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Important Upcoming Dates

November 21 (Monday): Human Growth and Development Lessons Preview, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Library.

November 23 (Wednesday): 2 Hour Early Release.
November 24-25 (Thursday - Friday): Thanksgiving Break.

November 29 (Tuesday): AAP Parent Information Meeting, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 30.

December 7 (Wednesday) : Restaurant Night, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Deadlines

December 9 (Friday): Opt-out form for 5th and 6th Grade Human Development.

Family Life Education Instructional Program Information

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides a comprehensive, sequential Family Life Education (FLE) program for students in grades K-12. Instruction is seen as a partnership among parents and guardians, the school, and the community in supporting the learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of all or part of the Family Life Education program. Students who are opted out are provided with age-appropriate, nonpunitive alternative health instruction, and every effort is made to foster respect for family choices. If you wish to opt your child out of all or part of FLE for this school year, opt out forms were sent home at Back to School Night or in the Tuesday

folder following their evening and are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. Please fill in the opt-out form and return it to your child's teacher prior to Family Life Education instruction, which will begin mid-December for 5th and 6th grade and second semester for K-4.

Detailed grade-level program descriptions are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. FLE grade level-specific lessons and media that FCPS has streaming rights for are available for parents online in FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard) Parent View. Account information is available at your local school or online at <http://bit.ly/1N2BUPl>. Grade level-specific lessons are also available at the Fairfax County Regional Library in the City of Fairfax (this location does not have media). Grade level-specific lessons and media that is not streamed online are available for review at your child's school library. Due to copyright restrictions, we are unable to stream all media online.

Program questions may be addressed at your child's school or by contacting Instructional Services at 571-423-4550 or by contacting Elizabeth Payne, Health and Physical Education Coordinator at etpayne@fcps.edu.

Reminder: 5th and 6th Grade Human Growth and Development Lessons

The 5th and 6th grade will begin teaching their five Human Growth and Development lessons on Monday, December 12th, 2016. The students will be separated by gender and taught by their grade level teachers and specialist teachers. All students will be included in this lesson unless an opt-out form has been submitted to the school by **December 9th**. Additional opt-out forms can be picked-up in the main office or requested from your child's teacher, or accessed online <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>

AAP Parent Information Meeting

The Advanced Academics Parent Information Meeting will be held at Mantua Elementary School on **Tuesday, November 29th from 3:00-4:00 pm** in room 30 (the Reading Room). The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, [Eva Bousbouras VSBousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:VSBousbouras@fcps.edu), 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 parents of students in 2nd - 6th grade general education classes.

Mantua Turkey Trot

Work off some of those Thanksgiving calories! The 4th Annual Fairfax Turkey Trot will be Thursday, November 24, 2016, 9:00 AM (Thanksgiving morning). This is a family-fun 4 mile turkey trot. Walk, jog or run. Strollers are welcome. Children under 7 are free. To register go to www.fairfaxturkeytrot.com. Packet pickup is Wednesday, November 23 from 4:00-7:00 or Thursday, November 24, anytime before 8:15 at the Mantua Pool. Proceeds will be donated to Britepaths (formerly Our Daily Bread).

Restaurant Night: Pizza Time!

Come out for our next Restaurant Night Fundraiser Wednesday, December 7, at Flippin Pizza in the Turnpike Shopping Center (9548 Main Street)! Dine-in or take your pizza to-go between 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and up to 50% of the night's proceeds will be donated to the PTA. That's a lot of dough! Look for the flyer in Tuesday folders or just tell the Flippin' staff you are there for our fundraiser to have your purchase counted! Questions, email Marisa Chartier marisa.chartier@me.com.

Bus Delay Notification System

Beginning September 6 parents may access the system [here](#) or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

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!

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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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