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Important Upcoming Dates

September 25 (Tuesday): THR Kick-off meeting, 9:30am, Room 30.

September 27 (Thursday): Girl Scouts troop formation meeting, 7pm, Library.

September 28 (Friday): RESCHEDULED Pizza and Ice Cream Social, 5:30-7:00pm, Mantua playground. Volunteers needed!

October 1 (Monday): Enrichment begins.

Volunteers Make a World of Difference!

It's HERE! The sign up genius you've all been waiting for! Click on the tabs at the top of the page to find your grade. We need help in the classrooms, in the clinic, in the garden and more! Don't see what you want listed? Email Jenn Ros with questions at volunteering@mantuapta.org. Please note that this document is constantly changing, so check back often! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4dadaa2aa0fb6-schoolwide1>

Advanced Academics Services

Interested in Advanced Academics Services? Read the [SeptemberNewsletterES.pdf](#) for information.

Call for Donation of Used Tennis Balls!

If you have any used tennis balls that you no longer need, we would appreciate them at Mantua. Our custodians will use them at the bottom of chair legs in order to help protect the floors. You can send them in with your student or drop them off at the Front Office.

Any number of used tennis balls, from 1 to 100, will help out! Thank you!

Registration Open for Global PLUS Classes

NEW INFO on ASL Class

Introduce your child to the new FCPS/World Language program! GLOBAL Plus will establish a strong foundation in foreign language learning with an emphasis on communication skills. The NEW CURRICULUM provides more structure, yet offers the teacher flexibility to be creative for a fun experience.

20-week classes — \$359

Early Bird Discount — **register by Oct. 5** to save \$20 using promo code GLOBAL20.

- Chinese (Grades 1-3) Wednesdays at 4:15 pm, begins Oct. 17
 - Chinese (Grades 4-6) Fridays at 4:15 pm, begins Oct. 19
 - German (Grades 4-6) Wednesdays at 8:00 am, begins Oct. 17
 - Spanish (Grades 1-3) Thursdays at 8:00 am, begins Oct. 18
- 188-week class — \$155

Early Bird Discount — register by Oct. 5 to save \$8 using promo code GLOBAL8.

- American Sign Language (Grades 1-6) Tuesdays at 8:00 am, begins Oct. 16

Registration is currently underway. Registering multiple children? Call 703-658-1201 to receive a 10% Sibling Discount. (Sibling Discount cannot be combined with Early Bird Discount). Register at MantuaPTA.org/programs under the GlobalPlus section. Email Susie Eister at globalplus@mantuapta.org with questions.

See Flier - <https://bit.ly/2wuXqsR> FLIER CONTAINS

INCORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT ASL. Corrected ASL flier coming soon.

Take Home Reading Kickoff

The Take Home Reading program will kick off with a training and information session. It will take place on **Tuesday, September 25th at 9:30 am in room 30.**

What is Take Home Reading? THR is a program coordinated by our reading specialists with **kindergarten and first grade teachers** that provides an opportunity for every child to read a book one on one with an adult volunteer. Your child then borrows that book to bring home and show off their new skills! THR is a GREAT volunteer opportunity, as you'll get to know your child's classmates while you read with them individually. You can volunteer as often or as little as works for your schedule. Even if you have volunteered for the program in the past, join us to refresh your memory and to meet our reading resource teachers Mrs. Grice and Mrs. Wilson.

Questions, email Kristina Clarke at thr@mantuapta.org. RSVPs are appreciated to the same address, please include your name and your child's teacher.

Back to School Pizza and Ice Cream Social

Please join us in kicking off the 2018-2019 school year with our Back to School Pizza and Ice Cream Social! The event will be held from 5:30-7:00pm on **Friday, September 28**, on the playground at Mantua Elementary School. Tickets (\$1.00) can be used to purchase pizza and ice cream sundaes (two tickets each), as well as bottled water and glow necklaces (one ticket each).

Volunteers are needed to set up, sell tickets, serve food and drinks, and clean up. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoA4BA8AE2EAAFA7-pizza>

Fall Enrichment classes begin Monday, October 1st

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review our web site for room locations and FAQs prior to class at: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com/#/fall-2018>. Questions, contact enrichment@mantuapta.org.

Girl Scout Information & Troop Formation Night

Parents, come learn about the many Girl Scout opportunities available at Mantua ES! Girl Scout Information & Troop Formation Night will be held on **Thursday, September 27, at 7:00 PM in the Library**. Girl Scouts is a world-wide organization for girls in kindergarten through 12th grade. The program offers a wide variety of activities to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts helps girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect; develop values to guide their actions; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills and cooperation with others. Please indicate your interest (no obligation to join) by completing this form: <http://bit.ly/2MGmC9P>. Troop Organizers will then contact you about possible troop placement. Questions? Attend the September 27th Parent Meeting or contact girlscouts@mantuapta.org.

Mantua PTA Basketball Registration

Registration opens **September 4, 2018**. The Mantua PTA Community Basketball League is a developmental organization which embraces student athletes with a wide variety of skill levels and emphasizes teamwork, skill development, and sportsmanship while teaching the fundamentals of basketball in a neighborly environment. All third through sixth grade, male and female students, are eligible for registration and encouraged to sign-up for this fun, supportive, community-based, basketball league which promotes sportsmanship and a love of the game. Third through sixth grade students are eligible to register starting September 4, 2018. **Late registration will begin October**

2, 2018, and end October 18, 2018. NO registrations will be accepted after October 18, 2018.

All eligible Mantua ES students are encouraged to register at www.mantuabasketball.org starting on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**. The school-based league is comprised of roughly 300 student athletes each year.

