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### Important Upcoming Dates

September 29 (Wednesday): Virtual Back to School Night, 6:30-8:30pm.

October 7 (Thursday): Virtual PTA meeting, 7pm.



### Mantua ES Art Needs Volunteers!

Come help us out in the Mantua Art Room! Please click the link below to sign up. No experience necessary! We need help with cutting paper, refilling glue bottles, framing artwork, hanging artwork, filling paint cups and more! You may help either teacher, no matter who your child has. We have many different slots to choose from, all we ask is that you check in with the front office when you arrive.

These volunteer opportunities will be scheduled when students are not present in an effort to minimize concerns related to COVID.

Thank you so much for your time, we appreciate it!  
~Mrs. Shirley and Mr. Lorenzi~

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AA9AC22A6FF2-mantua5>



### MathCounts

Attention Mantua 6th grade parents. If your 6th grader is interested in joining MathCounts this year, please fill out the following survey no later than Monday, September 27: <https://forms.gle/>

[xD5Vjvdq7CrHadtU9](https://forms.gle/xD5Vjvdq7CrHadtU9)

You can find out information about the program at <https://www.mathcounts.org/>

### 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.



### Virtual Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 29, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

### Mantua is Hiring!

Mantua ES is currently looking for several people to work as lunch coverage (10:40-2:15) for indoor & outdoor dining as a critical need but will be branching out from there with additional duties and opportunities for Monitors as capacity grows. Below is the link to apply to be a Monitor. Once the application is completed and an applicant number is assigned, please contact Nick Rousos, Assistant Principal, at [nbrousos@fcps.edu](mailto:nbrousos@fcps.edu) so that he can search the database and contact applicants.



[https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home?partnerid=25103&siteid=5042#jobDetails=1412690\\_5042](https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home?partnerid=25103&siteid=5042#jobDetails=1412690_5042)

### Elementary Parent Information Meeting

A virtual parent information meeting will be held by Mantua Elementary School on **September 21 at 6:00 p.m.** The AART will provide information about levels of service and examples at Mantua, explain the screening processes, and answer questions about part-time school-based and full-time Level IV services. A Zoom link will be sent to families shortly.

### Directory Opt Out

Here at Mantua we care about your privacy and want to ensure that you are comfortable with the information provided to other Mantua families! Please complete this short form if you do NOT wish to be published in The Mantua PTA Online Student Directory. 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, but we want each family to make that choice for themselves. The **Opt Out window ends on October 1st.** Questions, email [directory@mantuapta.org](mailto:directory@mantuapta.org). <https://mp.gg/r2-z3>



### Chat 'n' Chew Is Coming

Chat 'n' Chew is back for students in grades 3-6!

Sick of those long waitlists for kid activities? Join Chat 'n' Chew where everyone gets a spot! From December to March, kids will meet once a month in the library conference room to chat about books and do fun activities with the most amazing parent volunteers. Books are still being selected, but if your kids are into adventure, mystery, compelling characters, and great stories, consider Chat 'n' Chew and meet new (and old) friends over lunch and literature. We can't wait to read with you! **Registration runs until September 24th** at the link below.

**Registration link:** <https://mp.gg/2lig4>

Questions? Email Jen Greanias at [chatnchew@mantuapta.org](mailto:chatnchew@mantuapta.org).

### Raccoon Runners is Back!

Mantua ES's Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for students in **grades 3-6**. The purpose of the program is to empower participants to be true to themselves through various fitness activities as well as lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition and social awareness.



Raccoon Runners are strengthened over a 9 week period with the intent of participating in an optional local race toward the end of the program. The program will run 10/5/2021 - 12/2/2022. We will **meet Tuesday & Friday mornings, 8-9a at the gym.** Registration fee is \$75, which includes a t-shirt, snacks after each practice and race registration for your runner. Registration is limited and fills up fast.

Raccoon Runners is full, please email Jenn McRobbie to be added to the waiting list. Email Jenn McRobbie at [raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org](mailto:raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org).

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### Kids Care Club

Join KCC and help others in your community! We do projects each month - examples include making blankets and care packages for needy children; making surprises for our teachers; making and hanging signs for school events; and hosting a Food Drive.

Meetings will be the first Monday (4th-6th graders) and 3rd Monday (K-3rd graders) of the month, starting in October. Up to two parent volunteers are requested at each meeting and parents will periodically be asked to donate materials.

We will be encouraging 1-2 4th-6th graders to volunteer at the K-3rd KCC days. Additionally, we will be encouraging the 4th-6th graders to volunteer to plan an entire KCC event for the younger age group (not mandatory). The planning would begin in the Fall for a Spring event. We hope to not only help our community, but build community leaders that not only participate but also lead with their hearts.

Kids Care Club for grades K-3 is full. Spaces are still available for grades 4-6.

Registration link: <https://mp.gg/2lig4>



### Mantua Basketball - Winter 2021

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.

All eligible Mantua ES students are encouraged to register at [www.mantuabasketball.org](http://www.mantuabasketball.org).

Parents click the "Enroll" button to register your players. You can also register as a volunteer when you register your players, or let us know if you are interested in being a Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or Evaluation Helper.

Registration Runs until **Monday, October 18, 2021**

Program Duration: Monday, November 15, 2021 - Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Regular Registration Cost: \$ 70.00 - \$ 95.00

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### Volunteers are the Backbone of the Basketball 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 to coordinate volunteers, assign players to each division and operate the league.

Please consider donating your time by signing-up as a coach and 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! Contact Eric Fleming at [commissioner@mantuabasketball.org](mailto:commissioner@mantuabasketball.org) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer with Mantua PTA Basketball.



## Reflections Program

Explore the Arts and Express Yourself

The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life. The 2021–2022 Reflections theme is ***I Will Change the World By...***

Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. Students participate in the appropriate division for their grade: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), Special Artist (All grades welcome). Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division or grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities.\*

For more information, please contact Miki Welck or Karen Cheng at: [Reflections@MantuaPTA.org](mailto:Reflections@MantuaPTA.org)



## 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.

## Free Shipping on Mantua Spirit Wear

Mantua Spirit Wear Free Shipping Friday September 10th through Monday September 27th. <https://www.mantuaspiritwear.com/>

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org) или [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org).
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요 ([cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Kristina Clarke.

Email Kristina Clarke at [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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](http://MantuaPTA.org).



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