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Important Upcoming Dates

September 8: First Day of School, 9:20 a.m.-4:05 p.m.
September 8: Basketball Registration Begins
September 11: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Reading Room
September 11: Volunteer Interest Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
September 11: Pizza & Ice Cream Social, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
September 14: Drama Club Interest Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
September 16: Enrichment Classes Registration Begins, 8:00 a.m.
September 16: Back to School Night, Grades 4-6, 6:30 p.m.
September 17: Academic Competitions Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
September 24: Back to School Night, Grades K-3, 6:30 p.m.
September 25: Run for Rocky Fundraiser

Back to School Pizza & Ice Cream Social: Friday September 11th

Please join us as we kick off the 2015-16 school year with our popular and really fun Back to School Ice Cream and Pizza Social! It will be held at the school playground on **Friday, September 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** This is a great way to meet new parents and students and to get involved with the school right away! You can buy tickets for \$1 each and use them to buy ice cream sundaes and pizza (for 2 tickets each) and water bottles and glow necklaces (for 1 ticket each.)

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success so please consider helping for an hour. If you would like to help, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445a4af2da4f85-back1. Please contact Denise Gavilan at denise@gavilanmarketing.com with any questions.

First PTA Meeting

Come to the kick-off PTA meeting on **Friday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m.** in the reading room. Meet the Board, hear from Principal Mrs. Fernandez, and get information on upcoming activities.

Volunteer Information Meeting

The volunteers at Mantua Elementary are one of the reasons why our school is so special! Do you want more information about how you can get involved with volunteering at Mantua? Join us for the Volunteer Information Meeting on **Friday, September 11th**, starting as soon as the PTA meeting is over (approximately 10:00 a.m.).

a.m.) Classroom and school-wide volunteer jobs will be reviewed and questions will be answered. If you can't make it to the meeting, but have a question or comment, please email Teresa LeMair at teresalemair@aol.com.

Join the PTA!

Our annual PTA Membership Drive is a fundraiser that helps support the many PTA services provided to you and your child. Cost is only \$15 per family (tax deductible) and in return you'll receive a copy of the Mantua PTA Student Directory, an essential tool for connecting with anyone in our school community. Your family will also receive a \$10 discount on fees for Drama Club, PTA Basketball, Chat'n'Chew, and Raccoon Runners. Perhaps most importantly, though, joining PTA gives you a vote on what we're doing on campus and how our money is spent! Please join online at <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2015-16membershipandsupport>. You can also complete the membership envelope you received in your child's open house folder.

Parking in Horner Court Cul-De-Sac and Other School News

Cars will be ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in the area. Some cars may park parallel past the yellow curb toward the first house. However, you must keep a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 5:00 p.m. If a student has forgotten his/her homework, they will have to call a classmate.

If your child is going home with a friend, both parents have to notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents, then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

Run for Rocky

Our fall fundraiser will be the Run for Rocky Fun Run! All Mantua students will participate in the Fun Run on **Friday, September 25th** on the Mantua ES track. Children will be asked to get friends and family to sponsor their run. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to benefit the PTA as it helps pay for programs, field trips, technology, teacher training, and more! Look for more detailed information in Tuesday folders.

Yearbooks On Sale Now!

Get a jump on the school year and order a yearbook today! Purchase now to receive the back to school special rate of \$25! That is a savings of over 35%! Visit www.jostens.com to order now!

Drama Club Interest Meeting

Mantua's Drama Club is back with TWO productions for the 2015-16! Please plan to attend the Information meeting on **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Drama Club is open to students in grades 3-6, with a parallel tech program offered for students in grades 5-6. Registration for both productions will occur simultaneously on Tuesday, September 15th starting (8:00 a.m.) for 6th graders and then Wednesday, September 16th (8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) for all other grades. Registration links will be provided at the meeting and in next week's Alert News. For more information, please

go to www.mantuapta.org/documents/programs/drama/2015/flyer.pdf

Enrichment Classes

Mantua students are offered a variety of enrichment classes held before or after school—typically spanning two separate 8-week sessions: one in the fall and one in the spring. Classes focus on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM and sports. Mantua Enrichment seeks to build upon our students' educational foundation by giving them opportunities to explore other areas of learning. This year Mantua PTA has partnered with Enrichment Matters, a company that shares our philosophy on enrichment, to plan a fun and diverse menu of classes for our children!

