



October 7, 2014 | Issue No. 6

In This Issue:

[Important Dates](#)

[Boosterthon](#)

[Spirit Wear](#)

[Basketball](#)

[Box Tops Contest](#)

[Student Directory](#)

Quick Links:

[Not Receiving  
the AlertNews?](#)

[Update Your  
MP Info](#)

[MP Invitation](#)

[Request](#)

[MantuaPTA.org](#)

Compiled by:

[Amy Halstead,](#)  
[AlertNews Editor](#)

## Important Upcoming Dates

October 8: Boosterthon Pledge Money Due (new deadline!)

October 9: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

October 10: Deadline to Order Spirit Wear

October 12: Basketball Registration Deadline

October 13: Columbus Day - No School

October 15: School Picture Day

October 15: Deadline to Submit [Student & Parent Form](#)

October 15: Academic Competitions Registration Deadline

October 19: Yearbook Presale Deadline

October 24: Box Tops Contest Ends

October 31: First Grading Period Ends/2-hour Early Release

## PTA Meeting THIS Thursday

Join us at the meeting on **Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. Hear from Principal Mrs. Fernandez and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

## Enrichment Classes Have Begun!

Mantua Enrichment classes started this Monday, October 6th. A schedule of class meeting dates as well as room numbers can be found on the website: [www.enrichmentmatters.com/mantua](http://www.enrichmentmatters.com/mantua). Please confirm the date and location of your child's class.

You must pick up your child promptly at 5:00 p.m. at their class location. Students attending SACC will be escorted back to SACC by the Enrichment provider. For the Chess Club, drop-off is 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, and children will go directly to their classroom afterwards.

As a reminder, if your child is attending school but will not be going to their Enrichment class, please email the provider directly so they will know your child will be absent from class. Email addresses are listed on the

website above.

We hope you enjoy your Enrichment class this fall. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions: Liz Schatzman at [lizschatzman@gmail.com](mailto:lizschatzman@gmail.com) and Shannon Murphy at [shannon.murphy29@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.murphy29@gmail.com).

## Boosterthon Update!

Thank you to everyone who submitted pledges! We understand that some pledges are easier to turn in than others. We have extended the turn in date to **Wednesday, October 8th**. Students can still earn prizes during this time, and we have plenty of prizes give away! If you have any further questions, contact Meri Farling at [MeriFarling@hotmail.com](mailto:MeriFarling@hotmail.com).

## Spirit Wear Orders Due THIS Friday

Last call for spirit wear orders! The sale ends on **Friday, October 10th**. Choose from a variety of shirts, hoodies, sweat pants and jackets; all in school colors. New items this year include jackets and polo shirts with an embroidered design. All other items have screen print design. See samples displayed in the school cafeteria. Order using the order form found at <http://mantuapta.org/documents/fundraisers/spiritwear/order.xls> or online at <http://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2014-15spiritstore>. Items will be delivered by November 14. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net) with any questions.

## Parent and Student Information

Help us get a jump on the new year by completing the Student & Parent Info Form, which must be submitted by **Wednesday, October 15th** for edits to be reflected in the 2014-15 PTA Student Directory. You may delete or add information as you see appropriate for your family. The information you provide will be used for various school and PTA purposes, such as the aforementioned directory and the Alert News distribution list. The information will also be shared with PTA volunteers for PTA programs such as Chat'n'Chew or Raccoon Runners among others, in case they need to contact you for any reason. Please note that the form must be finished before your child(ren) may participate in any PTA-sponsored activity—important PTA permission slips are contained within. Contact Paige Rushing at [paigerushing@gmail.com](mailto:paigerushing@gmail.com) if you have any questions! Go to <https://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2014-15studentparentinfo> to complete your form!

## Mantua Basketball Kicking Off!

Basketball registration closes on **Sunday, October 12th**, so please register your 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade girl or boy today!

