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Important Upcoming Dates

March 1 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30-10:30 AM, cafeteria; Lego Night 7:00 to 9:00 PM cafeteria.

March 4 (Monday): Enrichment Classes begin.

March 11(Monday): 3 Hour Early Release.

March 15 (Friday): 4th Grade Colonial Day.



Enrichment Classes Begin Monday, March 4th

Spring Enrichment begins **Monday, March 4th**. Students will receive a dismissal slip reminding them to go to class, but a reminder from parents is helpful too. Program information and room assignments may be found here: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com/#/spring-2019> Please note that parents must pick up students in the assigned classroom. Please contact enrichment@mantuapta.org with questions.

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 with any questions.



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

Art Department Needs Baby Wipes/Disinfectant Wipes

The art department is in desperate need of baby wipes (for hands) and disinfectant wipes (for tables)!! When we teach out in the Quad we do not have sinks so the hand wipes go very quickly. If you can donate please drop off in Main Office labeled "Art" or have student drop off in the Art Room #254.

Thank you very much, we appreciate your support! Mrs. Shirley, Mr. Lorenzi & Mrs. Mahon

Dr. Seuss Spirit Week (Feb 25 - Mar 1)

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Green Eggs and Ham Day



Thursday, Feb. 28

- *Wear all green*

Cat in the Hat Day

- *Wear a hat*

Friday, March 1

PJ and Stuffed Animal Day

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:

- 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>

New Bus Dismissal Pattern

We continue to be worried about student safety, in an effort to improve overall student safety during dismissal, Mantua began lining up buses for student boarding in a new arrangement. Buses will no longer be parked in two rows, but instead will park for boarding with the front of every bus angled towards the curb. We anticipate that moving into this new dismissal formation could initially delay all buses leaving Mantua by up to five minutes.



As always, we ask for your continued help in keeping the Kiss and Ride line processing smoothly and quickly. Please be off your cell phones, and be sure that you are not going around other cars and creating unsafe traffic patterns. Kiss and Ride works at its best when everyone stays in line, watches for and

follows instructions for where to go, and does their best to leave promptly in an orderly and safe fashion once they have their students in their car.

The Frost Family Festival is Around the Corner!

Frost Family Festival has been rescheduled and will be held on **February 28 from 5:30-7:30pm**. All rising 7th graders and new to Frost 8th graders and their families are invited. This is an opportunity for school tours, classroom demos, table displays and other activities to provide an excellent view of middle school life. Principal Anthony Harris and his administrative team will be on hand during the evening for questions. Food for the event can now also be purchased online: <https://squareup.com/store/frostspiritstore>.

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/geninfo/frost-festival.pdf>



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>

Science Olympiad Division B

Congratulations to the Mantua Science Olympiad team that competed in Division B (grades 6-8) at the Fairfax Regional on Feb 9, 2019. Medals were received for the following events: 2nd place in Boomilever, 2nd place in Roller Coaster, 3rd place in Write It Do It, 5th place in Density Lab, 6th place in Circuit Lab, and 6th place in Crime Busters. All members of the Mantua team have been invited to compete in the State tournament at UVA in Charlottesville, VA on Mar 23, 2019. Good luck!

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 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 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 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.



Attendance email and Form

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

Submit any of these changes using the online attendance form or the email MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu.

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 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**.

You're Invited to the PTA Listening Tour

Research shows that parent engagement in school and at home helps students succeed. Fairfax County Council PTA is working to increase opportunities for parents to become active in their children's school communities.

Parents and caregivers are invited to share their thoughts and experiences during one of four upcoming listening sessions hosted by Fairfax County Council PTA.

Your voice matters. Please join us for small group discussions 7-9 p.m. on Mondays at the following schools:

- Mar 4 Chantilly HS
- Mar 11 Mount Vernon HS
- Mar 18 Madison HS
- Apr 1 Marshall HS

There is no cost to attend. For questions contact Stella Pekarsky, vp.outreach@fccpta.org.

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!!**

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".

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/dtf/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” email or 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 email or 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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