Parents can register students for our fall session on September 16th at 8:00 a.m. at this site: www.enrichmentmatters.com/Mantua/. Registration will close on September 23rd at midnight. If you have any questions, please email enrichment coordinators, Shannon Murphy at shannon.murphy29@gmail.com or Liz Schatzman at lizschatzman@gmail.com.

Academic Competitions Meeting

Academic competitions not only encourage students to delve deeper into their favorite subjects, but they facilitate creative team-building activities that ultimately promote resourcefulness, self-confidence, problem solving and leadership. Students are not placed on teams; instead teams are largely self-forming. There will be an Interest Meeting at school on **Thursday, September 17th at 7:30 p.m.** Contact the Academic Competition Coordinator, Vanessa Winter Hall at vwinterhall@yahoo.com if you are interested in forming or joining one of Mantua's competitive academic teams.

Mantua PTA Basketball

All 3rd-6th grade students are eligible to register for Mantua PTA's basketball league. The league embraces students with a wide variety of skill levels and emphasizes teamwork, skill development, and sportsmanship. Regular registration is **September 8th-October 9th**, and the fee is \$55 for PTA members and \$65 for non-members. Late registration will go until October 16th, and the fee is \$80 for PTA members and \$90 for non-members. Registrations cannot be accepted after October 16th. Contact the League Commissioner Dan Lash at commissioner@mantuabasketball.org if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer with Mantua PTA Basketball. Coach and referee volunteers are needed! For more information, visit our site: www.mantuabasketball.org.

Reflections 2015

Reflections is designed to enhance arts education by providing an opportunity for students to explore their artistic talents and receive positive recognition for their efforts. Students participate in the Reflections Program by submitting entries to their schools' local PTA. The program has six arts categories—dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts—students can use to 'reflect' on the year's chosen theme. The theme for the 2015-16 school year is *Let Your Imagination Fly*. Contact Karen Cheng at cheng703@gmail.com if you have questions.

Yearbook Club

We are very excited to offer a Yearbook Club again this year! Students in grades 4-6 are eligible to join. Interested students will participate in a selection process led by

the club coordinators. Students selected will help with the collection of photos and creative layout of the yearbook. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Lori Prendergast at loripren@yahoo.com.

Scouting at Mantua

In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. If you have a daughter in grades 1-5, contact Martha Moore at mmoore@axion-it.net. If you have a daughter in grades 2-5, contact Allyson Cain at awcain@yahoo.com.

Cub Scout Pack 1533 works with boys in grades 1-5 offering many activities to get boys unplugged from their electronics and outside with nature. From hiking, camping, fire safety, knife safety, fishing, archery, and sports, Cub Scouts has it all. If you are interested, contact Bob Phillips at rp27@georgetown.edu.

Box Tops October Contest

October is Pizza-for-Box-Tops Month! During the month of October (from Thursday, October 1 through Friday, October 30), the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired), not damaged, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your teacher's name. If you have any questions, please contact Yoshiko Barzdukas at danius@cox.net. Start collecting now, and submit in October!

Receiving or Unsubscribing from the Alert News

Mantua PTA distributes paper copies of the Alert News to all families for the first month of school only. If you aren't receiving your copy by email, complete this form at www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/alertnewsdi so we can add you to our distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address or access to a computer, you will continue to receive the newsletter in each week's Tuesday Folder.

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 – We Need You!

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! We are in need of a Chinese translator, if you can help us, please contact Lisa - thank you!

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Email Lisa Libby at lisa.a.libby@gmail.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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