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# MANTUA PTA NEWS

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**Important Upcoming Dates**

**February 7 (Thursday):** PTA Meeting, 7-8pm, Cafeteria.

**February 8 (Friday):** PTA Family Fun Night, Valentine's Day Dance, 7-9pm, cafeteria.

**February 18 (Monday):** No School, Presidents' Day.

**February 22 (Friday):** PTA Family Fun Night, Movie Night, 7-9pm, cafeteria.

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## Spring Enrichment Registration is Here!

Spring Enrichment registration is here and ends Tuesday, February 12th at midnight. There will be one day of late registration on Wednesday, February 13th 8AM-6PM for a \$40 fee. For our schedule of Spring classes and registration details click here: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com/#/spring-2019> More questions? Email Heather Hill and Tara Kelly at [enrichment@mantuapta.org](mailto:enrichment@mantuapta.org).

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## Raccoon Runners Registration

Spring Raccoon Runner registration is here! Registration begins now and closes on February 12 (or when the 50 participant capacity is reached - whichever comes first). Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for third through sixth graders that focuses on building strength both physically and mentally through the joy of exercise. The club meets from 8-9am on Wednesday and Friday mornings between March 13 - May 17. At the program's conclusion, participants have the option to run in the Mantua Raccoon Run 5k! Email [raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org](mailto:raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org) for more information or sign up HERE NOW!

[www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/rrspring](http://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/rrspring)

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## PTA Family Fun Night Valentine's Day Dance

Bring your dancing shoes, family and friends to Mantua's annual Valentine's Day Dance, **Friday, February 8, 2019 7:00 to 9:00 PM Mantua Cafeteria**. We'll have a DJ, along with food and drinks for sale through the Mantua PTA. Please join us for a wonderful evening of dancing and music. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Jonah Troth at [jrtroth@gmail.com](mailto:jrtroth@gmail.com) with any questions.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/family-fun-nights/valentines-day.pdf>

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## Lost and Found

All items left in the Lost and Found at the end of the 3rd quarter will be donated charity. If your student is missing a lunch box, water bottle, coat, sweater or any other article, please find time to check the lost and found before it is donated on 2/4/19. All items brought to school should be labeled with at least the student's last name, including coats, lunch boxes, instruments and water bottles.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hinton in the front office.

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## Box Top Collection Drive

Box Tops Contest Keep clipping those Box Tops, Mantua! Our next collection drive is underway. Please turn in all Box Top collection sheets and baggies labeled with your teacher's name by **February 22nd** to your teacher or the collection box in the lobby. The class that submits the most box tops gets their choice of a pizza, popsicle or ice cream party to celebrate! <http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/boxtops/springinfo.pdf>

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## PTA Family Fun Night Movie Night

Ready for a movie??!! Please join us for our annual Movie Night at Mantua, we'll be showing the Incredibles 2 for your enjoyment, **Friday, February 22, 2019 7:00 to 9:00 PM Mantua Cafeteria**. The Mantua PTA will be selling snacks during the movie for those that get the munchies. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Jonah Troth at [jrtroth@gmail.com](mailto:jrtroth@gmail.com) with any questions.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/family-fun-nights/movie.pdf>

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## School Spirit Display Volunteers Needed

You know how much everyone enjoys Tom Turkey and Frosty the Snowman in the lobby? We need your help to keep that tradition going! The position of School Spirit Display is open and waiting for you to step in and run with it! Best of all, the current display coordinator can help you get started! Please contact Jenn Ros at [volunteering@mantuapta.org](mailto:volunteering@mantuapta.org) if you can help! Grab a friend and

have some fun for all to enjoy!

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## **GMU Men and Women's Basketball Tickets**

GMU VS. Duquesne When: Saturday, February 23rd 4pm Where: Eagle Bank Arena Price: \$13.00 a ticket (special Mantua price)

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/geninfo/mason-mens-game.pdf>

GMU VS. LAS (LaSalle University) When: Sunday, February 17th 2pm Where: Eagle Bank Arena Price: \$3.00 a ticket (special Mantua price)

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/geninfo/mason-womens-game.pdf>

Questions contact [kjbruining@frcps.edu](mailto:kjbruining@frcps.edu)

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## **Talent Show 2019**

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2019 Mantua Talent Show! Do you play an instrument, sing, or dance? Do you like to perform magic? Do you want to demonstrate your martial arts prowess? Then, why not participate in this year's show? Just head to:

<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2019talentshow> to complete an audition form and get all the info.

Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Audition Forms Due: Friday, February 22nd
- Video and Music Due: Friday, March 1st
- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: Friday, March 22nd, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Talent Show in the Gym: Saturday, March 23rd, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

If you have a child in the show, at least one parent needs to volunteer to help. There is a link on the confirmation email after you sign up your child.

To volunteer sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E45AEA82F4-mantua9>

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## **Second Quarter Issue of *THE BANDIT* has Been Released!**

Please inquire your child's homeroom teacher to share the files of the 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarter's digital student newspaper, *The Bandit!* Articles include current events, opinions, recipes, and literature reviews!