Mark your calendar for mandatory player evaluation as follows:

- 3rd & 4th Grade Girls: 10/18 12:30-2:30 p.m. (make-up on 10/20 6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- 3rd & 4th Grade Boys: 10/18 3:00-5:00 p.m. (make-up on 10/20 7:30-8:30 p.m.)
- 5th & 6th Grade Girls: 10/19 12:30-2:30 p.m. (make-up on 10/21 7:00-8:00 p.m.)
- 5th & 6th Grade Boys: 10/19 3:00-5:00 p.m. (make-up on 10/23 5:30-7:00 p.m.)

Please visit our website for information regarding registration at <http://www.mantuabasketball.org>.

## Box Tops Contest!

The Box Top contest is on! Spread the word! The classroom that turns in the most Box Tops by **Friday, October 24th** 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. Have your kids inspect all product packaging (preferably once you are done with it) for Box Top opportunities. Clip the Box Tops and send them in to school with your child in a ziploc bag with his/her teacher's name on it. Your child can give the box tops to his/her teacher or put them in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. During the first week of October, a Box Tops Goal Poster will be posted at school so that the kids can watch their class earning grow! Need more fun and more opportunities to earn Bonus Box Tops? Check out the Box Top website at [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com) (and try for a chance to win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua!) If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Sullivan at [Asullivan10@verizon.net](mailto:Asullivan10@verizon.net).

## Academic Competitions

Please sign up to indicate interest in participating in any of the academic competitions by **Wednesday, October 15th** using the forms on the Academic Competitions webpage: <http://www.mantuapta.org/students/academiccompetitions.html>. These forms are used to encourage contact among interested parents, since students are not placed on teams; rather, teams are largely self-forming and are coached and supported by parents and parent volunteers. If you have additional questions, please email [mantuacompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:mantuacompetitions@gmail.com).

## The Directory is Coming!

Advertise in the Mantua Student Directory for as little as \$50. We are working on this project full steam ahead, so please go to the following link to get more information on advertising:

<https://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/rockysponsors>.

Because every penny counts, you don't need to be a business to be seen in the upcoming Directory. For as little as \$25 you can submit a special message for your special student in the Directory Just think how excited they will be! Go to this link for more information:

<https://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2014-15membershipandsupport>. Please contact Monika Brenner at [monika.brenner@dhs.gov](mailto:monika.brenner@dhs.gov) for any questions.

## Counselor's Corner

### Actively Caring at Mantua ES

Actively Caring is our school-wide program to encourage and recognize positive behavior in students. Each month we will have a theme. October's theme is self-efficacy and responsibility. Self-efficacy is the belief in yourself, that you can do something and do it the best way possible. Responsibility is doing what you are supposed to be doing and giving it your best effort. When students are seen showing self-efficacy and responsibility, they will receive a green actively caring bracelet.

### Guidance Lessons

All students receive guidance lessons once a month from their grade level counselors. Mr. Hang works with Family 1, 3rd and 5th grade. Ms. Kim works with Family 2 and 3, 4th and 6th grade. Each month we focus on a theme that will help students to successfully navigate academic, personal/social, and career development. During the month of September, Mr. Hang and Ms. Kim introduced school counseling program at Mantua. For the month of October, we will be discussing bullying prevention. Mr. Hang and Ms. Kim also meets with new students during lunch bunch to welcome them to our school.

## Thank you to Our Friends of Rocky!

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

### Every Penny Counts Level

Jayant Das

Regina Dee

Marta Hoilman

Lorelei Lash

Julie Lifland

Sharon Schechtel

Benjamin Scribner

Jennifer Victor

### Bronze Level

Jill Anderson  
Srinivas Annadi  
Peggy DiScipio  
Meri Farling  
Xiaotao Li  
Cindy Officer  
Carol Ann Small

### Platinum Level

Tracey Relyea

## 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 كفالة على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.
- 如果你需要把文件翻译成中文，请联系冯敏。她的电子邮件是 mmfeng@hotmail.com。If you need to have a document translated into Chinese, please email Min Feng.
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: hannaz74@gmail.com или ViktorZ@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktor Zhardzetski.
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요 (skjwa7@gmail.com). If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Seungkwan Jwa

Email Shoshi Kalderon at [shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com](mailto:shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.