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Important Upcoming Dates

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

October 13 (Friday): PTA Fun Family Night, Multi-Card Event, 7pm in Cafeteria.

October 16 (Monday): **Picture Day.**

October 17 (Tuesday): Last day for Mantua Directory Opt-out.

October 18 (Wednesday): Last day to register for Mantua Basketball.

October 19 (Thursday): PTA Meeting, 7pm in Library.

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.

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>

PTA Family Fun Night– Multi–Card Event

The PTA Pokémon Night scheduled for **Friday, October 13th from 7:00pm-9:00pm** is now a Multi-Card Event. Bring your cards to trade or play with your friends in the Mantua Cafeteria. There is no fee to attend, however, children must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

The Art Department is in need of baby wipes!

If you can donate, either drop off at the **main office labeled "Art Department"** or have your student drop off at the **Art Room #254**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support, Mrs. Shirley and Mr. Lorenzi.

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. 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 Please email Lisa Libby at memberplanet@mantuapta.org if you have any concerns or 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>

2017 Paper Application:

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/programs/wishfund/2017/application.pdf>

2016 Summary:

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/programs/wishfund/2016/summary.pdf>

Questions contact Julie Middleton and Kristina Clarke at wishfund@mantuapta.org

A Few Words from the Mantua Librarian

In the next two weeks there are several exciting library related opportunities in our area!

On **Friday, October 13th**, author Anthony Horowitz will be at the Spy Museum will be speaking about his new book in the Alex Rider series. He will be there on the museum's "Spooky Spy Family Night." Visit <https://www.spymuseum.org/> for more information.

On **Tuesday, October 17th**, author Stuart Gibbs, author of the popular Spy School series, will be at the Barnes and Noble in Tyson's Corner promoting his new book. It begins at 6:00 PM. <https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2238>

On **Wednesday, October 18th**, author Chris Grabenstein, author Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, will be at the Barnes and Noble in Fairfax promoting his new book Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race. This event begins at 6:30. <https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2937>

Follow the Mantua Library on Twitter! @MantuaLibrary

Eco-Tip

- Mantua is an Eco-school! We earned our Bronze award last school year and are working towards our Silver. We need the participation of all students and families to make this a success. If you are interested in helping out with either the recycling, garden or food sharing program, send an email to dyanbronson@gmail.com Any amount of time is

appreciated!

- Big News - we have a NEW REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE STATION by the cafeteria. Please encourage your child to bring in their own water bottle daily and refill as needed. We're aiming for no plastic water bottles in the classrooms this year - they require a lot of fossil fuels to make and transport. Tons of plastic waste are dumped in landfills and oceans, break down and release toxic chemicals and particles. Make a family pledge to not use plastic water bottles for the school year!

We Need You! Mantua Volunteers

Volunteers help make Mantua the amazing school it is. Please click [here](#) to see how you can help! Be sure to click on the tabs at the top for different grade levels. We have opportunities in the classrooms and school-wide. Questions, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenn Ros at volunteering@mantuapta.org.

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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 for the full selection see [the flyer](#). 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 Extended!!

Mantua PTA Basketball League Registration Extended until **Wednesday, October 18**. Sign up Now!! Due to a misprint in the Action Alert News, Registration will remain open until October 18, 2017. All third through sixth grade students are eligible to register and play in the Mantua PTA Basketball league. NO registrations will be accepted after October 18, 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. No prior experience required. The boys and girls love playing with their classmates and friends.

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!

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.

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 beginning 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!

- 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@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at 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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