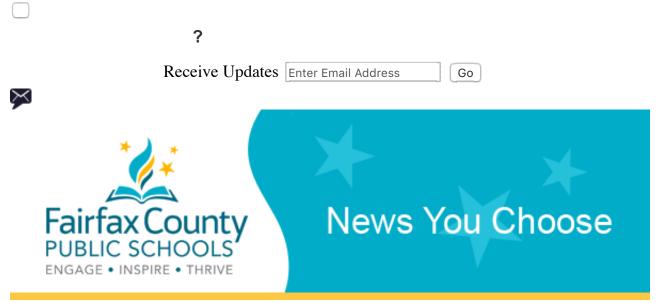
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#### Important Upcoming Dates

November 15-22: Book Fair.

**November 20-21** (Wednesday - Thursday): Thanksgiving Lunch at school. Check listings for meal time for you child's class.

November 22-23 (Friday - Saturday): Frozen Jr. Check listings for showtimes.



#### Thanksgiving Luncheon

K-3 Thanksgiving Luncheon - November 20

4-6 Thanksgiving Luncheon - November 21

Envelopes were sent home last Tuesday to order your guest tickets. Please fill out the envelope and send it to the Main office as soon as possible.

On the days the students do **NOT** eat in the cafeteria they will have bag lunches in their classroom. They can bring a lunch from home or order one.



#### **Book Fair Volunteers Needed**

The Book Fair is here and we need your help!

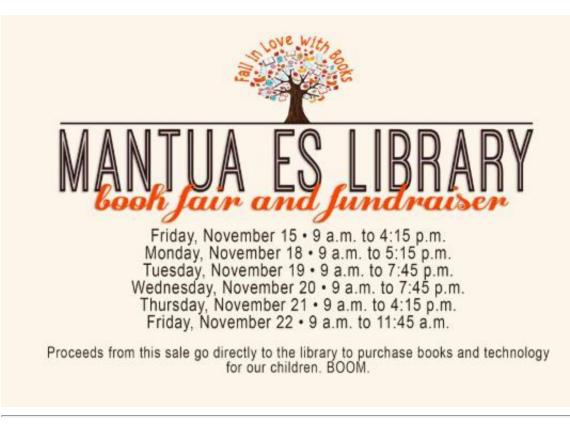
Please consider helping out as a cashier or line manager. Especially during our Thanksgiving luncheons to help keep things running smoothly! Sign up here or email Jenn Ros jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com with questions.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ea4ad238-2019

#### Mantua Book Fair

The Book Fair is this week. Come shop hundreds of books and support the PTA! The Book Fair **will be open late on the 19th & 20th** so you can skip the lines during the Thanksgiving luncheons!

Volunteer sign up coming soon.



# BOOK DONATIONS Book Donations

Give the gift of reading to a local child in need! Books purchased from our book fair will be donated to the Food for Others charity to help expand their book giving program. Please place books in the basket by our Little Giving Tree in the library. Thank You!

#### It's that time of the year... Mantua's Annual Food Drive



#### We will be collecting food starting Friday, November 8 and will conclude Wednesday, November 20.

This time of year many families struggle to have enough food and holding a food drive is a great way for our students to practice *Generosity, Compassion, and Responsibility.* 

#### We are looking for the following items:

#### All items should be non-perishable.

crackers - cookies - candy - canned foods

pasta - powdered milk - rice

boxed foods - bagged foods - dried foods

No Fresh Foods Please.

#### PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

#### THANK YOU!

Your donations will benefit FACETS (http://facetscares.org):

Helping parents, their children, and individuals who suffer from the

effects of poverty - so often unnoticed - in the Fairfax, VA area since 1988.

#### Frozen Jr - by Mantua Drama Club

Join Elsa, Anna, Olaf and all your Arendelle favorites as the Mantua Elementary School Drama Club proudly presents its Fall performance -FROZEN Jr! Join us for two performances of this favorite of all ages, FRIDAY, November 22 at 7pm, and SATURDAY, November 23 at 2:00pm. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime.

