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Mantua Book Fair - Volunteers Needed

Mantua's annual Book Fair begins Friday, Nov. 11, and runs through the following week Nov. 14-18. It begins each morning at 8:30 and closes each afternoon at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 15, hours are extended until 8 p.m. The Book Fair ends Friday, Nov. 18, at 12 noon. To help make it a success, we need volunteers to help with setting-up on Nov. 10, with selling throughout the week of Book Fair, and packing up on Friday, Nov. 18. To volunteer, go to

www.signupgenius.com/go/mantua3 and select the time(s) you can help.

Walking with the PE Teachers

Students and parents are welcome to walk with the PE teachers in the gym every Monday from November through March between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. The "walking club" begins on Monday, Nov. 7. That's not a typo. Get your student holiday started on the "right foot" and come to Mantua's gym to walk!

Change In Building Use Scheduling

The school office is no longer handling the schedule to reserve rooms at Mantua. If you need to reserve space go to www.fcps.edu, click on Community at the top of the home page and then scroll down to the bottom of the Community page to find How to Use School Buildings and Grounds. The Building Safety Guidelines can be found on the PTA website [HERE](#).

Ms. Loveday's Class Wins Box Tops Contest

Congratulations to Ms. Loveday's class which collected the most Box Tops during the fall contest. They brought in a total 1,080 labels. In total during this contest, 10,493 labels were collected. The next contest will be held in late January. Meanwhile, continue sending in the Box Tops labels and Labels for Education UPC codes. Bring them in zip-loc bags with the teacher's name and grade written on them. They will count toward the next contest.

Family Fun Night This Friday

Join us for our annual PTA Family Fun Pokémon and Other Trading Cards Night this Friday, Nov. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Bring your Pokémon or another trading cards to trade and play with friends. If you are new to Pokémon you can learn how to play the game with our expert game guide, Tim Foley. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

Picture Make Up Day

Picture make up day is Wednesday, Nov. 9, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Students who are having their pictures taken will be called to the gym. This will be the last chance to have pictures taken for the yearbook.

Family Fun Restaurant Night

Mantua PTA will host a family fun restaurant night on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Noodles & Company on Main Street in Fairfax City. Come dine with us or order carry out. Noodles & Company will donate 25 percent of the evening's proceeds to Mantua's PTA. All Mantua families will receive a Noodles & Company Dining for Dollars flyer in their Tuesday folders. Please present the flyer at the time of purchase so that the PTA will receive credit. This event always is a fun Mantua family night out, and helps raise money to support various school activities. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

November PTA Meeting

It will be easy to attend the PTA meeting this month since it falls on the same night as our Restaurant Night! No need to cook before running out to the meeting! You can bring your dinner with you to school! Don't miss all of the important school information presented by Mantua's administrators and PTA members. Our next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the library.

Parent Education Program

Dr. Katie Hennessy, director for the Center for Cognitive Therapy and Assessment, will present a workshop at Mantua on Kids with Anxiety on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Dr. Hennessy will address the increased prevalence of anxiety in children, classic signs of anxiety, ways to help children recognize and manage their anxiety (with an emphasis on cognitive behavior therapy), and techniques parents can use to

create a supportive and challenging environment for anxious children. More details will be sent home in November.

Important Upcoming Events

Fri. Nov. 4: Family Fun Night

Mon.-Tues. Nov. 7-8: School Closed for teacher work days/parent-teacher conferences.

Thurs. Nov. 10: Family Fun Restaurant Night

Thurs. Nov. 10: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m. in the library

Fri. Nov 11- Fri. Nov. 18: Mantua Book Fair, in the library

Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council

The Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) met last Tuesday about important topics including teacher evaluation, high school graduation and electronic textbooks. The presentation is available for review at:

<http://www.fcps.edu/supt/spac.shtml>. Contact Lesley Kowalski at mantuaptaprez@gmail.com if interest in attending these meetings in the future.

Mantua Made Market

You're invited to the Mantua Made Market where your talented, crafty neighbors will be selling beautiful handcrafted items, as well as food and deserts. Crafts and artwork will include pottery, paintings, stockings and pillow covers, mosaics, note cards, invitations and scrapbooks, and much more. The Market is Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mantua Swim & Tennis Club, 9330 Pentland Place, Fairfax.

Woodson High School Craft Show

Woodson High School's 19th Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show will be Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. It will feature sophisticated, unique, and one-of-a-kind handmade items. More than 80 crafters will offer fused glass items, ceramics, artisan and fashion jewelry, scarves, embroidery items, handbags, paintings, quilts, home decorations, giftware, pet accessories, peanut brittle, etc. there's even a bake sale! The show is juried to ensure all offerings are quality, handmade items. Crafter booths are still available. Contact woodsoncraftshow@gmail.com for more information. The show is held at Woodson High School. Go to entrances 2 and 3. Free Admission. Woodson's Crew Boosters

sponsors the show.

Eddie Allan Poe, the Musical

The Creative Cauldron presents Eddie Allan Poe, a delightful musical featuring the original music by critically acclaimed composer Matt Conner. In this original, kid-friendly production, Eddie, a young boy who shares the same name as the great master, finds himself unexpectedly and mysteriously drawn to Poe's haunting stories and macabre events. It will be presented by Creative Cauldron's Learning Theater ensemble, a multi-generational cast of students' performers at the ArtSpace in Falls Church. Performances are Nov. 4-20. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for students/seniors. Go to: http://www.creativecauldron.org/eddie_allan_poe_149.html for more information.

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