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Important Upcoming Dates

- September 15: Club Registration Begins
- September 16: Enrichment Classes Registration Begins, 8:00 a.m.
- September 16: Back To School Night, Grades 4-6, 6:30 p.m.
- September 17: Academic Competitions Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- September 18; Run for Rocky Pep Rallies, 9:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.
- September 24: Back To School Night, Grades K-3, 6:30 p.m.
- September 25: Run for Rocky Fundraiser

Back To School Night THIS Wednesday for Grades 4-6

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 times for grade levels offers several benefits. Among the benefits of this schedule are the relief of parking congestion, and allowing 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 start and end times, so please plan accordingly. Parents will gather in the cafeteria until the start time of each session to access to the classrooms, the Principals, teachers from Art, Music, PE, Italian, Band, String, and 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 16, 2015 (Wednesday)

Grade level	BTSN Time	Specialists available in the cafeteria
4	6:30-7:00	6:30-7:00 (available to 5th)
5	7:00-7:30	7:00-7:30 (available to 4th & 6th)
6	7:30-8:15	

Join the PTA!

Our annual PTA Membership Drive is a fundraiser that helps support the many PTA services that benefit you and your child. Cost is only \$15 per family (tax deductible), and in return you'll receive a Mantua PTA Student Directory, an essential tool for connecting with anyone in our school community. Your family will also receive a \$10 discount on fees for Drama Club, PTA Basketball, Chat'n'Chili, and Raccoon Runners. Perhaps most importantly, though, joining PTA gives you a vote on what happens on campus and how our money is spent! Please join online at <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2015-16membershipandsupport>. You can also complete the membership envelope you receive in your child's open house folder.

Parking in Horner Court Cul-De-Sac and Other School News

Cars will be ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to the end of Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in the area. Some cars may park in the yellow curb toward the first house. However, you must keep a good distance from the main driveway.

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 5:00 p.m. If a student has forgotten 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 received by both parents, then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only in extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

Run for Rocky

Our fall fundraiser will be the Run for Rocky Fun Run! All Mantua students will participate in it on **Friday, September 25th** on the Mantua ES track. Children will be asked to get friends and family to sponsor their run. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to benefit the PTA as it helps pay for program materials, technology, teacher training, and more!

There are some great prizes for our student participants, including
a 2-night stay at Great Wolf Lodge – sponsored by Anne and Sarah Harrington
an X-Box One – donated by Cathy Pongmalai
an iPad Mini – donated by Merrifield Orthodontics
a Ripstik
a Flicker Scooter – donated by Jennifer Danko

Join us for our kick off pep rally this Friday, September 18th for grades K-2 at 9:30 a.m. and at 3:15 p.m. Look for more detailed information in Tuesday folders and at the website: www.memberplanet.com/campaign/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/runforrocky

Club Registration Begins THIS Week

The following club registrations open today, September 15 at 8:00 a.m.:

- Drama Club Cast (6th graders only)
<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/drama>
- Drama Club Tech (6th graders only)
<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/drama>
- FLEX - Foreign Language Experience class Chinese Level I
[https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CourseDetails.aspx?AreaID=10725&AreaName=&CourseID=a5a6ca2e-4868-4dd3-a459-8c3971d99b68&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+\(Pr6\)&CategoryID=10377&IsCourse=1](https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CourseDetails.aspx?AreaID=10725&AreaName=&CourseID=a5a6ca2e-4868-4dd3-a459-8c3971d99b68&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+(Pr6)&CategoryID=10377&IsCourse=1)
- FLEX - Foreign Language Experience class Chinese Level II
[https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CourseDetails.aspx?AreaID=10725&AreaName=&CourseID=7006ccdc-612e-45a9-aa21-783bcf480610&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+\(Pr6\)&CategoryID=10377&IsCourse=1](https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CourseDetails.aspx?AreaID=10725&AreaName=&CourseID=7006ccdc-612e-45a9-aa21-783bcf480610&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+(Pr6)&CategoryID=10377&IsCourse=1)
- FLEX - Foreign Language Experience class German Level I
[https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CourseDetails.aspx?AreaID=10725&AreaName=&CourseID=a1912a86-0f12-4a19-9403-9c993249e0dd&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+\(Pr6\)&CategoryID=10377&IsCourse=1](https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CourseDetails.aspx?AreaID=10725&AreaName=&CourseID=a1912a86-0f12-4a19-9403-9c993249e0dd&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+(Pr6)&CategoryID=10377&IsCourse=1)
- FLEX - Foreign Language Experience class Spanish Level I
[https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CourseDetails.aspx?AreaID=10725&AreaName=&CourseID=6bea980c-df5b-4a78-93b7-f789a32eae91&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+\(Pr6\)&CategoryID=10377&IsCourse=1](https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/CourseDetails.aspx?AreaID=10725&AreaName=&CourseID=6bea980c-df5b-4a78-93b7-f789a32eae91&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+(Pr6)&CategoryID=10377&IsCourse=1)
- Chat n' Chew Book Club, Kids Care Club, Raccoon Runners, and Yearbook Club
<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2015-16>

The following club registrations open tomorrow, September 16:

- Drama Club Cast (all 3rd-6th graders)
<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/drama>
- Drama Club Tech (5th-6th graders only)
<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/drama>

In addition, Mantua Basketball registration continues for 3rd through 6th grades.