Registrants are organized into four divisions: third and fourth grade boys, third and fourth grade girls, fifth and sixth grade boys, and fifth and sixth grade girls. Typically, the divisions are broken down to teams of 7-8 players, which have one evening practice session each week and one game each weekend. All games and practices are held in the Mantua ES's gym. The season culminates in a fully-inclusive playoff period, including championship games in early March.

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR LEAGUE The league started almost 50 years ago and we believe it is the oldest operating, PTA-sponsored, school program in Virginia. Four division commissioners (one for each division) work directly with League Commissioner, Eric Fleming, to coordinate volunteers, assign players to each division and operate the league. Please consider donating your time by signing-up as a coach and/or referee to support this great league and help provide this amazing resource to our precious children. No experience is required.

- **Coaching:** At least one parent is needed to coach each team. Coaching requires holding practices and preparing their team for weekly games.
 - **Referees:** One parent from each team is required to referee a game each week (cannot be your child's game). The referees help make sure players are playing fairly and following the rules of basketball.
 - **High School Volunteers:** High school students over the age of 15 may assist the league and can earn community service credit, but responsible adults who can manage emergencies should assist. Ask the commissioners if you have questions.
 - **Training:** The league provides training opportunities for new and returning coaches at the beginning of each season. Seasoned coaches are always happy to help new coaches with any questions or techniques. The league also provides ongoing training and evaluation of referees to help improve knowledge of the game and rules and to ensure they are comfortable refereeing in different divisions. Most league leaders started learning about basketball by volunteering for their own children as they entered the program. You can do it!
- Questions or to Volunteer, contact

Eric Fleming commissioner@mantuabasketball.org

Gardening!

To volunteer for gardening – for either a one-time event or throughout the school year as your schedule permits – please contact our Garden Coordinators, Sarah Wells and Thanny Young at garden@mantuapta.org. They will share with you the details about Mantua's many wonderful gardens, large and small. You do not need to have any prior gardening knowledge.

Looking for Parents Interested in Eco Issues

For any parents interested in joining the Mantua Eco-School Committee, we would be delighted to meet you! You can fill out this Volunteer form and we will get in touch: www.greenmantua.org/volunteer. Questions? Email Staff Contact, Michele Sullivan, at masullivan@fcps.edu.

We are looking forward to a GREEN YEAR here at Mantua!

Join the Mantua PTA!

Our annual PTA Membership Drive is a fundraiser that helps support the many PTA services provided to you and your child. **Cost is only \$15 per family** (tax deductible), and in return you'll receive a copy of the Mantua PTA Student Directory, an essential tool for connecting with anyone in our school community. Your family will also receive a \$10 discount on fees for Drama Club, PTA Basketball, Chat'n'Chew and Raccoon Runners. Perhaps most importantly, though, joining PTA gives you a vote on what we're doing on campus and how our money is spent!

[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 mantuaesattendance@fcps.edu received prior to 1pm that day.

No notes can be written for friends to ride a bus until **Monday October 1**, as per transportation office.

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.

Enjoy Dinner cooked by Troop 1533 Spaghetti Dinner

Community Eevent - ALL ARE WELCOME - Troop 1533 SPAGHETTI DINNER Sunday October 7, 2018 Fall 2018 Spaghetti Dinner and Fall Join Scouting Event What: Troop 1533 Spaghetti Dinner - Salad, Pasta (multiple sauces), Meatballs, Sausage, rolls, beverages, and dessert When: **Sunday, October 7, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 PM** - Come any time during that window, it is open seating. Where: Mantua Clubhouse - 9330 Pentland Pl, Fairfax Who: Everyone's invited & and we'd love any of our past scouts to come and see what we've been up to Cost: Freewill donation (suggested \$10/adult and \$5/child) Why: You deserve a night off of cooking and it's a great way to support Scouting in the Neighborhood!

<https://troop1533.trooptrack.com/share/pages/36536>

Elevation Burger PTA Restaurant Night

Dining for Dollars! Join the PTA for our Elevation Burger Restaurant Night October 10th HAVE FUN, EAT YUMMY BURGERS & **RAISE MONEY FOR:** Mantua Elementary School PTA.

WHEN: Wednesday, **October 10, 2018**

WHERE: Elevation Burger 9518 Main Street Pickett Shopping Center.

WHEN: 5:00 to 8:00 pm DINE-IN or TAKEOUT at Elevation

Burger on Main Street.

10% of ALL the evening's proceeds to be donated to the Mantua Elementary School PTA. Support our school PTA and dine on delicious burgers, fries and milkshakes at the same time. Visit www.elevationburger.com for menu information. <https://bit.ly/2PXbRNE>

2018-19 PTA Reflections Art Contest

This year's [PTA Reflections](#) contest is underway! The theme is HEROES AROUND ME. Students may submit entries in 1 or all of the arts categories (dance, film, literature, music, photography, and visual arts) along with a fully-completed entry form. Entries are due **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**. Thank you for participating! Please contact ReflectionsMantua@gmail.com with any questions. The FAQ: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/reflections/faq.pdf>

The Entry

Form: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/programs/reflections/entry.pdf>

Manuta PTA Minutes from May 2018 Meeting

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2017-18/minutes/may.pdf>.

Box Top Contest

It's Box Top Contest time! Please turn in all Box Top collection sheets and/or baggies labeled with your teacher's name by **October 26** to your teacher or the collection box in the front hallway. Classroom winner chooses pizza, popsicles or ice cream to celebrate!

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/boxtops.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".

Unsubscribing from the Alert News

If your student has graduated and/or you have moved away from the Mantua ES community, you can help us to maintain a current distribution list by unsubscribing from the Alert News list. It is as simple as clicking on the word "**unsubscribe**" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your assistance!

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.
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- 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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