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MANTUA PTA NEWS

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Important Upcoming Dates

November 1 (Friday): Run for Rocky, Fall Spirit Parade.

November 4-5 (Monday - Tuesday): NO SCHOOL. Teacher work days.

November 7 (Thursday): Picture make-up day.

November 8 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30am Cafeteria.

Running Track to be installed at Mantua!

We are excited to announce the construction of a Mantua running track. This six foot wide paved track is being funded in conjunction with ADA improvements to accessibility at Mantua ES and generous PTA support. The track will surround the baseball diamond and outfield.



Spirit Week - Beginning October 28

Are you ready for Run for Rocky Spirit Week? This year's theme is "Everyday Heroes." **Beginning October 28**, students can show their spirit each day by dressing up. See below for daily themes.

Monday, October 28th –Heroes vs. Villains!
Dress as your favorite hero or villain!

Tuesday, October 29th – Your Hero Day!

Represent your personal hero!

Wednesday, October 30th – Hero Hat Day!

Wear a hero's headgear! Wear an officer's uniform or hat!

Thursday, October 31st – Everyday Heroes!

Dress up as a first responder, doctor, nurse, etc. or rock some camouflage!

Friday, November 1st – Rocky Shirt Day!

Students will hand out the 'Run for Rocky' shirts this morning!



Volunteer for the Mantua Fun Run (Run 4 Rocky)

This largest fundraising event of the year, will take place on **Friday, November 1**. We need YOUR help to make this a fun and successful day for our kids and their teachers. Please considering

donating some time to help make this event a success! Friday, November 1 during the following times:

- 3rd and 4th Grades: 9:30-10:30am
- K-2nd Grades: 10:30-11:30am
- 5th-6th Grades: 11:30am-12:30pm

Thanks in advance for signing up on the SignUpGenius here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4daeae28a13-mantua1>

Parents and family members are encouraged to come out and cheer on our children! Each lap taken gets marked in permanent marker on the back of a Fun Run shirt each child is given the day of the run. Make sure anything they wear underneath it considers the use of permanent markers. Any additional questions please contact Emily at mossoem@gmail.com.



Howdy Partners! The Run for Rocky Fundraising has begun!!

This is Mantua Elementary's school biggest fundraiser! Donate here:

www.memberplanet.com/campaign/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/runforrocky2019

Students can win friendship bracelets, Hydro Flask, a Kindle, even a Nintendo Switch! And the teacher's can win a \$150 gift card!!

The amazing T-shirts and awesome prizes are sponsored by:

Sandy Spring Bank

Travis Pugh, Realtor, Samson Properties

Elite M.A. Center

Merrifield Orthodontics

Banaji Pediatric Dental Specialists

Dr. Jones Family Dentistry

Kaizen MMA/Enshin Karate

Jennifer Mack Properties
Fairfax Dental Group
Bill Rakow
JL Tree Service, Inc.
Affectionate Pet Care
Fairax Ice Arena

Great Tips for Your FALL Party

Hello everyone. *Mantua's Eco-School Committee* has created a helpful list of **Class Party Tips**. It would be fantastic if you could share this with your Room Parent as well as your party planners throughout the year.

Thanks to the work of *student-led Eco Teams*, Mantua earned the **Bronze Eco-School Award!** Now we are working on earning our **Silver** award. (www.nwf.org/eco-schools-usa)

Below are links to some documents with tips and ideas:

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/rrr.pdf>

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/eco-party-tips.pdf>

~ Michele Sullivan & the PTA Eco-School Committee

Student-Parent Survey for Federal Impact Aid

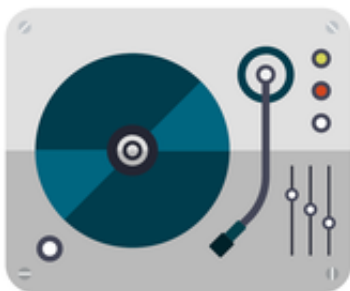
FCPS will be asking all families to fill out a Student-Parent Survey for Federal Impact Aid.

Returning this form is important because information from this survey results in an additional \$3 million in grants each year from the U.S. Department of Education. These funds are used to support all Fairfax County public schools and centers.

For each school-aged child in your household, please complete, sign, date, and return the survey to your child's school. If sections 1 and 2 of the survey do not apply to you, just check the box in Section 3. All forms must be signed, dated, and **returned by October 30**. All results are **confidential**.

Video link - <https://youtu.be/uPqC3BLf3Ow>

Music Play Online Student Access



The Mantua Music Team invites all students to play a music game, recorder or learn a new song, Music Play Online is a new program we are using in the general music time. Have fun!

Username: falling

Password: leaves

<https://musicplayonline.com/student-login>

Volunteering at Mantua Just Got Better!

Why, you might ask? Our Volunteer program now has incentives for your time. Make sure you visit the Member Planet Volunteer Punch Card, and record all the things you did to help out Mantua ES during Quarter 1. Each entry needs to be submitted by **Friday, November 1st** to be included in the 1st Quarter Raffle Drawing.

Prizes for 1st Quarter include:

A Mantua ES Hoodie, just in time for fall, (3) Tickets to this years ever fun, Thanksgiving Luncheon, and the Grand Prize is \$40 toward any purchase at this year's Book Fair.

(That could buy you a lot of new pens, erasers, and other little things at the check out kiosk)!

We want to thank you all for your time this Quarter, and all our volunteers do to help Mantua be the best. And don't worry, if you don't win this time, there is always Quarter 2!!!!

https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/mantuavolunteerpunchcard_1q19

Box Tops



The Box Top collection contest is underway! All box tops must be submitted by **Wednesday, October 30th**.

