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MANTUA PTA NEWS

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Important Upcoming Dates

February 17 (Monday): President's Day, NO SCHOOL.

February 21 (Friday): Movie Night, 7-9pm, Cafeteria.



The Art Room at Mantua is in desperate need of Clorox/Lysol wipes (even one container makes a difference)!! If you can donate, please have your student drop off in the Art Room #254 or Main Office and mark "ART" so they know who it should go to. Thank you so much for helping us keep clean and healthy!

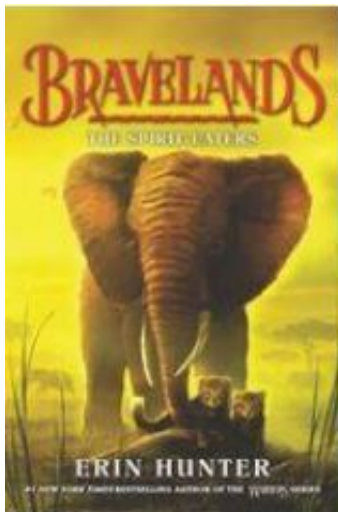
~Mantua Art Department~

Principal Appreciation Week!

Feb 10th-14th is Principal Appreciation Week! Let's show our Principals some love. Keep it simple and show them that you appreciate all they do for our kids.



Author Visit



On Friday **February 14, 2020** we will welcome author Erin Hunter to our school to discuss the latest installment of her Bravelands Series! Her new book Bravelands: The Spirit-Eaters continues the story of Fearless, a lion cast of his pride and begins living among baboons, Thorn, a baboon who tries to rebel against his destiny and Sky, an elephant whose mother was killed by a lion and is gifted with a special ability to read bones.

Author Visit is for grades 3-6.

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

PTA Family Fun Night - Movie Night

PTA Family Fun Night Movie Night Friday, **February 21, 2020 7:00 to 9:00 PM** Mantua Cafeteria Ready for a movie??!! Please join us for our annual Movie Night at Mantua, we'll be showing the Arctic Justice – Thunder Squad for your



enjoyment. 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 with any questions.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/programs/movie-night.pdf>



The next Box Top collection deadline is Wednesday, February 26th!

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.

****REMINDER:** The Box Top program is transitioning to a digital format, allowing parents to scan their receipts to get credit for their purchases. We can earn double credit for clipping and scanning during this time. Please consider downloading the app to earn more money for our school!

Kids Volunteer Camp: March 3 (Teacher workday)



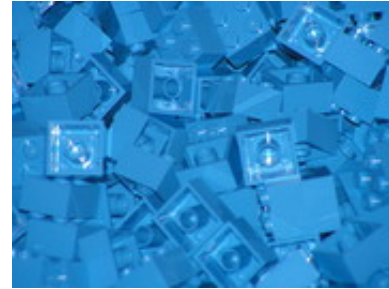
Keep your kids busy on the teacher workday! Kids Give Back is a non-profit organization teaches kids, ages 6-12, that they can give back to our community. At the Kids Volunteer Camp, they will do service work, meet non-profit leaders, participate in a "Giving Circle," work as teams and feel proud of the work they do. The last camp sold-out, so if you're interested in sending your kids, register soon! This camp is perfect for siblings and friends. www.kidsgiveback.org

PTA Family Fun Night - Lego Night

PTA Family Fun Night Lego Night Friday, March 6, 2020 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Mantua Cafeteria Are you a Master Builder? Bring your Legos to Mantua's annual Lego Night. 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/2019-20/flyers/programs/lego-night.pdf>



Restaurant Night at Noodles & Company

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020 4pm-8pm Restaurant Night at Noodles & Company 10296 MAIN ST Fairfax, VA 22030 25% of qualifying sales will directly benefit Mantua Elementary School PTA!

FUNDRAISER NIGHT.

Eat well and do good—that's the basic recipe with Noodles Fundraising. Join us for the flavors you love while we help our community.

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This restaurant sales will benefit the organization. Please don't mention the organization or about the flyer when ordering.

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PTA Nominating Committee

We are looking for three volunteers to serve on the PTA Board Nominating Committee. The task is simple, just ask people if they are willing to serve on the PTA board! The Nominating Committee proposes a slate of officers at the PTA meeting on March 6th and the membership will vote on June 4th. Contact Lisa Libby (lisa.a.libby@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping!



