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Important Upcoming Dates

March 11 (Wednesday): Restaurant Night, 4pm-8pm, Noodles & Company.

March 21 (Saturday): Mantua Talent Show, 5pm, Gym.

How do I register my child for elementary magnet school programs at Bailey's and Hunters Woods?

The Magnet Program registration window will be open from <u>March 3, 2020</u> through March 30, 2020. No late applications will be accepted.

Families wanting to apply for the Magnet Lottery must have a SIS account. If a student is not currently enrolled in FCPS, <u>registration</u> at the base school for the upcoming school year will be required.

A separate application must be completed for each sibling applying. Legacies also must apply to be eligible. Acceptances into one of the magnet programs is not transferable into another program or school.

https://www.fcps.edu/registration/elementary-magnet-school-lottery.

Spring Wish Fund

Do you have a great idea that will positively impact our school community? We want to hear it! The Mantua PTA, with the generous support of families, community supporters, faculty and staff enables us to operate the Mantua PTA Wish Fund, a grant awarding program founded in 2014 that will be open again this



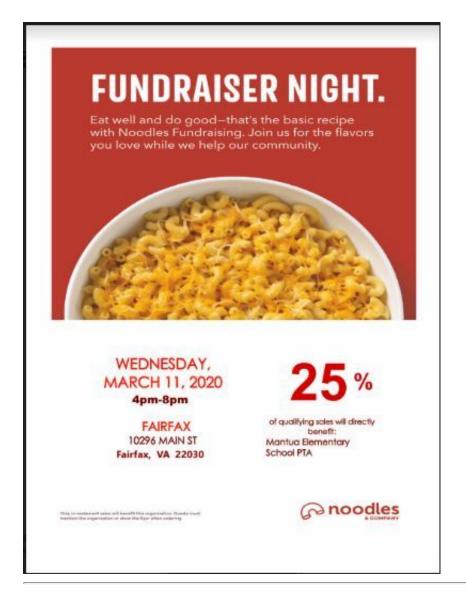
spring! Application materials will be available via Mantua PTA website and our Facebook page this week so start brainstorming now! Any questions, please contact wishfund@mantuapta.org

Change to April PTA Meeting!

In order to not conflict with Heritage and Literacy Night, the April PTA Meeting is rescheduled for Thursday April 16th at 7pm. Come out to hear our slate of officers for next year!

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!



Heritage Night

Share your heritage, sign up for Heritage night.

http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/programs/heritage-night-form.pdf

Rocky's Fiddlers

Rocky's Fiddlers is an after-school club for string students with at least 1 full year of experience on their instrument.

We meet on Thursdays from 4:05-4:45 in room 256 beginning March 12th. Students learn a variety of fiddle tunes without using sheet music! Tunes are learned by teacher modeling, listening, and memorizing. Our time together learning fiddle tunes will culminate in a performance during the Fairfax 4th of July parade. Parents of participants help at the parade with a variety of tasks. Students interested in participating will need to get a permission slip from Mrs. Easton kjeaston@fcps.edu and return it by March 12th.





Northern Virginia Regional MathCounts Competition

Ten Mantua 6th graders advanced from the school competition level to compete in the 37th Annual Northern Virginia Regional MathCounts Competition held on February 1st at George Mason University. Congratulations to our Mathletes: Luv Udeshi, Alex Liu, Chloe Lee,

Nishanth Muppidi, Sammy Pfeferman, Navya Pandula, Sagar Kapadia, Prateek Malekar, Aidan Cheon, and Ozzy Im! Alexander Liu and Prateek Malekar will be awarded Top Scorer Medals for earning the highest and second highest scores, respectively, from our school group. Congratulations Alexander and Prateek! Individual scores for each participating student will be released in March. Special thanks to Feng Liu for coordinating and to high school students Andy, Niharika Chandna, and Aryan Rajput for coaching!

Mantua Talent Show

2020 Mantua Talent Show - **Saturday, March 21st 5pm** in the Gym. Come out and support your friends on stage! Tickets are \$3 at the door and refreshments will be sold. Dinner and a show! What could be better! Oh yeah, all your friends!



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.

Girl Scout Troop 2779 Needs Your Help

Save your plastic caps and lids to help our Earth, and win an ice cream party! The cap and lid competition continues through March 31! Stay tuned to learn which class is winning so far.... Girl Scout Troop 2779 needs your help to collect plastic bottle caps and lids from many consumer items. The two classes who collect the most caps will win an ice cream party, courtesy of Toby's Homemade Ice Cream & Coffee! Look for the collection box in your child's

classroom. Acceptable items include: Caps from: milk jugs, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, apple sauce pouches, drink bottles such as soda, water, juice and sport drinks, shampoo and other hair products, ointment, baby food. Lids from: cottage cheese, mayonnaise, yogurt, peanut butter, coffee cans, cream cheese, butter. Please do NOT include: lids from fast-food soda cups, K-cups, whole markers, or plastic parts. All caps and lids must be clean and dry.

Questions? Contact <u>GirlScoutTroop2779@gmail.com</u>. Every cap counts! Thank you.