<http://www.mantuabasketball.org/>

Fall Enrichment Registration Begins THIS Week

Mantua students are offered a variety of enrichment classes held before or after school, typically spanning two separate 8-week sessions: one in the fall and one in the spring. Classes focus on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM and sports. Mantua Enrichment aims to build upon our students' educational foundation by giving them opportunities to explore new areas of learning. This year Mantua PTA has partnered with Enrichment Matters, a company that shares a similar philosophy on enrichment, to plan a fun and diverse menu of classes for our children!

Parents can register students for our fall session on September 16th after 8:00 a.m. at our website: www.enrichmentmatters.com/Mantua/. Registration will close on September 23rd. If you have any questions, please email our enrichment coordinators, Shannon Murphy at shannon.murphy29@gmail.com or Liz Schatzman at lizschatzman@gmail.com.

Academic Competitions Meeting

Academic competitions not only encourage students to delve deeper into their favorite subjects, but also facilitate creative team-building activities that ultimately promote resourcefulness, self-confidence, problem-solving and leadership. Students are not placed on teams; instead teams are largely self-selected. There will be an Interest Meeting at school on **Thursday, September 17th at 7:30 p.m.** Contact the Academic Competition Coordinator, Vanessa Winter Hall at mantuacompetitions@gmail.com if you are interested in forming or joining one of Mantua's competitive academic teams.

Yearbook Club – Correction

We are very excited to offer a Yearbook Club again this year! Students in 6th grade are eligible to join. Interested students will participate in a selection process led by the club coordinators. Students selected will help with the collection of photos and the creative layout of the yearbook. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Lori Prendergast at mantuayearbooks@gmail.com.

Yearbooks On Sale Now!

Get a jump on the school year and order a yearbook today! Purchase now to receive the backlist special rate of \$25! That is a savings of over 35%! Visit www.jostens.com to order now!

Scouting at Mantua – Correction

In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. If you have a daughter in grades K-1, contact Martha Moore at mmoore@axion-it.net. If you have a daughter in grades 2-5, contact Allyson Cain at awcain@yahoo.com.

Cub Scout Pack 1533 works with boys in grades 1-5 offering many activities to get the boys outdoors with their electronics and outside with nature. From hiking, camping, fire safety, knife safety, fishing and sports, Cub Scouts has it all. If you are interested, contact Bob Greene at rcgreene10@msn.com. Boy Scout Troop 1533 works with boys between 5th and 12th grades (ages 10-18). Troop 1533 meets every Tuesday at 7:30 pm for one hour. Troop 1533 follows the principles of a pack run troop and operates by the patrol method. For more information or to register for Boy Scout Troop 1533, contact **Bob Phillips at rp27@georgetown.edu** or go to <http://troop1533.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unithome.aspx?UID=12576>.

Raccoon Runners

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls and boys in grades 4-6. This program will empower young boys and girls to be true to themselves through lessons in self-esteem, image, health and nutrition and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen our fitness through various fitness activities as we train for a 5k run and a 4 mile Turkey Trot! Any student is welcome to participate.

The Raccoon Runners is a six week program that will meet before school. The girls' team will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 in the gym starting October 12th. The boys' team will meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-9:00 in the gym starting October 13th.

Volunteer Help Needed! We are in desperate need of a volunteer to help on Tuesday mornings with the boys' team. If you are a Mantua father and are interested in helping, please contact Bob Phillips at rp27@georgetown.edu.

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 request permission for a student, please use the permission slip found at this site:

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

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 3-6

- All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools that are attending Mantua will be taking 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 Bousbouras at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu by **Friday, October 2nd**.

Box Tops October Contest

October is Pizza-for-Box-Tops Month! During the month of October (from Thursday, October 1st to Friday, October 30), the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired), not damaged, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your child's name. If you have any questions, please contact Yoshiko Barzdukas at danius@cox.net. Start collecting now, and submit in October!

Woodson Girls Lacrosse Clinic

The Woodson Girls Lacrosse Varsity coaching staff is hosting a Halloween themed, costumes and lacrosse clinic for girls in grades 3-9 on November 2nd and 3rd. Try lacrosse for the first time, improve your skills with the varsity coaching staff and players. Registration form can be found on the Woodson Sports webpage: <http://wtwoodsonsports.org/main/teamcamps/id/3433/season11>

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. If you aren't receiving your copy by email, complete this form:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/alertnewsdistro so we can add you to our distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address or access to a computer, you can still 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, please let us know to maintain a current distribution list by unsubscribing from the Alert News list. It is as simple as clicking on the word "unsubscribe" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Translators – We Need You!

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua ES family to be included and connected—should families need to have a document translated into their native language, our volunteers are here to help! We are in need of a Chinese translator, if you can help us, please contact Lisa - thank you!

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Email Lisa Libby at lisa.a.libby@gmail.com if you have any questions about or would like to participate as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.