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Important Upcoming Dates

September 19 (Tuesday): Back-to-School Night, Grades K-3, **6:30-8:30 p.m.**

September 22 (Friday): Teacher training day, **School Closed.** Woodson feeder night. Last day to register for Chat n Chew.

September 26 (Tuesday): Take Home Reading Training, 9:30 a.m. Room 30. Last day to request CogAt retest from grades 3-6.

September 27 (Wednesday): Girl Scout Troop Formation & Information Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Back To School Night Schedule

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Grade	BTSN	Time Specialists
K	6:30-7:15 pm	
1	7:00-7:30 pm	7:00-7:30 pm (available to K & 2nd)
2	7:30-8:00 pm	7:30-8:00 pm (available to K, 1st & 3rd)
3 & 3 AAP	8:00-8:30 pm	

In addition to access to the classrooms, the teachers from Art, Music, PE, Italian, other specialists, and PTA representatives

will be available in the cafeteria from 7:00-8:00 pm to meet you and answer any specific questions.

Chat n Chew Registration closes Friday, September 22

If your child likes to read and discuss good books with their friends, the Chat 'n' Chew program is for them! Chat 'n' Chew is a book club for 3rd-6th graders that meets once per month (December through March) by grade level. Books are provided by the PTA and the students meet during lunch/recess in groups of approximately 6 kids, with a parent volunteer, to discuss the books. Cost is \$35 to register (with a \$10 discount for PTA members to be credited after registration).

Registration is through MemberPlanet

<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2017-18clubs>, ending on September 22. Questions, contact Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com.

Parents of Students in Grades 3-6

All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools that are attending Mantua will be administered the CogAt test during the testing window of October 10th-October 20th.

If you are interested in a one-time retest for possible acceptance to AAP Center, please contact Eva Bousbouras at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu by **Tuesday, September 26th**.

Box Top Contest

It's Box Top Contest time! Please turn in all Box Top collection sheets and/or baggies labeled with your teacher's name by **October 25**, to your teacher or the collection box in the front hallway. Classroom winner chooses pizza, popsicles or ice cream to celebrate!

Join Cub Scouts

Scouting is fun! Boys grades 1-5 are welcome to join their peers in Cub Scouts. Have fun camping, racing derby cars and learning life long skills. We will have a scouting table set up at both back to school nights and our first Pack Meeting will be

on **Thursday, September 21** at 7pm in the Mantua Cafeteria. Interested members can also contact Peter Huynh at 703-627-8665 or email drpeter@spinalhealthgroup.com.

Boy Scout Troop 1533 – Join Scouting Night

Where can you camp, build and sleep in your own shelter, kayak, rock climb, do high ropes courses, climb a mountain and more - all in one year? Boy Scouts!!! Mantua's very own Troop 1533, for boys 6th grade thru high school, is hosting a Join Scouting Night. Boys and parents are invited to join us on **Tuesday September 26** at 7:15 PM in the Mantua ES cafeteria to participate in a Troop meeting and learn about Scouting and Troop 1533. Questions, contact John Prette jprette@gmail.com.

Girl Scout Troop Formation & Information Meeting

Be Amazing -- Join Girl Scouts! Discover how your family can become a Girl Scout Family. Parents and guardians can learn about troop opportunities and newly forming troops for girls in grades K through 6 by attending Mantua ES Troop Formation & Information Night: **Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria**. For more information contact Susanne Fitch at swunner@yahoo.com?

Mantua PTA Basketball League: Registration Opens October 5

All third through sixth grade students are eligible to register for Mantua PTA Basketball at the **early-bird rate before October 5, 2017**. Late registration will begin October 6, 2017, and end October 11, 2017. NO registrations will be accepted after October 11, 2017. Mantua PTA's basketball league embraces all student athletes and encompasses a wide variety of skill levels and experience. The program emphasizes teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship. All eligible Mantua ES students are encouraged to register at www.mantuabasketball.org today. Contact Eric Fleming at commissioner@mantuabasketball.org if you have any

questions.

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 Jenn Ross at volunteering@mantuapta.org.

Raccoon Runners Fall 2017

Boys Raccoon Runners

Join us this fall for the Boys Raccoon Runners group. We meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 starting Oct. 4. This is an 8-week program focused on building strength both physically and mentally through the joy of running. The coaches incorporate strength training and stretching on non running days. After each work out we have a snack and discuss issues relevant to their peer group.

Registration closes on Sept. 27 or after 20

participants, whichever comes first. Registration is through the Mantua PTA website and is \$70. This covers the cost of two races, a t-shirt, and post run snacks. Registration at via [this form](#). For questions please

contact raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org.

