



ALERT NEWS

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Important Upcoming Dates

November 1 (Tuesday): 3rd Grade Field Trip to Hidden Pond, (Clapp, Leonard, Lupari) Mantua Band's Winter Concert Solo Auditions

November 2 (Wednesday): 4th Grade Field Trip to Jamestown

November 3 (Thursday): 3rd Grade Field Trip to Hidden Pond, (Cruz, Graap, Spereipani)

November 4 (Friday): Two Hour Early Release, School ends 2:05 p.m. End of Second Quarter.

November 7-8 (Monday-Tuesday): SCHOOL CLOSED Parent teacher conferences on Monday, Election Day on Tuesday.

November 16 (Wednesday): PTA Meeting 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Deadlines

November 1 (Tuesday): Deadline, PTA Reflections Entry. Deadline, Yearbook Sale Ends.

Room Parents Still Needed!

We are still missing room parents in some classrooms and every class needs and deserves a room parent! The following teachers still need a room parents:

***Loveday *Hartwell *Zimmerman*Garneski *Deixler
*Bloch *Kostik *Cajati *Lewis *Held *Chong *Malc
*Boyd *Hochstettler *Smith *Leonard *Lupari
*Speripani *DeRosa**

If you are in one of these classes and willing to be the room parent please contact Julie Johnston the Volunteer Coordinator at jjvoproductions@gmail.com or go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea82f4-schoolwide1> and sign yourself up under your teachers name, tabbed by grade. THANK YOU!

Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky!

Thank you to all who made a "Friends of Rocky" Donation - the PTA appreciates your support!

Monina Bantug: Silver level
Alicia M Switzer: Bronze level
Susan L. Eister: Bronze level
Amy Sheridan: Bronze level
Nancy Burns: Bronze level
Jonah Troth: Bronze level
Allison Ackermann: Bronze level
Yun Ju Lee: Bronze level
Jaime Su: Bronze level
Sharon M Schechtel: Bronze level
Hong Han: Bronze level
Jennifer N Victor: Bronze level
Hind Alaoui-Zaki: Bronze level
Gail M Lee: Bronze level
Samantha Shugarman: Every Penny Counts level
Heather Hill: Every Penny Counts level
Sonakul Meejaroen: Every Penny Counts level
Julie P Lifland: Every Penny Counts level
Traci Sklemm: Every Penny Counts level
Soyoung Kwon: Every Penny Counts level
Sandra Spector: Every Penny Counts level
Kim D. Marin: Every Penny Counts level
Natasha Sonali Fuard: Every Penny Counts level
Jacqueline Mihalik: Every Penny Counts level
Heather Komorous: Every Penny Counts level
James and Laurel McGinley: Every Penny Counts level
Laura Champe Mitchell: Every Penny Counts level
Fadwa Finaish Alhassan: Every Penny Counts level
Atul Patel: Every Penny Counts level
Kim Pham: Every Penny Counts level
Linda S Mench: Every Penny Counts level
Kathryn Simionato: Every Penny Counts level
Karen Ross: Every Penny Counts level
Heather Foglio: Every Penny Counts level
Karen Hernandez: Every Penny Counts level
Arunka K Nettem: Every Penny Counts level
Surya B Binayee: Every Penny Counts level

Family Life Education Instructional Program Information

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides a comprehensive, sequential Family Life Education (FLE) program for students in grades K-12. Instruction is seen as a partnership among parents and guardians, the school, and the community in supporting the learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of all or part of the Family Life Education program. Students who are opted out are provided with age-appropriate, nonpunitive alternative health instruction, and every effort is made to foster respect for family choices. If you wish to opt your child out of all or part of FLE for this school year, opt out forms were sent home at Back to School Night or in the Tuesday folder following their evening and are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. Please fill in the opt-out form and return it to your child's teacher prior to Family Life Education instruction, which will begin mid-December for 5th and 6th grade and second semester for K-4.

Detailed grade-level program descriptions are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. FLE grade level-specific lessons and media that FCPS has streaming rights for are available for parents online in FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard) Parent View. Account information is available at your local school or online at <http://bit.ly/1N2BUPl>. Grade level-specific lessons are also available at the Fairfax County Regional Library in the City of Fairfax (this location does not have media). Grade level-specific lessons and media that is not streamed online are available for review at your child's school library. Due to copyright restrictions, we are unable to stream all media online.

