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Important Upcoming Dates

November 26: 2-Hour Early Release

November 27-28: No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 2: Human Growth & Development Parent Meeting

December 3: Winter Enrichment Registration Begins

December 4: Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

December 4-12: Five Below Fundraiser

December 10: Restaurant Night

December 19: 2-Hour Early Release

December 22-January 2: No School, Winter Break

Kiss & Ride Information

On days of inclement weather at the time of dismissal, Kiss & Ride students will be waiting inside the school building. A staff member outside will be relaying via walkie-talkie which student's vehicles have arrived. Once their names are announced, students will proceed outside to meet their ride. Colored paper has been handed out at Kiss & Ride for parents to print the full name of their students. This paper should be displayed on the passenger side of the front windshield when entering Kiss & Ride. If you need to, you can download the form [HERE](#).

Human Growth and Development Lessons for 5th and 6th Graders

Beginning Friday, December 12th, all 5th and 6th graders will be taking part in lessons on Human Growth and Development. The lessons will be taught in sex-separate groups by grade level teachers and specialists. The content is divided into 5 lessons and will be taught over 5 days. Any parent wishing to

opt their child out of any or all of the lessons need to complete an opt-out form and return it to your child's teacher. A parent meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** in the Library for parents to preview the materials and talk with school staff about the program.

Winter Enrichment Programs

Mark your calendar to register for the upcoming enrichment session! Registration for the Winter 2015 Session will take place starting at **8:00 a.m. on December 3rd and run through 12:00 noon on December 10th.** Late registration will be available from December 10th to December 12th at noon.

- Find class descriptions, program information, and the registration link [HERE](#).
- Mark your calendar! Late registrations are only accepted from December 10-12 for an additional \$40 fee.
- Watch your email and backpack mail for future announcements.

For more information please contact the Mantua Enrichment Coordinators, [Shannon Murphy](#) and [Liz Schatzman](#).

Mantua ES Business Partners

Again this year, the Mantua PTA is partnering with some businesses that are committed to our children's education. Every time you patronize one of these businesses, the Mantua PTA benefits by receiving a monetary donation. Please look over the list. You might find a new place to try or a family favorite that you can shop at to help support our school! View the list [HERE](#).

Five Below Fundraiser!

Support the Mantua PTA while you do your holiday shopping! Shop during the week of **December 4th-12th** at the Five Below at Pickett Shopping Center, and 10% of every Mantua dollar spent will be donated back to the PTA. You'll need to present [THIS FLYER](#).

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser!

Join the Mantua PTA for fun-filled-fundraiser on **Thursday, December 4th from 4:30-8:30 p.m.** at the Barnes & Noble in Fairfax! There will be crafts, scavenger hunts, and

lots of fun activities for the kids. A percentage of all proceeds from this event will be donated back to the Mantua PTA. Can't make the event? Shop online from **December 4th-9th** using code [11439924](#) to credit your sale to the school. Click [HERE](#) for more information on this fundraiser.

Yearbook Photos Needed

The Yearbook wants YOUR photos, and submission couldn't be easier! Just email them directly to mantuayearbooks@gmail.com. Add the teacher and event in the subject line, and you are done. Thanks for helping make a great yearbook!

Woodson High School Band Holiday Concerts

The W.T. Woodson High School Band Department presents the Annual Holiday Tunes for Tots Concert on **Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m.** and **Thursday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Woodson High School Gymnasium as well as the Holiday Tunes for the Young at Heart Concert on Wednesday evening, **December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Woodson High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$3.00 per person. Questions: 703-764-5820 or holidaytunesfortots@gmail.com. W.T. Woodson High School is located at 9525 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22031.

The Book Fair Was a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the library by raising funds at our annual Book Fair. A great big thank you to all of our volunteers: Vanessa Hall, Wendy Hahn, Amy Halstead, Tre Krupnick, Margaret Falardeau, Julie Middleton, Jennifer Rade, Kathy Phillips, Lauren Brennan, Mia Brennan, Debra Leiberman, Kristina Clarke, Erin Mahler, Brenda Moss, Susanne Fitch, Paige Greiner, Tina Cariola, Amy Mireku, Danielle Phippen, Raena Close, Kim Marin, Nicole Willis, and Helene Cohen. Thank you to our super cashiers: Julie Lifland and Meri Farling! And last but not least, thank you to all of the coordinators: Lori Recher, Chrissy Boylan, Sharon Schechtel, and Lori Prendergast!

Thank You to Friends of Rocky!

Thanks to all who made a "Friends of Rocky" Donation – the

PTA appreciates your support!

Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long and Foster

Realtors: Diamond Level

Tracey Relyea: Platinum Level

Tiger Eye Tae Kwon Do, Minjoo Do: Silver Level

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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 Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.