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Important Upcoming Dates

October 27 (Wednesday): Enrichment registration closes at midnight.

October 28 (Thursday): Run For Rocky, Spirit Parade.

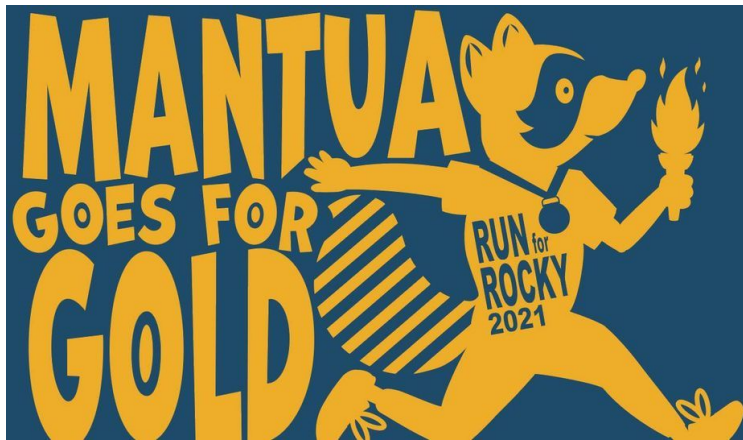
October 29 (Friday) : Rain date Run For Rocky, End of First Quarter, 2 Hour Early Release.

November 1-2 (Monday/Tuesday) : Student Holiday. No School.

SPIRIT DAYS leading up to Run for Rocky

We encourage students to participate in Spirit Week!

- Wednesday, October 27 – Olympic Rings Color Day
 - K-1st- Blue
 - 2-3rd – Yellow
 - 4th – Black
 - 5th – Green
 - 6th - Red
- Thursday, October 28 – Spirit Parade Dress Up Day
- Friday, October 29 – Pajama Day



Mantua Run for Rocky 2021 -- Going for the Gold

It's Time for the Mantua Elementary Run for Rocky 2021!! To celebrate the Olympics, we are Going for the Gold! Run for Rocky will take place on **THURSDAY** and is Mantua PTA's largest fundraiser of the year. Not only does the Run for Rocky promote healthy habits and boost school spirit, it will help us reach our goal this year of \$40,000! Money raised contributes to many different activities, curriculum materials, staff development and other teacher resources, and fun PTA programs and events for the school community.

Fundraising starts today! To donate, please visit <https://mp.gg/q5ggk> and share with relatives and friends.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

October 28 (Thursday) - Run For Rocky Day, schedule:

3rd-4th grades- 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

K-2nd grades- 10:30-11:30 a.m.

5th-6th grades-11:30-12:30 p.m.

<https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/runforrocky2021>

EVERY STUDENT, on the morning of Run For Rocky, will each receive the Official Run for Rocky T-shirt - sponsored by Anne and Sarah Harrington with Long & Foster Realtors, Axiologic Solutions, Elite M.A. Center, and Kaizen MMA Fairfax. Additionally, during the week of Run for Rocky, the classrooms with the highest levels of participation will earn a special class incentive from their teacher. One classroom winner per day and a classroom can only win once during the week.

To thank our teachers for helping us raise funds for the school, we will host a special "teachers-only" raffle. For every \$200 that a classroom raises, the classroom teacher will get his/her name in the teacher raffle for two \$150 gift cards from Amazon. Drawings for those prizes will be on November 5th.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR DONATIONS!

Anne and Sarah Harrington -- Long & Foster Realtors
 Axiologic Solutions Ballston Local -- Elite MA -- iContact Coaching
 Jennifer Mack Properties -- Kaizen MMA -- Merrifield Orthodontics

November 5 – is the LAST day to donate money INCENTIVES!!

Students who raise money will have the chance to participate in our Large Gift Raffle! For every \$100 they raise, their name will be entered one time into the raffle. Winners will be announced at the completion of our fundraising period on November 5th!

Large Gift Raffle Prizes Include:

- Nintendo Switch – sponsored by Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster Realtors
- Chromebook - sponsored by Jennifer Mack Properties
- 3D Printer - sponsored by Jennifer Mack Properties
- Electric Razor Scooter - sponsored by Ballston Local NASA Telescope - sponsored by iContact Coaching Kids

- Drone - sponsored by Merrifield Orthodontics
- Echo Dot - sponsored by Merrifield Orthodontics

And as a gift to HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE by sharing the Run for Rocky's donation link with friends and family. If we meet at least 50% and then 100% of our \$40,000 goal as a school, the students will get 2 special surprises from the school administration!

REMEMBER: DONATIONS WILL BE WELCOMED THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5th!

