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Important Upcoming Dates

January 31 (Tuesday): Family Life Education – Emotional and Social Health preview for parents in grades K-6 , 6:00-7:00 p.m. in library.

February 3 (Friday): **2 Hour Early Release, School ends at 2:05 p.m.**

February 6 (Monday): Student Holiday, No School.

February 9 (Thursday): PTA Monthly Meeting, Library 7:00p.m.

February 10 (Friday): PTA Family Fun: Valentine's Day Dance

Deadlines

February 8-15: Spring Enrichment Registration.

February 27-March 27: Magnet School Registration.

Global Plus Language Program

Learn a World Language at Mantua through GLOBAL PLUS Now offering Spanish for Kindergarten! The Mantua PTA offers extracurricular world language classes through FCPS's GLOBAL PLUS Language Program. The goal of the program is to offer high quality language classes focusing on communication to elementary students when they are at the optimal age for language acquisition. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. Classes begin in January and continue for 10 weeks. The tuition cost is \$169 and includes materials and instruction. **Registration is currently underway:**
GPO3110: Chinese for Grades 1-3, Fridays after school starting on 2/10
GPO5210: German for Grades 4-6, Thursdays before school starting 1/26
GPO7010: Spanish for Kindergarten,

Fridays after school starting 1/27 GP07110: Spanish for Grades 1-3, Thursdays before school starting 1/26 For links to the classes, you can also visit the Mantua PTA website <http://www.mantuapta.org/programs.html>. Questions, email Susanne Fitch at swunner@yahoo.com.

Spring 2017 Enrichment Registration

Spring 2017 Enrichment at Mantua ES is almost here! Classes focus on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM, sports and more! Registration for the Spring session will take place beginning at 8AM on Wednesday, 2/8 and ending at Noon on Wednesday, 2/15. (Late registration begins at 1PM 2/15 and ends at midnight 2/17 for a \$40 fee.) Find all the program information and register at: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com>. Questions, email Heather Hill and Tara Kelly at enrichment@mantuapta.org.

Magnet School Application and Lottery Information

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend school based information nights to learn about the lottery process, available transportation, and individual school programs. Program information for each school is provided at that school's information night. Registration for the 2017-18 school year will open on **February 27, 2017** and will close on **March 27, 2017**. For additional information visit: <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/elementary-magnet-school-lottery>

- Hunters Woods Elementary, Cafeteria. February 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM)
- Bailey's Primary, Cafeteria. February 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM)
- Bailey's Upper, Cafeteria. February 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM)

Eco-School Exploratory Committee

We are looking for teachers, administrators and parents to join an Eco-School exploratory committee. Half the schools in

FCPS are registered as Eco-Schools. (More on the program can be found here: <http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA.aspx>). We have already implemented many eco-friendly initiatives like school gardens, recycling and bike racks and are ready to develop a more school-wide approach. This exploratory committee would help us implement a plan to move forward and also form a permanent Eco-School committee or “Green Committee” that would be comprised of students, teachers, administrators and parents. Please contact Kati Hesford (kati.hesford@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Family Life Education – Emotional and Social Health

Mantua Elementary would like to invite you to attend an evening opportunity to preview the Family Life Education – Emotional and Social Health media and lessons and to talk with school staff about the program. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the library. All program materials and media for all grade levels will be available for your review at this time.

2017 Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2017 Mantua Talent Show! Do you play an instrument, sing, or dance? Do you like to perform magic? Do you want to demonstrate your martial arts prowess? Then, why not try out for this year’s show? Just head to: <http://tinyurl.com/mantuatalentshow2017-audition> for instructions on how to enter and to submit a video and complete an audition form. Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Video Auditions and Audition Forms Due: Friday, February 10
- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: Thursday, March 9, 5:30-9:00 p.m.
- Talent Show in the Gym: Saturday, March 11, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

If you have a child in the show, at least one parent needs to [volunteer to help](#). There is a link on the confirmation email after you sign up your child. Questions, contact Althea Bryson at akuhn_ilikai@hotmail.com or 571-830-5320 (call or text) Good luck preparing your acts!

FCPS Budget Cuts

As many have heard by now, the Meals Tax that was on the ballot in November failed, and FCPS is facing a serious projected budget shortfall. The Superintendent will be proposing a budget very soon, and a public comment period should follow. As a starting point for possible cuts, please see [Budget Task Force document](#). This is a \$75M cut scenario. The actual cuts may be more or less. The items listed are from a prior year list of cuts voted on by FCPS stakeholders. If you'd like, review the list and send any feedback to president@mantuapta.org. All feedback will be collected and passed on collectively to the School Board.

Student Fundraiser/Woodson and Robinson

Fight for Futures, a team of students from Woodson and Robinson, is participating in the Students of the Year Campaign, a six-week fundraising competition in which nominated high school students raise funds to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Chapter. We have selected to work with LLS because blood cancer research can be the gateway to curing other cancers. Do you know that leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer in children under the age of 20? It is time to take a stand. But we cannot do it alone, we need your help.

Our team goal is to raise \$25,000 between January 12th and February 25th. There are a few ways you can support our fundraising efforts:

- 1) Donate via our fundraising page: <http://events.lls.org/pages/nca/DCSOY2017/tfightforf>
- 2) Share our message & fundraising link with your contacts via email or social media
- 3) Attend our Fun Run at Burke Lake Park on Jan. 29th: Register online at <http://events.lls.org/pages/nca/DCSOY2017/pfunrun>
- 4) Help us secure a corporate sponsorship (Sponsorships start at \$2500 and sponsors receive Gala benefits)

Thank you for your generosity and support. Your donation truly makes a difference and with your help, we're one step closer to a cure for blood cancers. Questions, email Fight for Futures (fightforfutureslls@gmail.com)

Box Tops Collection Contest

Please help us reach our collection goal! The classroom turning in the most **Box Tops by February 22**, will win a

pizza party. Pink Box Tops can be found on participating products like General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker baking mixes, Ziploc and Hefty bags, Scott paper products, and more. Clip the Box Tops and attach them to the collection sheet or send them to school with your child in a Ziploc bag. Be sure to label them with your child's name and the name of his/her teacher. Box Tops can be given to their teacher, or placed in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. Need more fun and more opportunities to earn Box Tops? Check out the Box Top website at www.btfe.com , and you could win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua! Questions, email Amber Reynolds aarmagost@hotmail.com.

Bus Delay Notification System

Parents may access the system [here](#) or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

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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