Mantua ES GYM \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children.

Purchase tickets at the door.

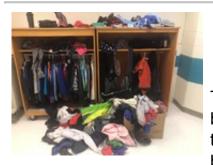
http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/programs/frozen.pdf



#### 4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Human Growth and Development Parent Preview Night

On Wednesday, December 4 2019, Mantua will make the  $4^{th} - 6^{th}$  grade Human Growth and Development (HGD) curriculum available for preview. This preview will take place in that Mantua Library from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. During this time, student Opt-Out forms will be available.

All HGD materials are available for viewing at any time using your Parent View account on Blackboard 24/7.



#### Please check the Lost and Found when you are at Mantua for the Thanksgiving Luncheon and Book Fair!

This is a friendly reminder that all personal items brought to school should be labeled with at least the student's last name including coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and instruments. There is a

large collection of personal items in the lost and found already. If you want to check the lost and found, it will be moved to the **lobby** during the Thanksgiving luncheons.

All unclaimed items left in the lost and found will be donated to charity during the holiday break in December.

#### Spirit wear coupon for mantuaspiritwear.com!



#### W.T. Woodson Band Holiday Tunes for Tots Concerts

Please join the W.T. Woodson Band for the annual Holiday Tunes performances. The Holiday Tunes for Tots 2019 concerts include a holiday music performance, joined by seasonal and all-around favorite characters.

Show times are on **Wednesday**, **December 4th at 10:00 a.m.** and **Thursday**, **December 5th at 10:00 a.m.** and will be held in the Main Gymnasium. Invitation can be viewed at <u>https://www.woodsonband.Tots-</u>. Admission is \$5.00. Questions? Contact

Anne Reed holidaytunesfortots@gmail.com.

## Mantua PTA Bylaws

See below the link to the Mantua PTA 2020 bylaws.

http://www.mantuapta. org/documents/bylaws/2020.pdf



#### **1st Quarter Volunteer Punch Card Raffle Winners**

Drum Roll Please......The Volunteers Winners of Quarter 1 have been randomly drawn! Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time during Quarter 1. A VERY SPECIAL recognition to Amy Jeffery Sheridan, who had the most Volunteer Punches this Quarter.!! We all know that the next few months are busy with the holidays, but keep up that volunteering spirit, especially during this season of giving back! And the winners are..... Grand Prize (\$40 for the Book Fair) - Kathleen Cashin 2nd Prize (3 Tickets to the Thanksgiving Luncheon) - Susanne Fitch 3rd Prize (Mantua Spirit wear hoodie) - Heather Lynne Taylor Thank you all for all you do for Mantua ES!!!



#### Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at <u>MantuaPTA.org</u> 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 - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/</u> - 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/dtf/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/aboutmpta.pdf

# (DNE SAMOSA AT A TIME)

# FUNDRAISING EVENT AT CHOOLAAH MANTUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 11A - 9P

Make your meal matter. Come into Choolaah at 2911 District Ave, in Mosaic District and tell any team member you're here to support our cause when ordering. Choolaah will then donate 30% of the proceeds to Autumn House Press.



#### **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

# 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 <u>Britepaths</u> in helping those in need in our local community register online at <u>www.FairfaxturkeyTrot.com</u>



#### **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.

<u>https://www.fcps.edu/resources/student-safety-and-</u> 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 of need a change of transportation. Please email the office at: <u>MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu</u> 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 <u>https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/vic</u> 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
  يالإيميل: <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>.
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u> или <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.
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- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u> 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 <u>complete this form</u> to have a Mantua ES- or Mantua PTA-related announcement placed in the



weekly Mantua PTA News, on our <u>Facebook page</u> and/or on <u>MantuaPTA.org</u>.

The form guides you through all the pieces of information we need to put out complete announcements.

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