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Important Upcoming Dates

September 14: Back to School Night, Grades 4-6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

September 14-23: Fall Enrichment Registration Begins.

September 14: Chat'n'Chew Book Club Registration Begins, Grades 3-6.

September 21: Back to School Night, Grades K-3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

September 19: Academic Competitions, Informational Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

September 5 - October 6: Basketball Registration (Early), Grades 3-6.

October 5: Deadline, CogAt Retesting Request, Grades 3-6.

October 20: Deadline, Mantua Elementary Directory Opt Out.

Fall Enrichment

Fall 2016 Enrichment is almost here! The Mantua PTA is excited to offer after school enrichment classes. An easy, safe, convenient way for your child to explore interests. Classes focus on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM, and sports. Registration for fall begins at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14 and ends at Noon on Wednesday, September 21. Late registration begins 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 21 and ends at Midnight Wednesday, September 23 for a \$40 fee. Program information and registration at: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com>. Questions, email [Heather Hill and Tara Kelly](#) at enrichment@mantuapta.org.

Join Drama Club

Do you have a 3rd-6th grader who loves to sing, act or just be on stage? Did your student see Snow Queen or Annie last year and say, "I HAVE TO DO THAT!"? Never fear! Drama Club

season is here! We are so excited to announce this year's fall musical: Peter Pan Jr and spring performance: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!!

- September 12: Mandatory parent information session, 7:00 p.m. in cafeteria
- September 13: Advance registration for 6th graders
- September 14: Open registration for 3rd-5th graders
- September 15-16: Auditions 6-9 pm
- September 17: Cast Announcements
- September 19: Fall Rehearsals Begin

For more information, join us on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/groups/Mantua Drama](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaDrama). Questions, email [Rebecca Kiessling](mailto:Rebecca.Kiessling).

Chat'n'Chew Book Club for Grades 3-6

The lunchtime book club welcomes students in grades 3-6 to meet from December-March once a month. Books are chosen by the librarian, and parent volunteers guide 6-8 students through a series of four 45min book discussions and activities. Questions, email [Amy Smith](mailto:Amy.Smith).

Academic Competitions Meeting

Please attend the informational meeting about Academic Competitions on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The meeting is for students who want to compete and parent/guardians volunteers that wish to staff the academic meets in the fall. Questions, email Vanessa Winter Hall, Academic Competitions Liaison mantuacompetitions@gmail.com.

Learn a World Language at Mantua via Global Plus (formerly FLEX)

The Mantua PTA offers extracurricular world language classes through FCPS's GLOBAL PLUS Language Program. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. Classes begin in October and continue for 10 weeks. The tuition cost is \$169 and includes materials and instruction. Registration is currently underway. Register early (before 9/23) to save \$10! (Use promo code GLOBAL10 for discount).

[GPO3110: Chinese Grades 1-3](#), Friday PM starting 10/14

[GPO5210: German Grades 4-6](#), Thursdays AM starting 10/13

[GPO7110: Spanish Grades 1-3](#), Thursdays AM starting 10/13

[GPO7210: Spanish Grades 4-6](#), Fridays PM starting 10/14

For additional information visit

<http://www.mantuapta.org/programs.html>. Questions, email
Susanne Fitch swunner@yahoo.com.

Mantua PTA Basketball

The league embraces students with a wide variety of skill levels and emphasizes teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship. Students in 3rd thru 6th grade are eligible to register. To register go to www.mantuabasketball.org

Questions, email Dan Lash

commissioner@mantuabasketball.org All information about the league is on the league website.

CogAt Retesting for Grades 3-6

All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools in grades 3-6 attending Mantua will be administered the CogAt test during the testing window of October 17th - 28th. If you are interested in retesting for possible acceptance to AAP Center, please contact Eva Bousbouras, at

Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu by **Wednesday, October 5th**.

Mantua Elementary Directory Opt Out

Please follow the directions below if you DO NOT want your contact information to appear in the Mantua PTA Student Directory. The information you provided to the school upon registration of your child(ren) will be used to create our directory. Deadline is **October 20, 2016**. Use this form <http://bit.ly/2c2u9IQ> to opt out. Questions, email Lisa Libby memberplanet@mantuapta.org.

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.

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: <http://bit.ly/2cPDrOA>

so we can add you to our distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address 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!

School-Wide Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in many areas outside of your child's classroom. You can give as little or as much time as you wish. Our volunteers make Mantua Elementary a very special school and all of our children benefit from any amount of time you can give! Sign up at www.MantuaPTA.org or contact Volunteer Coordinator [Julie Johnston](#).

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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