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Important Upcoming Dates

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

December 7 (Wednesday) : Picture Make-Up Day, 9:30-12, Restaurant Night at Flipping Pizza, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

December 9 (Friday): 6th Grade Human Growth and Development Lessons begin.

December 12 (Monday): 5th Grade Human Growth and Development Lessons begin.

Deadlines

December 8 (Thursday): Opt-out form for 6th Grade Human Development.

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

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, 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.

Reminder: 5th Grade Human Growth and Development Lessons

The 5th 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 at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>

Reminder: 6th Grade Human Growth and Development Lessons

The 6th grade will begin teaching their five Human Growth and Development lessons on **Friday, December 9th, 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 8th. Additional opt-out forms can be picked-up in the main office or requested from your child's teacher, or accessed online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>

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/1N2BUPI>. 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.

Picture Make-Up Day

If a student was absent the day of the pictures, there are envelopes at the front office. If a student needs a picture re-taken, they should simply bring the original picture packet with them on the re-take day. Picture make up day is Wednesday, December, 7th from 9:30-12:00.

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.

Book Fair Thank You!

Thank you to all who came out to support Mantua's Library at our annual Book Fair! We'd like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make it a successful event: Bonnie Gantt, Eva Orłowski, Jenn Ros, Laura Close, Cindy Ruckno, Kahty Phillips, Terri Radziewski, Meredith Brimblecom, Vanessa Hall, Courtney Allen, Sarah Bogardus, Julie Lifland, Deepika Davidar, Amy Mireku, Lauren Brennan, Emily Dagon, Alka Arora, Susanne Fitch, Chrissy Boylan, Chanda McCarthy and Jennifer Rade. A big thank you to our coordinators this year: Julie Middleton, Sharon Schechtel, and Lori Prendergast! We wish to send out a special "Thank You" to all students and families who donated books to the book drive for [Twins Oak Elementary](#) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It was one of the

schools that sustained damage caused by the historic flooding in Louisiana. Mantua Elementary's students donated over \$960.00 worth of books to the school.

Box Tops Collection Contest

Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Collection Contest. We are halfway to our goal! The next Box Top contest deadline will be February 22, 2017. The classroom turning in the most Box Tops will win a pizza party! Pink Box Tops can be found on participating products like General Mills products, and more. Clip the Box Tops and attach them to the collection sheet (included in last week's Tuesday folder) or send them to school with your child in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's and teacher's name. Box Tops can be given to their teacher, or placed in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. Check out the Box Top website at www.btfe.com, and YOU could win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua! Questions, email Amber Reynolds aarmagost@hotmail.com.

Room Parents Still Needed!

We are still missing room parents in some classrooms and every class needs and deserves a room parent! If you are in one of these classes and willing to be the room parent please contact Julie Johnston the Volunteer Coordinator at jjvoproductions@gmail.com or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea82f4-schoolwide1> and sign yourself up under your teachers name, tabbed by grade. THANK YOU!

Yearbook Coordinators Needed!

Attention photography lovers! We still need lots of help with collecting yearbook photos! Many of the classrooms are missing a "yearbook coordinator" volunteer which means your student's classroom will not be equally represented. It's a simple job, just collect 10-15 photos as you can yourself or from parents in your classroom attending events and submit them to the yearbook coordinators. Questions email Julie Johnston the Volunteer Coordinator jjvoproductions@gmail.com or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea82f4-schoolwide1> and sign yourself up under your teachers name, tabbed by grade. THANK YOU!

WT Woodson Band Presents – Tunes For Tots

It's that wonderful time of year! The WT Woodson Band presents musical variety performances geared toward preschoolers and elementary school children, and the young-at-heart.

For this special time, the band is accompanied by seasonal and everyday, all-around favorite characters in costume. Clap and sing along with Frosty and many of his friends. Shows are held at WT Woodson HS, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax.

- Wednesday, November 30th at 10 a.m. (Main Gym)
- Wednesday, November 30th at 7 p.m. (Auditorium)
- Thursday, December 1st at 10 a.m. (Main Gym)

Admission is \$5.00. Questions, email Laura Damian at 703-764-5820 or holidaytunesfortots@gmail.com

Bus Delay Notification System

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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