



# ALERT NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

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

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

**October 27** (Friday): Run For Rocky, school fundraiser. Last day to submit for Wish Fund.

**November 3** (Friday): Two Hour Early Release.

### SPIRIT WEEK starts October 23rd

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!**

## Run for Rocky 2017

Let's raise that money! Help us get to \$40,000! We still need Volunteers! Sign up to help out with the RUN at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a45ada62bab9-run4rocky>

Spirit Week Continues.... Wednesday, Wacky Sock Day Dress a bit wacky with silly socks. Thursday, Yellow Day Join the Minion Pack, and wear yellow. **FRIDAY** – Run for Rocky Shirts!

Each student will be getting a Run for Rocky T-shirt, designed by our very own students. Support your Minion as they RUN!!!

- 3rd-4th Grade Minions 9:30-10:30
- K-2 Grade Minions 10:30-11:30
- 5th-6th Grade Minions 11:30-12:30

\*Let's Go Green! Please have your child bring a reusable water bottle for the run. We can do it! Fill out those sponsor forms, include cash or check (made out to Mantua PTA), or donate online through the [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org) or go to Member Planet. Great Prizes starting THIS week!! \*For every \$100 you raise, your name will be entered for a chance to win one of these Grand Prizes! All raffles will take place on Good Morning Mantua!

PlayStation 4 (sponsored Fairfax Dental Group), Echo Dot, and Razor Electric Scooter (sponsored by Merrifield Orthodontics), and an iPad mini (sponsored by Annie & Sarah Harrington). There will also be raffles for Five and Below Gift Cards, and for every \$25 you raise, you get get a Thank you Prize while supplies last!

The class who raises the MOST money will win a PIZZA, and POPSICLE Party!!

<https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/runforrocky2017>

## 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**.

## 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>

4. Where are the Entry Forms? – See  
<http://www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections>

Questions, please contact Karen Cheng at  
[reflectionsmantua@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:reflectionsmantua@gmail.com) or call Karen at 571-384-3826 or Dorothy at 703-627-1206.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wishfund@mantuapta.org)

## 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 [dyanebronson@gmail.com](mailto:dyanebronson@gmail.com) Any amount of time is appreciated!
- Exhaust from idling cars contributes to global warming, exacerbates asthma, wastes gas and costs money. It's especially harmful near schools, as kids are

more vulnerable to the health effects of air pollution. What you can do: Shut off the engine when you'll be stopped for more than 10 seconds. Easy! Next time you are waiting at the Mantua Kiss and Ride -- or anywhere else -- turn off your car and make a difference!

## Funds2Orgs Fundraiser – Fundraiser for Woodson Senior Class

We know everyone hates the little fundraisers here and there, so this year we are COLLECTING SHOES (7500 pairs to be exact) to be donated to Funds2Orgs in hopes of raising \$3000. We will be collecting gently worn, used and new shoes from August - November 20. This footwear provides an incredible economic boost by supporting micro enterprises in developing Nations like Haiti, Columbia, India and Tanzania. It is a win-win-win for the Cav Cruise, people in developing nations and YOU!! You get to empty out your closets, the Cav Cruise gets up to \$3000 and Funds2Orgs gets an amazing amount of shoes to help their cause! Please contact Robert Silkowitz at [Robert.Silkowitz@vertivco.com](mailto:Robert.Silkowitz@vertivco.com) or drop them in the bin in the front lobby of the school.

## 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](mailto:volunteering@mantuapta.org).

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## Fall Garden Wrap-up: Can you deliver leaf mulch for the Eco Teams and help us get the gardens ready for winter?

Hello GREEN MANTUA! The student-led Eco Teams are

looking for assistance with getting our gardens ready for winter. We are looking for a volunteer or two to pick up leaf mulch, either bagged or loose, which will be purchased with our Eco Teams funds. (Better yet, if you know of a free source of leaf mulch, please let us know.) If you would also like to join us as we spread the mulch during recess, the help and guidance are always appreciated. Thank you! Ms. Sullivan, 5th Grade Teacher, Eco Teams [Sponsormasullivan@fcps.edu](mailto:Sponsormasullivan@fcps.edu)

## 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).

## 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!

## 2018 Mantua SPELLING BEE

Calling Grade 4 to 6 STUDENTS! Mantua PTA Invites you to the Mantua SPELLING BEE (Gr. 4 - Gr.6) Friday, February 23, 2018 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Mantua Cafeteria The Mantua champion will participate in the Fairfax County Spelling Bee on March 18, 2018. A Bee Basics Info Session will be given at 5:30 pm before the Bee.

**STUDENTS MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE  
HOW TO REGISTER**

- STEP 1: Send a mail to [mantua.bee@gmail.com](mailto:mantua.bee@gmail.com)
- STEP 2: Email your completed registration form to [mantua.bee@gmail.com](mailto:mantua.bee@gmail.com) or drop the form on the

address mentioned in the email.

Official word lists and bee rules will be sent with confirmation of registration. Word lists are copyrighted by Scripps and cannot be posted online. **REGISTRATION CLOSES, November 30** Late registrations cannot be accepted Need more information? Questions, Susheela Ganesan : [mantua.bee@gmail.com](mailto:mantua.bee@gmail.com) (917) 940-3831

## 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 على هذا الإيميل كفالة على [bkafala@gmail.com](mailto:bkafala@gmail.com). If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email [bkafala@gmail.com](mailto:bkafala@gmail.com).
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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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