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Important Upcoming Dates

November 12: Parent Education Workshop, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
November 13: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria
November 13: AAP Meeting, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Room 33
November 13-20: Book Fair (closes at 12:00 p.m. on 11/20)
November 18: Thanksgiving Feast, Grades K-3
November 19: Thanksgiving Feast, Grades 4-6
November 20: Drama Club Production of *Annie*, 7:00 p.m.
November 21: Drama Club Production of *Annie*, 2:00 p.m.
November 25: 2-Hour Early Release
November 26: No School, Student Holiday
November 27: No School, Student Holiday

Note: Veterans Day, November 11th, is a Regular School Day.

PTA Meeting THIS Friday

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting this **Friday, November 13th at 9:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Hear from the school principals and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

Volunteering at Mantua ES: A GREAT Way to Get Involved!

What is a great way to get involved with your child's school experience? To get to know his/her peers and teachers while supporting the students and staff? To meet other families in our community that you'll see for the next 10+ years while your child is in FCPS? Volunteering! There is a job for everyone - parents who work full time, parents who travel, parents who work from home, parents who work at home as a

stay at home, parents with younger children, parents with older children.

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up to help this year! Your signup has been inputted into a Signup Genius that has been created with all of the Classroom jobs, as well as the School-Wide jobs. The great news is that using Signup Genius allows parents to continue signing up for things that we still need coverage for! To sign up, please click here (and find the appropriate tab):

www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53175D704A1CF4-family#

Help Wanted: Cafeteria Volunteers!

Are you available to volunteer in the cafeteria helping our students with lunch? The school is looking for parent helpers each day through the end of November during lunch hours (10:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) **Help is especially needed during the younger students' lunch periods which are 11:45-12:45.** If you can help, please sign up here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea82f4-mantua5

Book Fair: November 13th–20th

Mantua's Book Fair is almost here! Your child will have the opportunity to browse at the Book Fair one day in class and return to make purchases another day. Parents are invited to browse and shop as well. The Book Fair hours are as follows:

- **November 13, 16, 18, and 19 - 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.**
- **November 17 - 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- **November 20 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Please note that November 13th & 16th are preview days for the classes, but the Book Fair is also open for sales.

Would you like to volunteer at this year's Book Fair?

If so, please sign up at

www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea92f4-book.

In addition to this year's event, the Book Fair is looking for **new members for the planning committee.** Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Love books? If interested, please contact Lori Recher at lorirecher@hotmail.com.

Legos and Playmobil Pieces

Needed

Are you planning to get rid of any Legos or Playmobil pieces? Ms. Dunfee is in need of donated items for different curriculum units with students. She is especially interested in colonial/Native Americans, space and planets, ancient cultures, etc. If you have some you can donate, please email Ms. Dunfee before you drop them off at PJDunfee@fcps.edu.

Boxtops Contest Ends

Thank you to everyone who sent in Boxtops! We earned \$1077.90. The pizza party winner is Ms. Elgert's kindergarten class. Congratulations!

The next contest begins in February. Please start clipping!

Parent Education Workshop

Please join us on **Thursday, November 12th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the Reading Room across from the library for a FREE parent education workshop "A Dash of Play." This workshop will present information applicable for children of ALL AGES. Our terrific presenters are Mantua staff members Laura Thieman and Richard Hang, and they will show you how mindful play can lower anxiety, invite calm, build your child's attention span, sharpen focus, strengthen parent-child relationships, and much more. It's FREE and refreshments will be provided. Invite your friends! Contact Kathy Phillips, PTA Parent Ed Coordinator at kathyphysics@hotmail.com or 703-573-0146 with any questions.

AAP Information Meeting

An Advanced Academics Parent Information Meeting will be held at Mantua Elementary School on **Friday, November 13th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** in room 33. The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, Eva Bousbouras, will provide information about levels of service at Mantua, as well as explain and answer questions about the screening processes for Level IV services. The meeting is open to all 2nd-6th base school parents.

Annual Scouting Food Drive

Mantua Boy Scout Troop 1533 walked the neighborhood on Saturday, November 7th placing plastic grocery bags by your doors/stoops. As we head into the holiday season, take a moment and remember those who need some help and

consider donating non-perishable food and drinks. On Saturday morning, November 14th, our Cub Scouts from Pack 1533 will pick up the bags - just leave them outside your door. If you didn't get a bag, any grocery bag will do. Thank you!

Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky!

Thanks to all who made a “Friends of Rocky” Donation – the PTA appreciates your support!

Sriram Peri: Diamond Level

Joel Najjar: Gold Level

Meredith Farling: Gold Level

Kate Glynn: Silver Level

Elizabeth Jones: Silver Level

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 بكفالة على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.
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Email Lisa Libby at lisa.a.libby@gmail.com 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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