<http://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/rrfall2017boys>

Girls Raccoon Runners

Join us this fall for the Girls Raccoon Runners group. We meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 starting Oct. 4. This is an 8-week program focused on building strength both physically and mentally through the joy of running. The coaches incorporate strength training and stretching on non running days. After each work out we have a snack and discuss issues relevant to their peer group.

Registration closes on Sept. 27 or after 35 participants, whichever comes first. Registration at

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2017-18clubs

For questions please contact raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org.

Global Plus World Language

Classes

Learn a World Language at Mantua through GLOBAL PLUS. The Mantua PTA offers extracurricular world language classes through FCPS's GLOBAL PLUS Language Program. The goal of the GLOBAL PLUS program is to offer high quality language classes to elementary students when they are at the optimal age for language acquisition. The GLOBAL PLUS curriculum delivers a strong focus on communication. This focus will provide children with skills to establish meaningful connections as they become GLOBAL citizens of our diverse yet interconnected world. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. Classes begin in October and continue for 20 weeks. The tuition cost is \$349 and includes materials and instruction. Registration is currently underway. Register early www.fcps.edu/academics/global-plus (before 9/29) to save \$20! (Use promo code GLOBAL20 for discount). Sibling discounts are also available. Call 703-658-1201.

- GP03220-0002: Chinese for Grades 4-6, Fridays after school starting on 10/20.
- GP05220-0002: German for Grades 4-6, Thursdays before school starting 10/19.
- GP07120-0002: Spanish for Grades 1-3, Thursdays before school starting 10/19.

Questions, contact Susanne Fitch, PTA Representative, at globalplus@mantuapta.org.

Take Home Reading Program – Training

New Date for Take Home Reading Training! The Take Home Reading program's parent training session will take place on **Tuesday, September 26th at 9:30 am in room 30**. Parents of kindergarteners and first-graders: What is Take Home Reading? THR is a program coordinated by our reading specialist with the teachers that provides an opportunity for every child to read a book one on one with an adult volunteer. Your child then borrows that book to bring home and show off their new skills! THR is a GREAT volunteer opportunity, as you'll get to know your child's classmates while you read with them individually. You can volunteer as much or as little as works for your schedule. Even if you have volunteered for the

program in the past, join us to refresh your memory and to meet Ms. Grice, Mantua's Reading Resource teacher. If you have any questions, please email Kristina Clarke at thr@mantuapta.org. RSVPs are appreciated to the same address.

Whole Foods 5% DAY Community Giving Program

FCCPTA has been selected to be the benefactor of the Whole Foods 5% Community Program on **Wednesday, September 20th** for six Northern Virginia stores. FCCPTA will earn 5% of all sales made in the stores that day. We are also holding a Fill the Bus Food Drive Shoppers can purchase identified non-perishable food items which will be included in packages and sent home with students in need of food assistance in Fairfax County Public Schools. FCCPTA is soliciting help from its local units in promoting and staffing the stores on this day.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/fundraisers/wholefoods.pdf>

Each local PTA that provides volunteers will receive up to \$500. Questions? Contact Sandy Glotfelty, President-elect, at president-elect@fccpta.org.

Transportation Changes Reminder!

Any changes to your student's afternoon transportation must be requested by 1:00 p.m. on the specified day. Fairfax County Public Schools requires the office to know of any changes to your student's transportation. Please communicate this via:

- Email MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu AND copy the classroom teacher.

OR

- Call the attendance line at **(703) 645-6363**.

Please include the following:

- date of the change
- student's name
- teacher
- what the change is

Example: Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2099.

Drama Camp at Fairfax High School 2017/2018

Fairfax High School will be holding a 1-Day Drama Camp on **November 7th from 9am to 3:30pm** for students in grades 1-8. Cost is \$50 (\$30 for FCPS employees). Our theme is COMIC-CON. Each age group will follow its own schedule of activities-such as acting, musical theater, props, costumes, and dance. Parents are invited to watch the campers perform what they've learned in the Auditorium at 3:00. On-line registration is available at www.fxplayers.org or complete the attached registration and emergency forms and mail with payment to FHS Theatre Boosters Club, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030. Hope to see you there!

Registration details [available on this form](#). Questions contact fhSDramacamp@gmail.com .

Subscribing and 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!

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.mantupta.org> and click either Amazon or eScrip before begging your shopping and these organizations will donate to our school.

Mason Game & Technology Academy

Hello! The George Mason University Computer Game Design Program's Mason Game & Technology Academy has programs for students grades 3-12 in Game Design, Programming, Minecraft Modding with Java, and more. Each Fall and Spring, we contact Fairfax County Schools in order to be part of their community distribution, and we have programs in the summer, fall, and spring. For more information visit <http://vsgi.gmu.edu/mgta/>

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 Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.
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- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at cbn@mantupta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at cbn@mantupta.org 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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