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Important Upcoming Dates

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

January 29 (Tuesday): Last edition of this format of Alert News, be sure to register for the new system!

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

New Delivery System for Mantua School and PTA News!

Over the next two weeks we will publish both the PTA Alert News and the Mantua PTA News. **January 29th we will STOP publishing this edition** of the news and be moving over to the News You Chose system.

Go **NOW** to sign up for the Mantua PTA News by following these instructions:

- 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

PTA Reflections Contest County-level Winners

Hot off the press -- County Reflections art contest winners have been announced! Congratulations to the winners and good luck at the District Level competition! The Reflections Committee is cheering for you all!

1. Ava Neuhauser, MS level, Dance, "Need A Hero"
2. Abigail Stern, Primary level, Lit, "When I think like a Hero"
3. Genevieve Cheng, Primary level, Film, "Guinea Pigs are Heroes"
4. Genevieve Cheng, Primary level, Dance, "Superhero"

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.

Join Scouts BSA Night (for boys and girls) – Tuesday, January 29

Join Scouts BSA Night (for boys and girls) – **Tuesday, January 29** Join Troop 1533 at the Mantua Elementary Cafeteria for “Join Scouting Night” on January 29 from 7:30

to 8:30 pm. This event is for both boys and girls interested in participating in Scouts BSA. The program is open to those in grades 5–12 (ages 11–18). This is an opportunity for boys to learn about the current troop and for girls to learn about the Scouting BSA Girls' Troop forming at Mantua in February. The Scouts BSA program is for boys and girls in Grades 5-12 that want 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! Troop 1533 offers an active program of adventure and leadership skills. The troop offers monthly camping trips and chances to learn new skills. Annual activities include: • Camping • Cooking • High Ropes and Zip-lining • SCUBA • Cycling • STEM • Outdoor Adventure Come for a fun evening to learn about Troop 1533 and the Scouts BSA program! Contacts: John Hall (New Families Coordinator for Troop 1533) – halljohnm@yahoo.com Rich Harrington (Scoutmaster for Troop 1533 Boys' Troop) - rhedpixel@gmail.com Bob Phillips (Scoutmaster for Troop 1533 Girls' Troop) - girltroop1533@gmail.com

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/dtf/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>

New Attendance email!

Please use 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. <https://mantuaes.fcps.edu/attendance-form>

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)

Phantom Tollbooth at George Mason University's Center for the Arts

George Mason University's Center for the Arts present Phantom Tollbooth on January 27 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/the-phantom-tollbooth>.

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.](#)

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 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 좌승관씨에

계 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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