Talent Show

Coming soon to a gymnasium near you... The 2020 Mantua Elementary School talent show!! Start preparing your act today!

Save the dates...

- Talent show, Saturday night, March 21st.
- Rehearsal, Friday night, March 20th.

Acts must be 2 minutes or less in length and appropriate for all ages. Instructions to submit audition form, audition video and music (if applicable) will be shared in February.

Super Transition Saturday - Career and Transition Services Event

On **Saturday, February 22, 2020**, Career and Transition Services (CTS), the FCPS Parent Resource Center, and several Fairfax County adult service providers will host "Super Transition Saturday" from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School. This is a free event for parents/guardians and educators of students of all ages with IEPs. Breakout sessions will cover postsecondary education support, the importance of student self-determination beginning in the elementary years, employment support programs, future planning considerations, such as funding needed for services, and CTS support services that are available to students as they progress through the secondary years toward graduation and beyond. A highlight of the day is a parent/guardian and student panel representing a range of challenges and successes. Members of the panel will convey personal experiences and answer parent/guardian and student questions from their perspectives of having been through the transition process. The snow date is March 14, 2020.

Elementary Institute for the Arts (E-IFTA): Camps and Institutes

A summer exploration of the arts for elementary school students currently in grades 2-5.

E-IFTA is a weekly arts camp for elementary aged students who love to sing, dance, act, perform, make, and create. Students take part in four classes every day related to dance, music, theatre, and visual art. They work with FCPS fine arts teachers who create classes that are fun and engaging.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/eifta.pdf>



Kids Give Back Summer Camp

Kids Give Back is a new nonprofit that provides rising 1st through 6th graders with volunteer opportunities. We are offering a summer camp, July 15-19, 1:00-3:00 pm at the Mantua Swim & Tennis clubhouse, where kids will make items for area nonprofits including blankets, care packages, craft kits, and more. Space is limited to 25 kids, and registration info is available at www.kids-giveback.org. The organization is managed by Denise Gavilan, KCC parent volunteer.

Frost Family Festival at Frost Middle School

Frost Middle School



This year our event will be held on **Thursday, February 20th from 5:30-7:30 pm** (snow date is Wednesday, February 26th).

All rising 7th graders and their families are invited to join school tours, classroom demos, table displays and other activities that provide an excellent view of middle school life. Principal Anthony Harris and his administrative team will be on hand during the evening to answer any questions.

We look forward to welcoming your 6th graders!

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/frost-family-festival.pdf>

Frost Middle School



The Frost Middle School PTA Invites You to Meet the After School Specialist

Please come to the Frost Middle School PTA Meeting on Wednesday, **February 19th**, to meet Mrs. Deborah Metzger, Coordinator of Frost's After School Activities. Mrs. Metzger will share with parents details on the program including its current offerings, hours of operation, how clubs are identified, and

the rules for participating in the program. She will also take questions. Frost Middle School is located at 4101 Pickett Road in Fairfax. The meeting will start at 9:30am. Mrs. Metzger's presentation will begin at approximately 10am. If you have any questions, please contact LaTisha Elcock, Frost PTA President, at president@frostmspta.org.

Mantua Elementary Yearbook 2019-2020

1st Book Price \$25.00

1st Book Price Online Ordering Deadline Until May 1st, 2020

2nd Book Price \$28.00

2nd Book Price Online Ordering Deadline Until June 1st, 2020

Order your yearbook today by going to www.scherlingschoolpics.com and using the Online Code FM11880

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Online purchases only. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Valid: 02/01/20 - 02/29/20



**Visit our Spiritwear Store the entire month of February
to take advantage of this coupon!**

Have You Seen This Sign?

Fairfax County libraries and schools are getting some new reading material, but they're not books! On Wednesday, December 4, staff from the Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division installed educational stormwater signs at five sites across the county. These signs were placed next to bioretention facilities, or rain gardens, to educate library visitors, students, and other community members about their local stormwater facilities.



Produced by ecologists in Stormwater Planning's Watershed Education and Outreach section, the signs highlight the bioretention facilities' ability to filter and absorb stormwater runoff which reduces erosion and pollutants downstream. These facilities improve the water quality in our local streams and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

Installing signs provides an educational opportunity for residents to learn about their local environment, on their own time, and brings awareness to the role these facilities play in managing stormwater and protecting our watersheds.

