit Day is Tuesday, October 16, 2018!! All former participants of the Mantua PTA Basketball League are encouraged to wear their old jerseys to school in support of the upcoming season next Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Tell your friends that it is not too late to register for the new season! Registration ends Thursday, October 18, 2018, at midnight.

www.mantuabasketball.org

Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show

W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax will host the 26th Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show on November 3rd from 10am-4pm (9525 Main St., Fairfax VA 22031). This exceptional show features juried handmade arts and crafts with a diverse selection of: fine arts, jewelry, fiber arts, wood, photography, pottery, giftware, pet accessories, stress relief items & hundreds of holiday collectibles/decorations. There

will be approximately 100 exhibitors and admission is FREE for shoppers. *All proceeds benefit the W.T. Woodson Crew Team www.wtwcrew.org

Lost and Found

There is a large number of items in the lost and found. All personal items brought to school should be labeled including lunch boxes, water bottles, jackets, coats, sweaters, etc. The lost and found is currently located outside the gym, please check there for any missing personal items. All items left in the lost and found after **November 16** will be donated to charity.

Fall Classroom Parties - Tips

Fall parties are soon upon us. In support of Mantua's Eco initiatives, please consider the following, this will help protect the environment and save \$'s along the way.

- 1) Ask kids to bring their own reusable water bottles. Mantua now has its own refillable water station to use. Help phase out plastic water bottles at Mantua.
- 2) Stick to finger foods! Avoid using plastic utensils which will never degrade in landfills. Cut up fruit, chips, crackers and cheese. Make parties centered around activities and movement, and less on treats.
- 3) Don't use styrofoam products, which contain styrene which can cause adverse health effects. If you need plates, buy small compostable and biodegradable ones. You can find them on Amazon, and also earn \$'s for the school.
- 4) For activities, consider an outdoor event or using recyclable materials for craft projects.
- 5) Forgo plastic tablecloths and decorations, the kids will have fun either way! Minimize the amount of trash produced - it will make set-up and clean-up afterwards much easier!

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!

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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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