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Important Upcoming Dates

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.

October 20 (Friday): Run for Rocky Kick-off.

October 24 (Tuesday): Deadline for Submissions to PTA Reflections Contest.

October 25 (Wednesday): Last day to turn in box tops.

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Run for Rocky 2017

Run for Rocky Kicks off THIS Friday!! This is our LARGEST Fundraiser of the year, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make it a success!! Our goal is \$40,000, and we want to raise this promoting health, and building community spirit! 100% of the funds raised benefit OUR SCHOOL!!

How to do it: Fill out the [sponsor sheet](#) & include cash or check made payable to Mantua PTA. Return completed form to your teacher. You can also visit Mantua PTA website at www.mantuapta.org OR [donate directly online through Member Planet](#).

These PRIZES are definitely NOT DESPICABLE!

PlayStation 4 (Sponsored by Dr. Brenda Young)
Echo Dot (Sponsored by Merrifield Orthodontics),
iPad mini (Sponsored by Annie & Sarah Harrington)

Grand Prize winners, a CLASS PARTY for top earners, individual prizes awarded at \$25 fundraising increments. Two lucky teachers will also win a \$150 gift card (Sponsored by Judd/Mack Properties)!

For every \$100 you raise, your name will be entered for a chance to win one of these grand prizes! Raffles will take place on Good Morning Mantua. **Friday, October 20th is our PEP RALLY!!!!

SPIRIT WEEK starts October 23rd

Monday 10/23 Racing Stripes – Wear your favorite stripes.
Tuesday 10/24 Scarf Day - Be like Gru, wear a scarf to school.
Wednesday 10/25 Wacky Sock Day – Dress a bit wacky with silly socks.
Thursday 10/26 Yellow Day – Join the Minion pack and wear yellow.
Friday 10/27 FUN RUN Friday!

Each student will get their very own Run for Rocky t-shirt to wear before they run. Minion Run Times: 3rd-4th : 9:30-10:30
K-2 : 10:30-11:30 5th-6th: 11:30-12:30
<https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/runforrocky2017>

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 4:05 p.m. please do not arrive early and block the bus access to the front of the school.

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.

Mantua PTA Reflections Program/Contest

What is it? -- PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the 2017-2018 theme: Within Reach

Students may choose one or all of the available arts categories:

Dance Choreography

Film Production

Literature

Music Composition

Photography

Visual Arts

[Flier](#)

When is the Deadline for submitting entries at Mantua Elementary? – **Deadline Extended to Tuesday, October 24, 2017.** The first place winners for each category at Mantua will move on to the county level.

What are the Instructions? – See

<http://www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections>

Where are the Entry Forms? – See

<http://www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections>

Questions, please contact Karen Cheng at

reflectionsmantua@gmail.com

Mantua PTA Reflections Program is Seeking Volunteers!

The Mantua Reflections Team is looking for several additional volunteers to help pull off another great Reflections year at Mantua. We have split up jobs into smaller positions so that no one person will be overwhelmed. We are looking to fill the following 4 positions. We will email position descriptions upon request.

1. Publicist
2. Entry Collection Coordinator
3. Judging Coordinator
4. Prize Manager

If you are available, please email reflectionsmantua@gmail.com or call Karen at 571-384-3826 or Dorothy at 703-627-1206.

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@feps.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

Wish Fund Committee

Don't have an idea for a Wish Fund grant but interested in the program? We are seeking volunteers to form a committee to review applications and make recommendations to the PTA General Membership. If you are interested, email Kristina Clarke and Julie Middleton 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 **Tuesday, October 17th**, 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 pm. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Following the discussion, Mr. Gibbs will be signing copies of his book for customers who have purchased copies from Barnes & Noble; wristbands for signing will be distributed at **5pm on October 17th** near the event space. <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. This event is free, but a book and wristband are required to enter the signing line. Wristbands will be given out from the Barnes and Noble music department at 5:30pm. Please note seating is very limited <https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2937>

Follow the Mantua Library on Twitter! @MantuaLibrary

Eco-Tip

When planning your upcoming class party, please consider the following, this will help protect the environment and save

some \$'s along the way

- Ask kids to bring their own reusable water bottles. Mantua now has its own refillable water station to use.
- Stick to finger foods! Cut up fruit, chips, crackers and cheese. Avoid using plastic utensils which will never degrade in landfills. For something sweet, consider mini-cupcakes, popsicles or cookies.
- Don't use styrofoam products, which contain styrene which can cause adverse health effects.
- If you need plates, buy small compostable and biodegradable ones. You can find them on Amazon, and also earn \$'s for the school.
- For activities, consider an outdoor event or using recyclable materials for craft projects. Forgo plastic tablecloths and decorations, the kids will have fun either way! Minimize the amount of trash produced - it will make set-up and clean-up afterwards much easier!

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 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 Registration Ends Friday!

Mantua PTA Basketball League Registration Ends this week on 10/20/17. Sign up Now!! Mantua Basketball Families, Due to a misprint in the Action News, Registration will remain open until October 20, 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 20, 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.

Mantua PTA Basketball Evaluations are Next Weekend!

Mandatory Evaluations will be **October 21 and 22, 2017** in the Gym! The league will be holding evaluations for each of the four divisions as outlined below. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time to check-in. Players should be wearing shorts, a tee shirt, and court shoes. No jewelry of any kind should be worn.

Player Evaluation Schedule is as follows:

- 3rd and 4th Grade Girls: 10/21/17, 2:30-4 pm (make-up on 10/23/17 8-9:00pm)
- 3rd and 4th Grade Boys: 10/21/17, 1-2:30 pm (make-up on 10/23/17 7-8pm)
- 5th and 6th Grade Girls: 10/22/17, 1-2:30 pm (make-up on 10/25/17 7-8pm)
- 5th and 6th Grade Boys: 10/22/17, 2:30-4 pm (make-up on 10/25/17 8-9pm)

Every child who registers is placed on a team, but evaluations are mandatory so please plan to attend. The evaluations are

important to be sure the teams are as fair as possible so the league requires all the children to be evaluated. Thank you, Mantua Basketball.

Box Top Contest

The Box Top Contest deadline is almost here! You still have time to help win a celebration for your classroom. Clip Box Tops and place them in a zip lock baggie labeled with your teacher's name by **October 25**.

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!

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 كفافلة 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.
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요(cbn@mantuapta.org.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Lisa Libby.
- 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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