The bioretention sign is the second in a series designed to highlight different stormwater practices across the county. Be on the lookout for more to come!

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!

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!

Fairfax High School Theatre Department Spring Camp

Tuesday, March 3rd is House of the Mouse!

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/ffxhigh-drama-camp.pdf>

FCAG Summer Camp Fair

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) is again hosting our Annual Summer Camp and Enrichment Fair on **Saturday, January 25, 3 - 5:30 pm, at McLean High School** (with a snow date of February 22). The event is free and open to the public.

- * Nearly 40 **vendors** to answer your questions
- * Get your copy of the **FCAG Summer Camp Catalog** with hundreds of

camps listed

- * For elementary, middle and high school students
- * From local adventure day camps to overnight camps at prestigious campuses
- * Camps for **STEM**, visual and performing arts, computer technology, science, math enrichment, nature, sports, and leadership
- * **Register to win a \$50 gift card from Amazon.com**

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.

Parent Information Relating to Special Education

All these opportunities are **FREE** unless noted.

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

When other events become available they will be posted at:

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

Plan Ahead — Strengthening Families — 14 week course

Mon. Jan 27 - May 18, 5:30-8:00 pm, ARHA Bldg. 401 Wythe St. Alexandria

Parents and youth (ages 6-11) can strengthen family bonds through discussion, games, roleplaying, and family projects. Free dinners & Childcare (for ages 2-5).

Register: Yolonda Thompson at 703.820.9001 X 109 ythompson@scanva.org

Support Groups for Parents

Alpha Moms This support group for adoptive parents meets monthly in McLean. Contact: robin4brady@gmail.com

Autism Dads meets one evening monthly in Falls Church. Contact: George Buzby at 571-419-1257 or gbuzby@aol.com

CHADD: Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

- **Alexandria CHADD Parent Support Group** 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 pm. Contact: Jenny ADHDParentMountVernon@gmail.com or call 703-472-4678.
- **Burke CHADD Support Group for Parents, Caregivers and Family Members** Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Contact Kim Griffin: kimberlygriffin@yahoo.com
- **Loudoun County CHADD Parent Support** 2nd Wed. of the month in Sterling. Contact: Bonnie Little 571-306-2932 or blittle@windingroadcoaching.com
- **West Fairfax CHADD Evening Parent Support Group** 3rd Thur. of each month at 7:30 pm Contact: Sharon clintob@aol.com or 703-716-

4646.

- **West Fairfax CHADD *Morning* Parent Support Group** 1st Tues. of each month at 10:30 am Contact: Sharon clintob@aol.com or 703-716-4646.
- **CSB Family Support Group at Gatlan Center** 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month 6-8 pm in Alexandria Contact: Samar.Chwairy@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-799-2882.

D.A.D.S. Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome 3rd Tue. each month, 7-9 pm in Alexandria. Contact: George gbuzby@aol.com or call 703- 545-6089.

Fairfax Juvenile Court Parent Support Group for problems including runaway behavior, truancy, alcohol/drug abuse, and serious behavioral problems at home, at school, or in the community. 7:30 pm every Tues. Room 201.1 Fairfax County Courthouse – call 703-246-2495.

Kinship Caregivers Support Group 2nd & 4th Thur. monthly, 6:30-8:00 pm, South County Gov. Ctr. Rm. 220, 8350 Richmond Hgwy, Alexandria. Free dinner and resources. Register 1 week ahead: KFI@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-246-4653

Kinship Café – meets monthly on the 2nd Wed. in Fairfax. Free dinner. Activities for children and discussion for adults. Register 1 week ahead by calling 703-246-4653 or online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/EReg/Registration.aspx?groupID=27>

NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness builds better lives for affected families. Arlington Parent Support Group meets two Sundays a month at 7:00-8:30 pm. Contact: Naomi 703-862-9588 verdugo.naomi@gmail.com
OCD Family Support Group 1st Mon. of each month, 7:30 pm. Contact: familygroupocd@verizon.net or call 202-215-5859.

Northern Virginia Tourette Support Group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at noon at the Chantilly Public Library. Contact: mark.bramer@gmail.com

OCD Family Support Group 1st Monday of each month 7:30 pm . Contact: familygroupocd@varizon.net or call 202-215-5859

Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) meeting times and location posted at: <https://poac-nova.org/events/>

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.

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

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