Join Mantua Scouts BSA Troops Now!

Attention 5th and 6th grade girls and boys: Now is a great time to join the Scouts BSA Troops that are chartered by the Mantua PTA. Our activities focus on outdoor experiences, leadership, STEM and FUN! We meet every Tuesday and have the opportunity to camp each month. We do rock climbing, horseback riding, high ropes courses, robotics, cooking over campfires, and much more! For more information, contact the Scoutmaster for the Girls Troop, Bob Phillips, at girltroop1533@gmail.com, or the Scoutmaster for the Boys Troop, John Hall, at halljohnm@yahoo.com.



Spring Fling is April 25th!

Mark your calendars for the Spring Fling on **April 25th!** Some favorites include bounce houses, games, food trucks, the silent auction and marketplace and a chance to dunk your favorite teacher in the dunk tank!

More information will be posted soon on how to participate and volunteer!

Yearbooks for Sale

You can go to the Mantua ES school web site and order. We are only taking online orders.

https://mantuaes.fcps.edu/announcements/mantua-yearbooks-are-now-sale

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 FM111880

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: 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!



Feedback Wanted: FCPS Seeks to Identify Characteristics of New Director of Food and Nutrition Services

Fairfax County Public Schools has initiated a search for a permanent director of Food and Nutrition Services. The consulting firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) has been

retained to help in the search for the new director. Parents and community members are invited to meet with HYA during two upcoming meetings to identify the characteristics the school division seeks in the new director. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 10, at 4 p.m. in the Gatehouse Administration Center Café (first floor), 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, Va.

Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. Gatehouse Administration Center, room 1600, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, Va.

If you plan to attend either meeting and need an interpreter, please email knthomas@fcps.edu by March 9.

Luther Jackson Spiritwear

Do you have a rising sixth grader or friend attending Luther Jackson Middle School in the fall? Or know someone already attending who's ready for some new gear? LJMS spiritwear's spring free shipping period is nearly upon us, so take advantage of having Jackson goodies shipped directly to your home without shipping costs if you order between **Friday, March 6, and Monday, March 23**. Check out all the gear, clothing, color, and size options at www.lutherjacksonspiritwear.com then enjoy selecting from the eighteen Luther Jackson designs. Whether you're buying spiritwear for a rising or current LJMS student, a family member, a friend, or yourself, we thank you for purchasing gear and showing your Tiger Pride!

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!

- الحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية كفالة على هذا 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 Viktar 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 <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. 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/

Prepare Ahead — DMV Connect Comes to The Arc of Northern Virginia

Fri. Mar. 13, 9 am-2 pm, The Arc of Nova, 2755 Hartland Ave. #200 Falls Church

Plan now to get your documents in order to use DMV Connect to apply for drivers' licenses; ID cards and other documents for adults, children, and veterans.

Information: Allie Shelby at 703-208-1119 ext. 101

I Can Bike After-School Program

Various weeks in March-May at some middle schools in Fairfax County

This program uses adapted bicycles, a special instructional program, and trained staff for weeklong trainings for children with disabilities.

Info. & registration: https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-fcps-fairfax-va/

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

Mar. 4 & 5, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, McLean Govt. Ctr. 1437 Balls Hill Rd. McLean

ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and how to help them create a plan to support their immediate safety.

Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/applied-suicide-intervention-skills-training-asist-tickets-74987687191 or 703-538-3215

Mental Health 101: Navigating Mental Health Services for Your Child or Adolescent

Thu. Mar. 5, 7-9 pm, Ross Center 1595 Spring Hill Rd. Vienna

Learn about assessment and treatment options for therapy, how to choose a therapist or psychiatrist, and when to consider medication or testing.

Register: https://www.rosscenter.com/event/mentalhealth101/

Special Education: Understanding the Process

Fri. Mar. 6, 10 am-noon, Parent Resource Ctr. 2334 Gallows Rd. # 1, Dunn Loring

Find out about special education, how children qualify for it, and the roles of various individuals in developing special education plans.

Register: https://www.fcps.edu/node/28019/ or 703-204-3941

Achieving Independence Through Technology — With Webinar Option

Fri. Mar. 6, 10 am-noon, The Arc of Nova, 2755 Hartland Ave. #200 Falls Church

Learn about applications that allow people with disabilities to work and travel more independently, including TravelMate and EmployMate.

Register: https://thearcofnovatrust.org/events/

Become a Public Speaking Pro! — For Parents and Students

Sat. Mar. 7, 1:30-2:30 pm, StudyPro, 6849 Old Dominion Dr. #200, McLean

Learn what it takes to become an effective public speaker in an academic or work environment and also in daily life. Fun tips and practice included.

Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/become-a-public-speaking-pro-tickets-92905210987?

Language, Routines, Rewards, and Consequences to Support Your Child with ADHD at Home

Tue. Mar. 10, 7:00-8:30 pm, Flint Hill Sch. 3320 Jermantown Rd. Oakton

Learn language and strategies you can use at home to create positive structures that support your school-age children even during homework time.

Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/language-routines-rewards-consequences-to-support-your-child-with-adhd-tickets-94260516743

Managing Stress in Children

Wed. Mar. 11, 7:00-8:30 p**m**, Auburn Sch. 3800 Concorde Pkwy. #500, Chantilly

Learn about the signs and symptoms of stress in children and how to avoid stressful conditions for your child.

Register: https://www.theauburnschool.org/speakerseries

Playing with Math: Brain-Based Strategies to Improve Math Skills

Wed. Mar. 11, 7:30-9:00 pm, Lab Sch. 4759 Reservoir Rd, NW, Wash. DC

Learn how to decrease math anxiety and build math skills by using a brain based perspective to keep math fun, interactive and meaningful.

Register: https://www.labschool.org/community-and-resources/lecture-series

The Good News About Bad Behavior

Thu. Mar. 12, 12:45-1:15 pm, StudyPro, 6849 Old Dominion Dr. #200, McLean

Learn why kids are having difficulty with self-control, and both why and how to give up control so that they can learn to control themselves.

Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-good-news-about-bad-behavior-tickets-95386157565

Supported Decision Making in Education and Vocational Rehabilitation — with Webinar and Recorded Options

Thu. Mar. 12, noon–1 pm, The Arc of Nova, 2755 Hartland Ave. #200 Falls Church

Learn how to put supported decision making into action at all levels of schooling, as well as in pursuing employment supports.

Register: https://thearcofnova.org/programs/info-referral/workshop-series-sdm/

DMV Connect Comes to The Arc of Northern Virginia

Fri. Mar. 13, 9 am-2 pm, The Arc of Nova, 2755 Hartland Ave. #200, Falls Church

Plan now to get your documents in order to use DMV Connect to apply for drivers' licenses; ID cards and other documents for adults, children, and veterans.

Information: Allie Shelby at 703-208-1119 ext. 101

The ADA: A Recap in Plain Language — with Webinar & Recorded Options

Mon. Mar. 16, noon–1 pm, The Arc of Nova, 2755 Hartland Ave. #200 Falls Church

Learn how the Americans with Disabilities Act offers protections for people with developmental disabilities. Clear, simple language and pictures will be used.

Register: https://thearcofnova.org/programs/info-referral/ada-workshop-series/

Planning Ahead for Transitions: PreK - ES - MS - HS - Beyond!

Mon. Mar. 16. 7-9 pm, Robinson SS Recital Hall, Fairfax

Following a short Special Ed PTA meeting, learn from fellow parents on how to prepare now for your child's transition to a new grade or school next year.

Register: https://fairfaxcountysepta.org

Drugs, Alcohol, and Vaping, What Every Parent Needs to Know

Fri. Mar. 20, 10 am-noon, Parent Resource Ctr. 2334 Gallows Rd. # 1, Dunn Loring

Learn about trends in substance use, how students are impacted, paraphernalia to watch for, and how to talk with your kids.

Register: https://www.fcps.edu/node/28019/ or 703-204-3941

Sibshops

Sat. Mar. 21, 9 am-noon, Providence CC 2001 Vaden Dr. Fairfax

OR Sat. Mar. 21, 1:30-4:30 pm, Gum Springs CC 8100 Fordson Rd, Alexandria

This workshop is for children in grades 2-5 who have siblings with special needs. Your child will meet other siblings, share experiences, and receive peer support.

Register: https://www.fcps.edu/node/28019/ or 703-204-3941

Growth Mindset to Push Through Frustration — For 4th & 5th Graders

Sat. Mar. 21, 1:30-3:00 pm, StudyPro 6849 Old Dominion Dr. #200 McLean

Learn what a Growth Mindset is, why it matters, and what we can do when we get frustrated. Learn how to avoid, get around, or push through that frustration!

Register: https://thestudypro.com/workshops/

Fitness Activities: A Parent's Guide to Getting Your Child Moving

Tue. Mar. 31, 10 am-noon, Parent Resource Ctr. 2334 Gallows Rd. #1, Dunn Loring

Learn fun activities for the whole family to get your child moving while reinforcing a wide range of skills needed to participate in physical education.

Register: https://www.fcps.edu/node/28019/ or 703-204-3941

Save the Date — FCPS Special Education Conference

Sat. Apr. 18, Hayfield SS 7630 Telegraph Rd. Alexandria

This large conference for parents and teachers will also include exhibits.

Register: https://www.fcps.edu/event/special-education-conference

Support Groups for Parents

All these support groups are open to newcomers, and they are free, except where noted. No diagnosis is required to participate. Participants are typically given the opportunity to share their story, experience support, and glean guidance (as desired) from group members regarding both community and school resources. Confidentiality is respected.

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 <u>ADHDParentMountVernon@gmail.com</u> 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: kimberlyrgriffin@yahoo.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: <u>Samar.Chwairy@fairfaxcounty.gov</u> or call 703-799-2882.

D.A.D.S. Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome 3rd Tue. each month, 7-9 pm in Alexandria. Contact: George <u>gbuzby@aol.com</u> 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

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





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

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