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Important Upcoming Dates

December 21 (Friday): Full School Day before Winter Break begins.

December 24 to January 4 (Monday through Friday): Winter Break

January 7 (Monday): 1st Day Back at School in 2019.

January 11 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30-10:30am, Cafeteria.

New Attendance email!

Please use MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu to report any attendance changes.

Sing-A-Long Chorus Helpers Needed

The music department needs a few helpers for the sing-a-long this Friday and volunteers will get a great seat in return! The music teachers will be busy performing and conducting and need two helpers per performance to make sure the beautiful voices are behaving well. This may require you to rearrange students on the risers to ensure a successful performance.

Contact Jenn Ros with questions: volunteering@mantuapta.org

Advanced Academics Level IV Referral Form for Grades 2-6 due

Thursday, January 10th by 4:30pm (hard copies only).

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of gifted services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school/district committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is **Thursday, January 10th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office by 4:30pm (hard copies only). More information and a link to the referral form is located at <https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement>. If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras (vsbousbouras@fcps.edu), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

Spirit Week

Monday, Dec. 17	Twin Day!
Tuesday, Dec. 18	Scarf Day!
Wednesday, Dec. 19	Wacky Wednesday!
Thursday, Dec. 20	Time Travel Day!
Friday, Dec. 21	PJ and Stuffed Animal Day!

Twin Day: Wear the same clothes as one of your friends.

Scarf Day: Wear a scarf to school.

Wacky Wednesday: Wear wacky clothes to school.

Time Travel Day: Dress up as what you think you would look like in the future or past.

PJ and Stuffed Animal Day: Wear your pajamas to school, and bring a stuffed animal.

New Scouts BSA Girls' Troop Forming at Mantua!

The Mantua PTA is charting one of the first Girls' Troops under the Boy Scouts of America programming that is now welcoming families to participate in scouting together. Our Troop 1533 Girls' Troop will officially start on February 1,

2019 and it's time to sign up to be a part of this exciting program. If you have a daughter in Grades 5-12 that wants to camp, participate in other outdoor and STEM activities, grow in citizenship and leadership skills, earn merit badges, and progress towards the Eagle Scout rank, this is the group for her! There will be another informational meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 in the Mantua Cafeteria at 7:30 pm to sign up. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Bob Phillips, girltroop1533@gmail.com

Pre-order Your Yearbook!!!

We are partnering with Scherling for our yearbook this year. Yearbooks are just \$25!

Order yours today! www.virginia.preorderphotos.com

click the link then enter the code: **T79YW4. Add Yearbook to cart. Choose background A then add to cart again. Click next and follow the rest of the instructions!!**

Yearbook Photo Submissions Open to All

We are working with a new vendor this year. They have provided an area for us to allow anyone to upload images (families, volunteers, etc.). The link below has the links for drop boxes for each homeroom and for special events. Once you are in the drop box area, there is an "Add images" to the far right. You click on that and then go to the area where the images are. We will be adding more drop boxes as they happen, such as for spirit week next week. Please share the link I am posting here with your parents. Everyone will be able to upload, but not delete images.

We prefer images that have medium (not low) quality/resolution (the medium selection from a smartphone). We also prefer images that are not using bunny ears (fingers over someone's head), have more than one student in the photos and that the people in the image are facing us, not where we have the back of their heads. Feel free to request an event drop box if one isn't there and I'll add it or email me if you have questions.

Summary on photo preferences

1. Medium resolution/quality or higher
2. Includes more than one student
3. Students are NOT using bunny ears, sticking out their tongues or using crazy faces their parents might not like printed
4. We see the majority of people's faces and not the back of their heads
5. It isn't blurry Thanks everyone.

Link: [TinyURL.com/y77h2n2y](https://tinyurl.com/y77h2n2y)

CWES January Scholastic Chess Tournament

Saturday, January 26, 2019

This is a Rated Tournament. Membership in USCF is required.

If not a member, use this link for membership options:

<https://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/member.php>

Pre-Registration Fee (Register by Tuesday, January 22):
\$20.00

On-Site Registration Fee (Day of Tournament): \$30.00

To register online go

here <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/10602.tla>

Any questions, please contact us at cweschessclub@gmail.com

Why Support the Mantua PTA?

Click below to see where our money was spent last year and what we have in store for this year!

<https://tinyurl.com/ya3ahgxj>

Consider joining the Mantua PTA! **Cost is only \$15 per family** (tax deductible).

[Visit the registration website for more information.](#)

2019–20 School Year Calendar Announced

In case you missed the announcement over the summer, the

School Board adopted the calendar for the 2019-20 school year. The first day of school will be **Monday, August 26, 2019**, and the last day will be **Friday, June 12, 2020**. Notable dates include a three-day break for Thanksgiving (November 27-29, 2019) a two-week winter break (December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020) and a one-week spring break (April 6-10, 2020). [See the complete 2019-20 school year calendar.](#)

<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/19-20-standard-school-year-calendar.pdf>

Holiday shopping online?

You can help raise money for our school when you shop at AMAZON! No special sign-ups or codes – just use a different link to get to Amazon that is on the [Mantua PTA website](#), click, shop and a percentage of your purchase will be credited to our school!

- Start at mantuapta.org.
- Click on the Mantua PTA.org Amazon icon in upper right corner, THEN add items to your cart and make the purchase within 24 hours.
- Amazon Smile is another way to donate to Mantua, BUT we get a bigger donation for the same purchase through the Amazon link on the Mantua PTA website.

Reminder About Early Dismissals

As shared in the first day folders, children will not be called out of class for early dismissal after 3:40pm and cannot be released to anyone other than a parent unless that person is on the emergency care card. The exception to the emergency care card requirement would be a release authorized by the parent through an email to MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu received prior to 1pm that day.

For “play dates” notes from parents of both the visitor and the host will be required for students planning to go home with a friend or neighbor after school. Students without corresponding notes will follow their typical dismissal plan.

There is a new direct email link on the Mantua ES Website for reporting dismissals and absences to <https://mantuaes.fcps.edu/attendance-form>

New this year: Looking to buy a Chromebook?

New this year! Looking to buy a Chromebook? Dell will donate 5% of your purchase to Mantua Elementary, plus free shipping and price match guarantee! Just use this special link: www.dell.com/MantuaPTA

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/passive/dell.pdf>

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 the Amazon link before beginning your shopping and Amazon will donate to our school. The link is located in the upper right corner of PTA website and also further down under "passive fundraising".

Link Your Grocery Loyalty to Raise Money for the School

You can easily help our school by linking your grocery loyalty cards from Harris Teeter and Giant. Based on your purchases those merchants then send checks to the school. WOW! Please see flyer for details.

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/passive/grocery.pdf>

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 للإيميل: cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email cbn@mantuapta.org.
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: cbn@mantuapta.org или cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktor 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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