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Important Upcoming Dates

October 15: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
October 22: MATHCOUNTS Interest Meeting, 7:45-9:00 p.m.
October 23: Family Fun Night - Pokemon Cards & Games Night, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
October 23: Spirit Wear Deadline
October 23: Reflections Contest Deadline
October 30: Box Tops Contest Ends
October 30: Fall Spirit Parade, 9:30 a.m.
October 30: 2-Hour Early Release

PTA Meeting

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting this **Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. Hear from the school principals and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

Fall Enrichment Classes Begin

This is a reminder that classes will begin this week (with the exception of Monday classes which begin the following week.) Please remember that if your child will be absent from their scheduled enrichment class, notify both the instructor and the front office at BKHinton@fcps.edu. Contact email and phone information for each provider can be found on the enrichment website.

Other important reminders were sent home in an email and can be found on the enrichment website. Contact Liz Schatzman at lizschatzman@gmail.com or Shannon Murphy at shannon.murphy29@gmail.com with any questions.

PTA Family Fun Pokemon Night

Mantua PTA's annual Family Fun Pokemon Night will be held on **Friday, October 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Collect all your Pokemon cards and bring them for an evening of card trading and game playing with Mantua families and friends. If you are new to Pokemon, then come and learn about trading and how to play the game with our expert game guide, Tim Foley and his staff. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Kath DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

Box Tops Contest is Still On!

October is Pizza-for-Box-Tops Month! During the month of October, the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in

date, not damaged, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your teacher's name. Also before you submit, please cut the box top on the cutting line. If you have any questions, please contact Yoshiko Barzdukas at danius@cox.net.

Order Your Spirit Wear Today

The deadline for all spirit wear orders is **Friday, October 23rd**. Please place your orders today. Samples of t-shirts, performance shirts, tie dye shirts, sweat jackets and pants, pajama pants, and a fleece jacket are on display in the school cafeteria. In addition to the traditional Mantua design found on all garments, a Rocky the Raccoon 2016 design is available on a white t-shirt for this year. Order forms have been sent home in Tuesday folders and can be returned with payment to the PTA mailbox, but if you prefer to shop online, then please visit

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2015-16spiritstore. Items will be delivered by November 20th. Show your school spirit! Please contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

Mantua PTA Student Directory Opt-Out Form

Please complete this short form by **October 20th** if you do NOT wish to be published in the Mantua PTA Student Directory:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/directoryoptout

Please understand that Mantua PTA lacks the volunteer resources to manage changes to parent data as we have done in the past. We are only offering families the ability to opt-out this year. More information about the annual directory is provided by visiting the link above.

MATHCOUNTS at Mantua

Mantua alumnae Eli Lifland and Abhishek Bhargava, Seniors at TJHSST, are running a MATHCOUNTS program for 6th graders at Mantua. MATHCOUNTS is a national program that involves improving your math skills and representing your school in a competition. More details will be given at the first MATHCOUNTS meeting on **Thursday evening, October 22nd from 7:45-9:00 p.m.** at Mantua ES (look for the room assignment in next week's Alert News.) This meeting is for interested students and will include information for parents as well. Future weekly meetings will be spent learning how to solve math problems similar to those that will appear in the actual competition.

Please contact Eli at uvafan173@gmail.com or Julie Lifland at julielifland@yahoo.com if you have questions. You can find out more about MATHCOUNTS at mathcounts.org.

National PTA Reflections Contest

Let your imagination fly and unleash your inner artist! Choreograph a dance, produce a film, write a poem or story, compose a song, take a picture or create a piece of visual art and tell us what the theme: "Let Your Imagination Fly" means to you. The entry deadline is **Friday, October 23rd**.

Entries should represent students' unique creativity—adults are welcome to encourage students but are asked not to assist in any way with their interpretation of the theme or artistic expression. Families can support their children's participation by creating time and space for students to work on their entries, providing encouragement and needed materials and volunteering to support the Reflections. Please email Karen Cheng at cheng703@gmail.com for more information or to answer any questions.

that you may have about this program.

Mantua Student Directory

Advertise in the Mantua Directory! Please go to this link for all information and to submit your payment electronically:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2015-16rockysponsors. Prices start as low as \$50! Or for more information, please email monika.brenner@dhs.gov. The auction for the back cover will conclude on **October 16th**, and all ads will be requested shortly thereafter. Thank you for your support!

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 www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/alertnewsdi so we can add you to our distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address or access to a computer, you will continue to 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, you can help us 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 assistance!

FCPS Town Hall at Wakefield Forest Elementary

The Wakefield Forest ES PTA is hosting a Town Hall meeting on **Monday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m.** Both Meghan McLaughlin, Braddock District School Board Member, and John Cook, Braddock District Supervisor, are scheduled to speak and take questions from parents in the community. All Woodson pyramid community in the Braddock District including Mantua ES parents are invited to attend.

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.
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: hannaz74@gmail.com или ViktarZ@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hannaz Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.
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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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