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Important Upcoming Dates

- September 21-25: Spirit Days! ([see list below](#))
- September 24: Back To School Night, Grades K-3, 6:30 p.m.
- September 25: Run for Rocky Fundraiser ([see details below](#))
- September 28: Take Home Reading Info Meeting, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- October 1: Box Tops Contest Begins

Back To School Night THIS Thursday for Grades K-3

Based on the positive response to last year's Back To School Night (BTSN) schedule, we are following a similar model this year. As you will see in the chart below, staggering the time for each grade level creates several benefits. Among the benefits of this schedule are the relief of traffic congestion, and parents of children in multiple grade levels to attend sessions for each of their children.

Please notice that there is NOT a general meeting or principal's message time before each Back To School Night session, and each grade level is only presenting once. We will adhere to the start and end times, so please plan accordingly. Parents will gather in the cafeteria until the start of each session. In addition to access to the classrooms, the Principals, teachers from All Areas, PE, Italian, Band, Strings, other specialists, and PTA representatives will be available in the cafeteria each night to meet you and answer any specific questions you may have.

September 24, 2015 (Thursday)

Grade level	BTSN Time	Specialists available in the cafeteria
K	6:30-7:00	
1	7:00-7:30	7:00-7:30 (available to K & 2nd)
2	7:30-8:00	7:30-8:00 (available to 1st & 3rd)
3	8:00-8:30	

Parking at School and Other School News

Cars will be ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to the corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in the area between the yellow curb and the first house. However, you must keep your car a good distance from the mailbox and driveway. In addition, if you park in the Horner Court cul-de-sac by the top parking lot while you walk your child into the school, please be sure you are not blocking any private driveways with your car.

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, the Run for Rocky Fun Run is this **Friday, September 25th**. Come support your favorite runner! Run times are as follows:

- 3rd and 4th grades will run from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Kindergarten-2nd grades will run from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 5th and 6th grades will run from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Raising funds is easy! Have your sponsors (friends, family, and neighbors) go online to make their donations. The Run for Rocky website can be found at

www.memberplanet.com/campaign/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/runforrocky

They can also visit the Mantua PTA website at www.mantuapta.org. If they would like to make a donation by cash or check made payable to the Mantua PTA, they can do this also. You can bring donations in with the sponsor sheet they will receive in their Tuesday folders.

Volunteer Help Needed! We'll need parents to help serve these thirsty runners water and snacks. Volunteer at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa9ad22aafe3->

Run for Rocky Spirit Days

To help students get into the spirit of the Run for Rocky, there will be Spirit Days all week long. They are as follows:

Super Tuesday: Dress like a Superhero!

Wacky Wednesday: Dress as wacky as you can, including wacky socks!

Thursday Red, White, and Mantua Day: Show your school spirit by wearing red and white.

Fun Run Friday: Don't forget to wear your running shoes! All students will get their Rocky t-shirts in their homerooms.

Raccoon Runners

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls and boys in grades 3-6. This program will empower young boys and girls to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen ourselves through various fitness activities as we train for a 5k run and a mile Turkey Trot! Any student is eligible to participate.

The Raccoon Runners is a six week program that will meet before school starting the week of **October 12 and going through November 20th**. The girls' team will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 in the gym. The boys' team will meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-9:00 in the gym.

Volunteer Help Needed! We are in desperate need of a volunteer to help on Monday and Wednesday mornings with the boys' team. If you are a Mantua father and are interested in providing more details about how you can help, please contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com. To register your student, please use the permission slip found at this site:

www.mantuapta.org/documents/programs/rr/fall2015/permission.pdf.

Mantua Student Directory

Advertise in the Mantua Directory! Please go to this link for all information and to submit your payment electronically:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2015-16membershipandsupport. Prices start as low as \$50! Or for more information, please contact monika.brenner@dhs.gov. The auction for the back cover will conclude on **October 15th** and all ads will be requested shortly thereafter. Thank you for your support!

Take Home Reading Information Meeting

Are you interested in helping with Take Home Reading for kindergarten and 1st grade? information/training session on **Monday, September 28th from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** 30 (across from the library.) Please contact Raena Close at raenaclose@hotmail.com any questions.

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 3-6

- All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools that are attending Mantua will administered the CogAt test during the testing window of **October 13th-23rd.**
- If you are interested in retesting for possible acceptance to the AAP Center, please contact Eva Bousbouras at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu by **Friday, October**

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 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 Bar 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 only. If you aren't receiving your copy by email, complete this form: www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/alertnewsdistributor to 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, we can help us to maintain a current distribution list by unsubscribing from the Alert News as simple as clicking on the word "unsubscribe" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your assistance!

Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua 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 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.