CORPORATE MATCHING Please check to see if your employer also offers corporate matching here! BIG THANKS!! Your support and generous contributions will ensure the PTA continues to provide additional resources and programs to our students and staff. As funding becomes tighter each year, it is important that we work as a community to support Mantua ES! Please become a supporter and share with your friends! QUESTIONS??

Contact fundraising@mantuapta.org



Mantua Basketball Mandatory Evaluations -- This Week October 26, 27, 28, and 29 in the Mantua Gym

The league will be holding evaluations for each of the four divisions as outlined below. Arrive 15 minutes before the start time to check-in. Players should wear shorts, a tee shirt, and court shoes, and bring water bottles, no jewelry of any kind and everyone should bring a mask.

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 participants to attend an evaluation session.

I am sorry for the late notice, but we have been working to secure County permits for the gym space. We can add dates next week if needed. Ideally, everyone can attend one session this week so we can create rosters and get the program started. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Player Evaluation Schedule is as follows:

- **3rd and 4th Grade Boys: 10/26/21, 5:30-6:45pm**
(make-up on 10/27/21 5:30-6:45pm)
- **5th and 6th Grade Boys: 10/26/21, 6:45-8pm**
(make-up on 10/27/21 6:45-8pm)
- **3rd and 4th Grade Girls: 10/28/21, 5:30-6:45pm**
(make-up on 10/29/21 5:30-6:45pm)
- **5th and 6th Grade Girls: 10/28/21, 6:45-8pm**
(make-up on 10/29/21 6:45-8pm)

Masks will be required in the gym for all attendees. Players will not be required to wear a mask while participating in the actual evaluation session.

We will need volunteers to facilitate a successful event, so be prepared help [sign up here](#).

Send questions to commissioner@mantuabasketball.org

Mantua In-Person Winter Enrichment is Here!



Take a look at the exciting classes that we have lined up for in-person Winter Enrichment at <https://www.enrichmentmatters.com/mantua>.

Registration is **OPEN NOW** through **Wednesday, October 27th at midnight**.

You will find the winter session class schedule, registration details and FAQs on the enrichment website. Classes will be held November 8th through January 13th. See you there!

October PTA Meeting Minutes

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2021-22/minutes/october.pdf>



Mantua's book fair, by Bookworm Central, is fast approaching!

Our book fair will open for shopping starting at **10 AM on Saturday, November 13th** and will go through noon on Friday, November 19th.

Here are some details:

- 11/13 SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Saturday shopping!
- 11/15 Regular school hours 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Student shopping with teacher permission
- 11/16 Student shopping from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with teacher permission
Evening hours - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- 11/17 Student shopping from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with teacher permission
Evening hours - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- 11/18 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Parents ONLY shopping (no students) 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM Student shopping with teacher permission
- 11/19 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Student shopping with teacher permission (LAST DAY)

Don't want to shop in person? There will be an online store as well! More information to come in the coming weeks.



Book Character pumpkin decorating!

Have an extra pumpkin laying around and you love reading? Decorate it like a book character!

Feel free to send a picture of you and your pumpkin decorated like a book character to either Mrs. Marmol (kgmarmol@fcps.edu) or Mrs. Hawk (mahawk@fcps.edu) and we will post it on our Mantua Library Twitter page! If you would like to bring your pumpkin in, we will display it proudly in the library, too!



It's here! The Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt is on! Use the link below for a map, clues and vote for your favorites! Any questions, comment below or PM. Have fun exploring our awesome neighborhood and all of the great fall yard displays!

<https://forms.gle/wSXWEHaMg5fd2wCT8>

Food Drive

The Kids Care Club worked very hard to create this special presentation about the Mantua food drive. This video is less than 2 minutes long, so please take a moment to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i15HH3uXya>.

Starting tomorrow through November 17th, we will be collecting food that supports families in our own neighborhood and school. The food drive collection box will be placed outside of the front office tomorrow afternoon. The classroom with the most donations will get to *turn Principal Shannon into a mummy* with toilet paper! Be sure your donation is clearly labeled with your student's teacher and grade so we know who to give credit to for the competition.



The poster is set against a background of a grocery store aisle. At the top center is the Kids Care Club logo, which includes three stylized figures (green, red, yellow) holding hands under a banner that says "THROW KINDNESS LIKE CONFETTI". Below the logo, the text "KIDS CARE CLUB" is written in a large, bold, black font, with "• MANTUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL •" underneath. The main title "Mantua Food Drive" is written in a very large, bold, white font on a black rectangular background. Below the title, an orange banner contains the text "Donate to Mantua families in need". At the bottom of the poster, a black rectangular box contains a list of items to donate in orange text.

