



# ALERT NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**October 2** (Monday): Enrichment classes begin.

**October 9** (Monday): SCHOOL CLOSED, HOLIDAY.

**October 11** (Wednesday): Parent Education Seminar, 7pm in Library.

**October 12** (Thursday): PTA Meeting, 7pm in Library.

## Run for Rocky 2017

Our Fall Fundraiser is right around the corner!

**Who:** All Mantua students

**What:** RUN FOR ROCKY Fun Run

**When:** Friday, October 27th

**Where:** Mantua Elementary

**Why:** The PTA's goal is to raise \$40,000 to help pay for important school programs such as.... Field Trips, Community Spirit Nights Technology, Software, Supplies for our Clubs Teacher Training, Educational Workshops MUCH, MUCH MORE!

**How:** Get friends and family to sponsor your run! PRIZES!!! GRAND PRIZE drawing for PlayStation 4, Echo Dot, iPad mini and more, a CLASS PARTY for top earners, individual prizes awarded at \$25 fundraising increments, and a few lucky Minions will even get to silly string our fearless school leaders!

**Mark your calendars:** 10/20 Kick Off Pep Rally 10/23

"FUN"-DRAISING Begins!!!! 10/23-10/27 Spirit Week 10/27  
FUN RUN! We need volunteers to help on race day. Please  
sign up to  
help! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a45ada62bab9-run4rocky>

## Custodian Appreciation Week Oct 2-6

Custodian Appreciation **Week Oct 2-6**. A huge thank you to our custodians who keep our school so beautiful and clean throughout the year. The Mantua PTA Appreciates you!

## Kiss and Ride Reminder

Parents please remember that the kiss and ride line is a **no cell phone area**. Please refrain from using your cell phones when you are picking up your children.

**Kiss and Ride in the afternoon begins at 4:00 p.m.**

please do not arrive early and block the bus access to the front of the school.

## Picture day is coming soon!

Fall picture day will be on **Monday, October 16th** in the Gym.

## Directory Opt-out deadline!

Please follow the instructions below if you **DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION** to be published 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. If you need to update that information, please contact Mergie in the front office at [mbkakouris@fcps.edu](mailto:mbkakouris@fcps.edu). If you do not wish for your information to be printed in our directory please see opt-out instructions below. **DEADLINE IS OCT 17, 2017** Link to opt-out form: <http://mp.gg/gvjx3> Or email to: [memberplanet@mantuapta.org](mailto:memberplanet@mantuapta.org) Please email Lisa Libby at [memberplanet@mantuapta.org](mailto:memberplanet@mantuapta.org) if you have any concerns or questions.

## Enrichment Classes Begin Monday, October 2nd

Enrichment classes begin **Monday, October 2nd**. If your child will be absent from class, please notify both the instructor and the front office at [MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu](mailto:MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu) by 1pm. Your child will receive a dismissal slip with a class reminder, but we ask that parents remind their child as well. Please see <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com/#/fall-2017> for class session dates and room location. Contact [enrichment@mantuapta.org](mailto:enrichment@mantuapta.org) with questions.

## Monthly PTA meeting – October

This month's PTA meeting will be rescheduled from Thursday, October 12th to **Thursday, October 19th**. The meeting will still be held in the Mantua library @ 7pm.

## 2017–18 Mantua PTA Wish Fund

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. Mantua Teachers, staff and PTA members are encouraged to submit ideas via the application process for projects that will benefit Mantua Elementary School. The Wish Fund will distribute up to a total of \$10,000 to worthwhile proposals. We look forward to all applications and appreciate your commitment to Mantua Elementary School and its students. Deadline for suggestions is Friday, **October 27 by 5pm**.

Visit the PTA website for more information:

<http://mantuapta.org/wishfund.html> Questions contact Julie Middleton and Kristina Clarke at [wishfund@mantuapta.org](mailto:wishfund@mantuapta.org)

## 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](http://www.MantuaPTA.org)  
or contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenn Ross  
at [volunteering@mantuapta.org](mailto:volunteering@mantuapta.org).

## Spirit Wear Sale

It's time to order your Mantua Spirit Wear! Support your PTA and show your school spirit with some amazing swag. Visit [www.mantuaspiritwear.com](http://www.mantuaspiritwear.com) for the full selection or keep an eye out for the flyer in your Tuesday folder. Orders placed between October 3-23 will receive FREE SHIPPING! Orders are shipped directly to your house in the order they are received, so don't wait. Place your order today! Questions please email [Kathy Timberlake](mailto:Kathy.Timberlake).

## Innovative Program Closes Gap Between Stormwater and Education

Mantua ES featured in Fairfax County Education Program! Innovative Program Closes Gap Between Stormwater and Education <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/news/program-closes-gap-between-stormwater-and-education.htm>

## Mantua PTA Basketball League: Registration is Now Open. Sign up Now!!

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](http://www.mantuabasketball.org) today. Contact Eric Fleming at [commissioner@mantuabasketball.org](mailto:commissioner@mantuabasketball.org) if you have any questions.

## 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!

## Woodson Holiday Happenings Craft Show

**Saturday, November 4, 2017 10 am - 4 pm**

Free admission, free parking and 100 vendors with unique handcrafted items for great gifts for yourself and others!

Come and take a look! Enjoy the day at what will someday be your student's high school!

## Tired of Yelling and Nagging?? -- Parent Education Seminar Oct 11

Join the PTA for our first Parent Education Seminar of the school year, **Wednesday, October 11 at 7 pm**

**in the Library.** Guest speaker Rachel Bailey will discuss How to Raise Responsible, Respectful Children Without Yelling or Nagging. No RSVP necessary, bring your friends! Questions? contact Kathy Phillips, [kathyphysics@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyphysics@hotmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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.

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

## 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 [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.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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