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Important Upcoming Dates

October 30: Box Tops Contest Ends
October 30: Fall Spirit Parade, 9:30 a.m.
October 30: 2-Hour Early Release
November 2: No School, Student Holiday
November 3: No School, Student Holiday
November 3: Wish Fund Application Deadline
November 12: Parent Education Workshop, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
November 13: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria
November 13: AAP Meeting, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
November 18: Thanksgiving Feast, Grades K-3
November 19: Thanksgiving Feast, Grades 4-6
November 25: 2-Hour Early Release
November 26: No School, Student Holiday
November 27: No School, Student Holiday

Transportation Passes and Attendance Reminder

Have you wondered how to request a transportation pass or report attendance for your student? Last year, Mantua initiated MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu to report all transportation requests and attendance notifications instead of contacting individual office staff members. Please include the student's complete name and copy the teacher on all requests. Afternoon transportation requests must be received before 1:00 p.m. each day and absences should be reported before school starts. If you don't have email access, then call the attendance number (703) 385-6363 to leave a message.

Your student may receive a pass to take a bus home with a friend. MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu needs notice from both families least 24 hours in advance.

Due to the new start time, students may not arrive at school before 9:00 a.m. If your student arrives late and can't get to class by 9:20 a.m., then a parent or guardian must escort the student to the office and sign them in. At that time a staff member will escort the student to their class. If you are coming to pick up your student early, report to the office to sign them out and the office will call for the student when you arrive. Students are not called until you arrive.

If you have any questions, please contact MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu.

Help Wanted: Cafeteria Volunteers!

Are you available to volunteer in the cafeteria helping our students with lunch? The school is looking for parent helpers each day through the end of November during lunch hours (10:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) **Help is especially needed during the younger students' lunch periods which are 11:45-12:45.** If you can help, please sign up here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea82f4-mantua5.

Wish Fund Program & Application

Mantua PTA is happy to announce the opening of the 2015 WISH FUND program application period! The generous support of Mantua Elementary School families, community supporters, faculty, and staff enables the Mantua PTA to operate an internal grant-making program called the Mantua PTA Wish Fund. We are pleased to announce the second year of the Wish Fund with an invitation to submit proposal applications seeking to fund projects with impact for our elementary school. Mantua Elementary faculty, staff, and PTA members in good standing are invited to submit proposals.

Complete applications should be submitted by noon on **Tuesday, November 3rd**. More information, including submission options and instructions, can be found here:

www.mantuapta.org/wishfund.html. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer McFadyen at jmmcfadyen@aol.com.

Wish Fund Committee Members Needed

The Mantua PTA Wish Fund Committee is seeking members to review Wish Fund proposals. The committee is planning to meet on **Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Mantua ES Library. If you are interested in volunteering,

please contact Jennifer McFadyen at jmmcfadyen@aol.com.

Box Tops Contest Ends Friday!

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.

Parent Education Workshop

Please join us on **Thursday, November 12th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the Mantua Library for a FREE parent education workshop "A Dash of Play." This workshop will be presented by Mantua staff members Laura Thieman and Richard Hang and will show you how mindful play can lower anxiety, invite calm, build your child's attention span, sharpen focus, strengthen parent-child relationships, and much more. It's FREE and refreshments will be provided. Invite your friends! Contact Kathy Phillips, PTA Parent Ed Coordinator at kathyphysics@hotmail.com or 703-573-0146 with any questions.

AAP Information Meeting

An Advanced Academics Parent Information Meeting will be held at Mantua Elementary School on **Friday, November 13th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** in room 33. The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, Eva Bousbouras, will provide information about levels of service at Mantua, as well as explain and answer questions about the screening processes for Level IV services. The meeting is open to all 2nd-6th base school parents.

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) Meeting

FCAG will host a Meet, Greet and Strategize on **October 28th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at the Burke Centre Library. There will be a brief presentation on the proposed budget cuts and how it will impact our community, and then some discussion of FCAG strategies to maintain programming for gifted kids. More generally, we want to hear your ideas for FCAG priorities going forward! Topics of conversation include AAP Centers and generally AAP programming, TJ admissions, FCAG events for the public, efforts to obtain and

analyze data on Fairfax students, and more. Come meet others in the community and enjoy some light refreshments! We hope to see you there. RSVP to Rebecca Goldin, President of FCAG, at president@fcag.org or 703-994-3762.

Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky!

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

Sriram Peri: Diamond Level
Joel Najjar: Gold Level
Meredith Farling: Gold Level
Kate Glynn: Silver Level
Elizabeth Jones: Silver Level
Kathryn Mathias: Bronze Level
Amy Sheridan: Bronze Level
Jennifer Epley: Bronze Level
Megan Maiorca: Bronze Level
Carmen Belflower: Bronze Level
Holly Rieck: Bronze Level
Nancy Burns: Bronze Level
Liza Shields: Every Penny Counts Level
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Sumerta Manchandani: Every Penny Counts Level
Janine Dade: Every Penny Counts Level
Sarah Ropper: Every Penny Counts Level
Sharon Schechtel: Every Penny Counts Level
Xiaotao Li: Every Penny Counts Level
Jen Beckman: Every Penny Counts Level
Trina Russ: Every Penny Counts Level

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 بكفالة على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.
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ViktarZ@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.

- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요(lisa.a.libby@gmail.com.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Lisa Libby.
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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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