Oil · Flour · Tortilla Flour (Maseca) · Dry Beans: Red, Black etc. (no cans please) · Rice · Pancake Flour · Pancake Syrup · Tomato Sauce for pasta · Mac & Cheese · Spaghetti · Pasta (all kinds) · Canned Tomatoes · Canned Vegetables (green beans, carrots, mixed vegetables etc.) · Canned Fruit · Snacks (energy bars, chips etc.) · Coffee · Sugar · Cereals · Toothpaste · Toothbrushes · Body Soap · Tuna · Crackers · Shoppers Gift Cards

Parent Digital Consent Forms -- Action Requested!

The school needs your consent for some important digital resources your child might need to access for classwork on their laptop. Take a moment to review the [online resources](#) our teachers at Mantua may use with your child. After you have had a chance to review the resources, please use [this link](#), to complete the [Parent Consent form](#). You will need to have your child(s) ID Number. If you have more than one child, you will have to complete the form for each child.



Student-Parent Survey for Federal Impact Aid

FCPS is asking all families to fill out a Student-Parent Survey for Federal Impact Aid.

Returning this form is important because information from this survey results in an additional \$3 million in grants each year from the U.S. Department of Education. These funds are used to support all Fairfax County public schools and centers.

For each school-aged child in your household, please complete, sign, date, and return the survey to your child's school. If sections 1 and 2 of the survey do not apply to you, just check the boxes in Section 3.

All forms must be signed, dated, and returned **by November 5**.

All results are confidential.

[More information is available online.](#)

Mantua PTA Wish Fund 2021-22



Do you have a great idea that will positively impact our school community? The generous support of Mantua ES families, community supporters, faculty, and staff enables us to operate the Mantua PTA Wish Fund, an internal grant-awarding program founded in 2014. This grant is designed to fund valuable projects that benefit our school. A few of the past awarded projects are the

outside track, music instruments, air purifiers, an installed refillable water station, balls and equipment for recess, snap circuits for Science classes, and supplies for the Garden Committee.

The PTA encourages teachers, staff, and current PTA members to submit Wish Fund applications beginning on Monday, October 25, with a **deadline for receipt of Sunday, November 14, 2021 by 5pm**. Project funds must be spent during the 2021-22 school year. The Wish Fund currently has a total of \$10,000.00 to distribute for proposals this year. The [application link](#) is attached and we appreciate your creativity for, and commitment to, Mantua Elementary School and its students!

Any questions, contact Amy Sheridan at wishfund@mantuapta.org.

School of Magic Drama Camp

Fairfax High School Theatre's 1-Day Drama Camp

Theme: A Day at a School of Magic

Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Online Registration: <https://fhs-theatre-boosters.ticketleap.com/school-of-magic-drama-camp/>

Flier: <http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2021-22/flyers/ffxhs-drama-camp.pdf>



SIS/ParentVue Account

Do you have a SIS/ParentVue account? This account will allow you to access your child's attendance, class performance, and much more. Use this [link](#) to access, activate or change your password.

Schoology Account

Schoology is a learning space that enhances communication, collaboration, and personalized learning for students, teachers, and families.

- You need a SIS/ParentVUE account to login to Schoology: <http://bit.ly/FCPSSIS>
- Use your SIS/ParentVUE login information to login to Schoology: <https://lms.fcps.edu>

Look for the FCPS logo to make sure you are on the right login page.



Join the Mantua Elementary PTA Facebook Page

Let's get social! Don't forget to join the Mantua Elementary PTA Facebook page! Not only is a great place to ask questions and connect with other families, we hope to keep it up to date with

important events and dates throughout the year.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/?ref=share>

Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at MantuaPTA.org and click **JOIN PTA NOW!** Dues are \$20 per family and get you discounts on PTA sponsored clubs. Our dues fully support our free programs so that every penny of our fundraisers goes right back into the classrooms. Follow us on Facebook to get the inside scoop on all our events and programs - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/> - Can't wait to get started!





Any changes in dismissal transportation need to be requested by emailing the Mantua Attendance (Mantuaelem.attendance@fcps.edu) by 11:00am, so the office has time to relay that change to the classroom teacher. No early dismissals will be permitted after 3:30pm.

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.
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요 (cbn@mantuapta.org.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Kristina Clarke.
- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Kristina Clarke at cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Kristina Clarke.

Email Kristina Clarke 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.

How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News



Please [complete this form](#) to have a Mantua ES- or Mantua PTA-related announcement placed in the weekly Mantua PTA News, on our [Facebook page](#) and/or on MantuaPTA.org.

The form guides you through all the pieces of information we need to put out complete announcements.

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