The classroom that turns in the most Box Tops will win their choice of a popsicle, ice cream or pizza party! Clip the Box Tops and attach to a printed collection sheet or put them in a ziploc bag. Be sure to label them with the teacher's name so your child's

class can receive credit. Your child can give the Box Tops to their teacher or place them in the Box Tops box in the school lobby. Click here to print the collection

sheet: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/fundraisers/boxtops.pdf>



Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at MantuaPTA.org and click **JOIN PTA NOW!** Dues are \$20 per family and get you discounts on PTA sponsored clubs. Our dues fully support our free programs so that every penny of our fundraisers goes right back into

the classrooms. Follow us on Facebook to get the inside scoop on all our events and programs - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/> - Can't wait to get started!

What does the PTA do?

What does the PTA do? Where does my money go? Click the link below to find out!

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/about-mpta.pdf>

Mantua PTA Reflections Contest Judges

The Mantua PTA Reflections Art Contest would like to thank our talented panel of judges: Visual arts - Christopher Lyons and Amanda Morgan, Literature - Jenn McRobbie, Dance - Gillian Kimura, Film - Jessica Grumet, Photography - Jacie Lee Almira, and Music - Cindy Wallin. We appreciate the judges volunteering their time! Reflections winners will be announced in early November.

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/programs/reflections-judges.pdf>

Picture Make Up Day

Thursday, November 7th

In the SACC Room



From 9:30-12:30

If you are retaking a picture, just bring in the old one on the retake day. Turn them in to the photographer for a new set of pictures. You only need an envelope if you were not here on the original picture day. Envelopes available in front office if needed.

Parent Information Relating to Special Education

All these opportunities are FREE unless noted.

In most cases you must register if registration information is provided.

See this link for all events:

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/upcoming-community-events/>

W.T. Woodson's 25th annual Holiday Craft Show

Mark your calendars for W.T. Woodson's 25th annual Holiday Craft Show!
Saturday, Nov. 2 10am-4pm.

This exceptional show features over handmade arts & crafts, jewelry, pottery, giftware, and so much more. There will be over 100 exhibitors and Admission is FREE!

All proceeds benefit the W.T.Woodson Crew Team.

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping, and help support Woodson Crew!



Kids Give Back

November 4: FCPS schools are closed, but we're not! Join us for a "Day of Service!"

Kids Give Back is a nonprofit organization that provides kids, ages 6-12, with meaningful opportunities to volunteer in our community. The Day of Service includes games, team-building, meeting non-profit leaders and preparing: Fleece blankets for the homeless, Pet toys, Baskets for young mothers, Story stones for preschoolers, Cards for senior citizens & more!

Date: **November 4** -- FCPS Teacher Workday

Hours: 9:30am-3:30pm

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8922 Little River Turnpike

Fees: \$75/one child, \$125/ two siblings, \$175/three siblings. Includes pizza for lunch.

<https://kids-giveback.org/>

REGISTER TODAY!

7th Annual Fairfax Turkey Trot

Start your Thanksgiving day out right and join the Fairfax Turkey Trot 4 miler, in Mantua on **November 28, 2019 at 9:00 am**.

Sign up now in October before the November rate increase. A portion of the race proceeds support Britepaths in helping those in need in our local community register online at www.FairfaxturkeyTrot.com



Lice: Treatment and Prevention

Parents and Guardians have an important role in the treatment and prevention of lice. Below are two helpful links from FCPS.

<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/student-safety-and-wellness/school-health-services/lice-treatment-and-prevention>

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/sites/health/files/assets/documents/pdf/head-lice.pdf>



Mantua Kiss and Ride Information

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/kiss&ride.pdf>

Absences, Tardies, Early Dismissals and Transportation Change Procedures

At some point of the year, almost every student will either be absent, tardy, leave early for an appointment or need a change of transportation. Please email the office at: MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu and copy the classroom teacher or call the attendance line at (703) 645-6363 for anything related to attendance or dismissal. Email is always the preferred method of communication for clarity purposes.

Absences or late arrivals: Please contact the office by the above method by 9:30am. Robo calls go out at 10 am. If a student is arriving late an adult must walk them into the office and sign them in even if you have notified the office of the late arrival.

Changes in Transportation must be submitted by 1:00 PM to either the email address above or attendance line. The first month of school there will be no bus passes to go home on the bus with a friend. Students receive a pass any

time there is a change of transportation. Do not send in changes more than a week in advance except for ongoing changes, see examples.

Early Dismissals should be called in early in the day. An adult on the emergency care form can pick up a student. If you call when you are approximately 5 minutes away from the school then we will try to have the student ready for you otherwise we will call for the student when you arrive. There are NO DISMISSALS between 3:40 PM and 4:05 PM.

Examples:

Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2099.

Please excuse Fred Flinstone to Kiss and Ride every Monday until further notice.

Please excuse Jane Doe who will arrive at 10:00 am to school due to a Dr. appt.

Let the office staff know if you have any questions.

Raise Funds for Mantua ES by Linking Your Rewards Card

It's time to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC cards to Mantua! And if we increase the cards linked by October 16 we'll get a \$100 bonus so make sure to tell friends & family to sign up as well!

This is a really easy fundraiser- once you link your card to our school you'll be helping to raise money every time you shop. And even better? We'll do the work for you! Go

to <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/vic> to fill in your VIC card information and we'll do the rest!

Encourage friends & family to do the same!

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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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.

How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News



Please [complete this form](#) to have a Mantua ES- or Mantua PTA-related announcement placed in the weekly Mantua PTA News, on our [Facebook page](#) and/or on MantuaPTA.org.

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