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# MANTUA PTA NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

September 27th (Friday): Picture Day.

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## Advanced Academics Program

Click on the link for information regarding the Advanced Academics Program.

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dfa/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/aap.pdf>

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### Ability Testing

In the fall, the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) is administered to all FCPS first grade students and the CogAT- Custom Form is administered to all FCPS second grade students. During the fall testing cycle, the NNAT and/or Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) may be administered to students in Grades 3-6 who do not have an ability test score.

Parents or guardians may exercise a one-time retest option during the fall testing cycle. Please contact the school testing coordinator Ms.

Alley, [AVAlley@fcps.edu](mailto:AVAlley@fcps.edu), no later than Wednesday, September 25th to request a one-time retest for either the NNAT or CogAT.

Please do not wait for test scores before submitting a referral for your student in Grades 2-7 as there will be no referrals for Level IV screening accepted past the January 9th deadline. If you are waiting for test scores and would like your student screened for Level IV, please submit the referral by the published deadline (even if you have not received the test scores for your student).

**All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools that are attending Mantua, and don't have a Cognitive Test on file, will be administered the CogAt Test during the testing window of September 30th – October 10th.**

- If you are interested in a one-time retest for possible acceptance to AAP Center, please contact Eva Bousbouras at [vsbousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:vsbousbouras@fcps.edu) by, **Wednesday, September 25th.**
- Parents of students taking the CogAt Test will receive a letter from school prior to the testing date.

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### Art Department Volunteers Needed

Art Department Needs Volunteers! Welcome back!! The Art department NEEDS your help. No experience necessary. We just need helping hands to cut paper and clay, mix paint, hang art work, fill glue bottles and MORE! Please click on the SignUpGenius link and sign up for a time slot. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you during the 2019-2020 school year!



~The Art Team~

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AA9AC22A6FF2-mantua4>

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## Fall Picture Day

September 27, 2019 in the Mantua gym.

Envelopes will be sent home 9/24/2019.

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## Author Visit- 5th & 6th Grade

Attention 5th and 6th grade parents! Author Tom O'Donnell will be visiting Mantua's 5th and 6th graders on October 18th. A flyer with information about his visit, and an opportunity to purchase personalized copies of his books, have been sent in Tuesday folders. Orders are due by Friday, October 4th. Questions? Please contact Mantua librarians Michelle Hawk ([mahawk@fcps.edu](mailto:mahawk@fcps.edu)) or Katie Marmol ([kgmarmol@fcps.edu](mailto:kgmarmol@fcps.edu)).



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



## Chat n' Chew

Chat'n'Chew, Mantua ES's book club, welcomes students in the third through sixth grades and meets from December to March once a month.

**Registration Fee: \$35**

**Grades: 3-6**

**Days/Times: During lunch at school once a month**

**Runs: December – March**

Registration link:

[www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2019-20clubs](http://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2019-20clubs)

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## Global Plus Classes

Is your child interested in learning a foreign language? Global Plus is a fun way for your child to gain foreign language skills. This year, Global Plus teachers have access to three different curricula that address the needs of different skill levels, from first-time learners to heritage speakers.



This year we are offering the following classes at Mantua:

Morning class: GP05220-0001 German, Grades 4-6 **Starts Thurs, Oct 17**

Afternoon classes:

GP03120-0001 Chinese, Grades 1-3 **Starts Wed, Oct 16**

GP03220-0001 Chinese, Grades 4-6 **Starts Fri, Oct 18**

Classes are 20 weeks long and cost \$395. Register at

<https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/SubjectListing.aspx?>

[CategoryID=10377&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+\(K-6\)&IsCourse=1&SubjectID=10936&AreaName=GLOBAL+Plus](https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/SubjectListing.aspx?CategoryID=10377&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+(K-6)&IsCourse=1&SubjectID=10936&AreaName=GLOBAL+Plus)

Registering more than one child? Register by calling 703-658-1201 to receive a 10% sibling discount (for one sibling only).

Questions? Email [globalplus@mantuapta.org](mailto:globalplus@mantuapta.org).

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## Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at [MantuaPTA.org](http://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/dtf/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/about-mpta.pdf>

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## Restaurant Night - Chipotle



Eat Chipotle, help Mantua Elementary School PTA foil your dinner plans and stop by the Chipotle at 9506 Main Street in Fairfax for our fundraiser on **Wednesday, October 09 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm.** We're raising money to support Mantua Elementary School PTA, so just download a flyer from the link below or mention the fundraiser at checkout and they'll donate 33% of the proceeds to the cause!