We really hope you enjoy reading it – all the contributors worked really hard on it!

Thank you all very much!

Ms. Dunfee, Ms. Roberts, Mrs. Hong, and #TheBanditSquad

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## Bus Driver Employment Opportunities

Step on Board to an FCPS School Bus Driver Career! Fairfax County Public Schools invites qualified individuals to join our transportation team.

This is a great opportunity for stay-at-home parents to earn income with search Bus Driver benefits (and bring your preschooler to work with you!). Retirees, college students and career-switchers are also encouraged to apply.

<https://www.fcps.edu/careers/career-opportunities/bus-driver-employment-opportunities>

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## PTA Family Fun Night Lego Night

Are you a Master Builder? Bring your Legos to Mantua's annual Lego Night, **Friday, March 1, 2019 7:00 to 9:00 PM Mantua Cafeteria**. Bring new builds or your collection of pieces and build something cool with your friends. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Jonah Troth at [jrtroth@gmail.com](mailto:jrtroth@gmail.com) with any questions.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/family-fun-nights/lego.pdf>

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## Toothbrush Collection for Dental Hygiene Project

Hello! My name is Emma Bazemore and on February 7th I will be traveling to Guatemala on a mission trip in order to help the indigenous people who have little to nothing to live on with their overall health. As a part of the mission trip, I will be helping with my project, C.A.R.I.N.G, which stands for Cavity Awareness in Rural Indigenous Northern Guatemala. I will be collecting toothbrushes, coloring papers and supplies, and floss to bring with me which will be given out to the people there.

Collection bins will be set-up around the school please provide toothbrushes by **February 6**.

Thank you!

Emma Bazemore

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## **Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science Fair**

The 6th Annual Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science & Engineering (FCSE) Fair will take place on Saturday May 11, 2019 at George Mason University. <https://www.fcsefair.com> The FCSE fair will accept projects in the areas of Life & Earth Sciences and Physical Sciences & Engineering.

The divisions are:

Division I (grades 1-3)

Division II (grades 4-5)

Division III (grades 6–8) Students are encouraged to begin working on their projects now so that sufficient time is allowed for planning, data gathering, and final presentation of results.

Students are expected to keep a journal documenting the progress of their investigation. Students must prepare a trifold poster board of their project for the fair. Rules & Guidelines can be found at [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d54dde\\_7bfe491853294c92b4c088b054153cfc.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d54dde_7bfe491853294c92b4c088b054153cfc.pdf) The FCSE fair has several requirements in advance of project start and submission this year, including a checklist, research plan/project summary, and an approval form. The FCSE fair will be following the rules of Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF); more information about Intel ISEF is available at: <http://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef>. All projects that require additional approvals must have forms submitted to [mantuasciencefair@gmail.com](mailto:mantuasciencefair@gmail.com) and Ms. Sullivan (5th grade AAP teacher) before starting on such projects. If there are more interested students than available slots allotted to Mantua (which we will find out in early April), we will have to decide which projects will go to the fair based on scientific merit. Please email [mantuasciencefair@gmail.com](mailto:mantuasciencefair@gmail.com) if your child is interested in participating in the science fair. Please indicate: - Child's name: - Child's grade: - Child's teacher: - Child's interested project area: - Child's proposed project topic (if known): Additional paperwork as noted above will be necessary prior to enrolling in the county science fair. Project registration occurs in late March-early April. Cost is typically \$120 divided evenly by all school participants.

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## **Sustainable Learning Trip - Summer 2019**

This trip is open to any FCPS student grade 6 and above, FCPS staff and families too. This will be a great 10 day trip (cost includes flights, trains, local travel, hotels, food, tips, entrance fee, tour guides, and more).

Germany and Switzerland have been at the forefront of some of the world's most forward-thinking approaches to technology and energy. And it's easy to see why—these countries are a perfect blend of European charm and start-up culture.

Learn about Germany and Switzerland's innovative sustainability efforts by seeing state-of-the-art models of renewable energy, urban farming, and eco-tourism. Be a part of the creative conservation firsthand as you embark on an urban quest in the green city of Freiburg, hike through an Alpine glacier, and discover a vast underground city in a nuclear bunker in Lucerne.

For more information visit [www.eftours.com/tour-website/2179932VE](http://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2179932VE)

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## Attendance email and Form

Submitting a student absence, reporting any transportation and attendance changes has never been easier thanks to the online attendance form!

[Submit an absence using the online attendance form](#) or the email [MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu](mailto:MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu).

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## Basketball and Scout Images Needed for Yearbook

If you would like your scout group or basketball group to be included in the yearbook, you need to submit your photos (use high resolution when sending) to Ms. Dunfee by March 1st at [pjdunfee@fcps.edu](mailto:pjdunfee@fcps.edu) and in the subject line of the email put in your scout's name or team name for basketball. We will put in the yearbook whatever we receive by **March 1st**.

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## 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](http://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!!\*\*

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## 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".

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## 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.dell.com/MantuaPTA)

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

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## 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](mailto: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>

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## 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 للإيميل: [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org) или [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

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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