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Important Upcoming Dates

January 18 (Friday): 3 Hour Early Release, school ends at 1:05pm..Ninja Warrior Night PTA Fundraiser, 6:30pm, Incourage Martial Arts.

January 21 (Monday): No School, MLK Holiday.

January 25 (Friday): No School, Student Holiday.

February 4 (Monday): No School, Student Holiday.

New Delivery System for Mantua School and PTA News



The Alert News will be transitioning over to a new delivery system over the next four weeks and will be newly coined Mantua PTA News.

During this time you may be receiving two newsletters. January 29th will be the last issue of the Alert News, so if you do not receive an email with the above header, please follow the steps below to subscribe to the Mantua PTA News.

Subscribing to Mantua PTA News

- From the FCPS.edu main website, scroll down to the bottom on the page where it says, “Stay updated with what’s happening at FCPS with News You Choose – Sign Up Now”, click Sign Up Now
- Enter your Email address and click SUBMIT
- Agree to the Privacy Agreement and click SUBMIT
- On the Subscription Topics page you need to scroll all the way down to Mantua ES and select both News and announcements & Mantua ES PTA and click SUBMIT
- You will see a confirmation page that your subscription has been updated and you will also receive an email from FCPS News You Choose

New Attendance email and Form!

Please use [_MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu](mailto:MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu) to report any attendance changes.

Submitting a student absence has never been easier thanks to the new online attendance form!

- With the new website comes a new attendance form that allows parents/guardians to submit absences online. [Submit an absence using the online attendance form.](#)

National Geographic GeoBee

As a reminder, the Mantua GeoBee will take place on Thursday, January 17th after school. Ms. Cajati will be sponsoring the tournament for any 4th, 5th or 6th grader interested. There will be a \$12 fee to participate. If you have not already indicated interest, please let Ms. Cajati know, or email Megan Burski Wells at burskiwells@yahoo.com.

Ninja Warrior Night PTA Fundraiser

Parents, enjoy some well-deserved downtime while your child gets exercise, meets new friends, and has a great time. Kids will have plenty of fun with organized games and a pizza dinner. Ninja obstacle courses, board breaking and dodgeball are just a few of the fun activities they will be running.

- Appropriate for ages 5 through 12.
- When: **January 18, Friday**, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Drop off time: 6:30pm-6:45pm
- Pick up time: 8:15pm-8:30pm
- Cost: \$15/child
- Location: In courage Martial Arts 3013 Nutley St SW, Fairfax, VA 22031 (next to Safeway in Pan Am Shopping Center)

Please register by clicking on the link below and type "Mantua Elementary" as your child's school so the proceeds can go to our school.

https://www.incouragemartialarts.com/pan_am

The best part is 100% of the proceeds go to our school.

Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety

On **Thursday, January 24th** at 7:00 p.m. (snow date: Tuesday, January 29th) in the Woodson Auditorium, join us for a free screening of ANGST, a film about anxiety, truth & hope. This documentary is for all parents of students in grades K-12 and students over the age of 13. Anxiety disorders are the most common mental health challenge in the U.S., impacting 54% of females and 46% of males, with age seven being the median age of onset, according to the World Health Organization. While anxiety disorders are highly treatable, only one-third of those suffering receive treatment. Everyone involved in the

development of "Angst" has a personal experience with anxiety - from the producers to the interviewees. Representatives will be available after the screening to provide resources to support families. For more information about this event, please contact Woodson Director of Student Services, Beth Lash at blash@fcps.edu.

Box Top Collection Drive

Happy New Year! Our fall collection drive raised over \$1,000 for the school so we

are well on our way towards our \$2,000 goal for this year. Keep clipping Mantua!

Together, you and your child can:

1. Clip the pink Box Tops from participating products
2. Collect pink Box Tops into bags or attach to this collection sheet
3. Label each bag/sheet with the name of your child's teacher
4. Deliver the labeled bag/sheet to your child's teacher, or to the collection box outside of the office.

****The class turning in the most Box Tops will earn a reward!****

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/boxtops/springinfo.pdf>

Annandale Lacrosse Registration

2019 Spring Registration OPEN! It is time to register for the Annandale Youth Lacrosse 2019 season! This spring we will be fielding teams for boys and girls in Kindergarten - 8th grade. Clinics will start the end of January with field practices beginning in March. Teams typically practice 2 times a week with boys games on Saturdays and girls games on Sundays. Register today! <http://annandalelacrosse.org/Registration/Default.asp?n=29491&org=ANNANDALELACROSSE.ORG>

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

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: <http://TinyURL.com/y77h2n2y>

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!!**

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>

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>

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>

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>

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: 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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