Program questions may be addressed at your child's school or by contacting Instructional Services at 571-423-4550 or by contacting Elizabeth Payne, Health and Physical Education Coordinator at etpayne@fcps.edu.

Solo Auditions for Band's Winter Concert

The Band's Winter Concert on December 7 will feature music

from different country December holidays. One piece is "Christmas Concerto #3", this piece will feature three student soloists who will play with band accompaniment. Auditions solo parts will be held on **Tuesday, November 1, from 4:05 - 5:00 p.m. in the band room.** Only students who wish to audition for a solo are to report to the band room upon dismissal. At 5:00, all students will be dismissed to meet their parents at the Kiss-n-Ride pick-up area. Student staying for this audition, please be sure you have a way home (either via a parent or a friend). Note: There is no bus transportation home at 5:00, so please plan accordingly. Students already have the music if they wish to participate in the auditions. Questions, contact Ms. Blacksten.

Box Top Contest Update

Congratulations to Mrs Hartwell's class! They are the Fall Box Top Contest winner. Together, Mantua collected over 10,000 Box Tops! Keep clipping and saving. The next contest deadline is February 8.

Reflections Program – Art Contest

It's not too late to submit a project showing your child's creativity in the Reflections Program. Partner with the PTA and increase our participation in this wonderful program. Info coming home in Tuesday folder. This year's theme: What's Your Story? deadline for to submit your artwork is **November 1**. Questions, email Dorothy Brady at jimanddot@cox.net to coordinate drop off of your child's entry and paperwork. For more on entry requirements, go to www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections Student Entry Form: <http://www.vapta.org/documents/arts-in-education/16-17-reflections/515-16-17-student-entry-form-fillable-pdf>

View sample artwork from previous years: <http://www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections-gallery>

Yearbook Sale

Yearbooks are on sale now at the best prices of the school year! For \$25 you buy your child a lifetime of memories from Mantua! Order today at the [following link](#)! Deadline to buy is **November 1**.

Audition Providence Players "To Kill a Mockingbird"

The Providence Players will hold auditions for their upcoming production of Christopher Sergel's play To Kill a Mockingbird, based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer prize-winning novel. Dates are:

Monday, November 7th - 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Wednesday November 9th - 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Thursday, November 10th - 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Location: James Lee Community Center at 2855 Annandale Rd Falls Church. Call Backs (if needed) Monday, November 14th 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. There are 18 Speaking roles – 9 men, 2 boys, 6 women, 1 girl, as well as 3-4 gospel singers and extras in the crowd of the trial. As always, all roles are open. For more information visit [here](#). Questions and RSVPs to audition email [Beth Gilles-Whitehead](mailto:Beth.Gilles-Whitehead).

Godspell Presented by Woodson Drama

W.T. Woodson Drama presents the musical Godspell **November 3rd through 12th** at the Joan C. Benninger Auditorium at WT Woodson High School. Godspell was the first major musical theater offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin); and it took the world by storm. Godspell features a parade of beloved songs, including "Day by Day", "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord", "All for the Best", "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

Ticket prices start at \$5.00 for children under 12, please go to WTDrama.org to purchase tickets.

Frost Middle School 5k Run

Frost MS will hold its 3rd Annual "[Falcons on the Run 5k/1 Mile Fun Run](#)" on Saturday, November 12, [register here](#).

The event has been tremendous fun in the past and we hope that you will join in this year to make it even better!

There are opportunities to participate, donate (your choice if you'd like an event t-shirt), or to volunteer (a great opportunity for students trying to earn service hours). Teams are able to get special group rates for entering teams of 20 or more children to participate in the 5K or Fun Run.

Contact [Laura Reed](#) about the group rates.

The Falcons on the Run 5k/Fun Run is an opportunity for our community to gather and have fun together. We hope to see you there on 11/12!

Bus Delay Notification System

Beginning September 6 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.

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: <http://bit.ly/2cPDrOA> to be added to the distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address access to a computer, you will continue to receive the newsletter in each week's Tuesday Folder.

To unsubscribe from the Alert News list click on the word "unsubscribe" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your assistance!

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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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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