<https://socialportal.chipotle.com/fundraiser/social/public/portal/2qgOSkhLoGyglOEcc9ddN3fiTrvBDs>

## Directory Opt-Out

Here at Mantua we care about your privacy and want to ensure that you are comfortable with the information provided to other Mantua families!

Please complete this short form if you do NOT wish to be published in The Mantua PTA Online Student



Directory. The majority of parents opt to include their family's information in the directory as it is a great resource for parents, students, and faculty throughout the school year, but we want each family to make that choice for themselves. The **Opt Out window ends on September 20th** and the new Directory should be available by Oct 1st. Any questions please email [directory@mantuapta.org](mailto:directory@mantuapta.org). Thanks!

<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/directoryoptout2019>

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## 2019 PTA Reflections Art Contest



The 2019 Mantua PTA Reflections Art Contest is underway! Please submit your entries by **Tuesday, Oct 15**. Submit your art along with the fully-completed entry form (See <https://www.vapta.org/documents/arts-in-education/19-20-reflections/2224-19-20-student-packet-template-f>) to the Mantua Elementary school office. The Theme Search contest is also underway - enter a phrase to spark creativity for the 2021 PTA Reflections contest. Theme search entries are due **Tuesday, Oct 15** in the Reflections mailbox in the school office (See <https://www.vapta.org/documents/general/2254-19-20-theme-search-packet-template-updated>). Thank you for participating - we look forward to seeing your work!

FAQ - <http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/programs/reflections.pdf>

Questions? Please contact [ReflectionsMantua@gmail.com](mailto:ReflectionsMantua@gmail.com).

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## Extracurricular Academic Competitions

Does your child solve problems...just for fun? Does your child read about science in his spare time? Does your child love sports AND math...AT THE SAME TIME? Would your child like to work with other students to learn something fun outside of school? To meet new kids? To have fun new challenges? There are many opportunities outside of school, such as Science

Olympiad, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Geographic Bee, MathCounts, AMC 8, Lego League, Destination Imagination, Odyssey of the Mind, etc. Students could learn new things, delve deeper into certain subjects, and practice hand-on skills through studying fossils, exploring outer space, running experiments, practicing problem solving, or building machines that actually work!

Extracurricular academic competitions facilitate creative team-building that encourage resourcefulness, self-confidence, problem solving, and leadership in children of all ages. The possibilities are endless!! To view the list of events Mantua students have participated in in the past, go to

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1enRE-HO74gLXEJaAycxDZNRPiVshHm5e/view>

To indicate interest in participating this year and to connect with other parents, sign-up at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZcYtjseh3DTL5RTr\\_pdI9eOsF0ZhMNfm3ZWt763LCMEy0Vw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZcYtjseh3DTL5RTr_pdI9eOsF0ZhMNfm3ZWt763LCMEy0Vw/viewform) .

For additional questions, email [MantuaCompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:MantuaCompetitions@gmail.com) to contact Alice Wang and Esther Ko.



## **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 **Monday, September 23, 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](#). Troop Organizers will then contact you about possible troop placement. Questions? Attend the September 23th Parent Meeting or contact [girlscouts@mantuapta.org](mailto:girlscouts@mantuapta.org).

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbGDJBI2cINB8wazt-LcRIH5Zyd97q4DbL-yWvALTCJWI9vw/viewform>

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## **Join Scouting Night**

BSA Troop 1533 Boys and Girls Troop invite all interested 5th and 6th graders to the Mantua Cafeteria at 7:30 on Tuesday, September 24 to learn more about the BSA program. We aspire to provide an environment that trains youth in leadership and community service while engaging in an active outdoor program. We have a great year already planned, including great activities like a climbing lock-in, robotics campout and a wilderness survival campout, and we're already planning our next summer camp adventure. If you're interested in the program but can't attend, please contact us through the [beascout.scouting.org](http://beascout.scouting.org) website or see more of what BSA has been up to on [weownadventure.com](http://weownadventure.com).

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## Join Cub Scout Pack 1533

Cub Scout Pack 1533 is welcoming boys and girls in grades K to 5 to join! We already had a few fun events this year including kayaking and mini-golf, and are planning upcoming events such as a campout, rocket launch, and pinewood derby. A good first event for new families to come to is the **Sept. 26** parent orientation night during which the scouts will watch a pinewood derby-themed movie while parents learn more about scouting (**Mantua ES cafeteria at 7 pm**). If you are interested, sign up on our website and come to an upcoming event (our calendar is included on our website). Can we scout you in?



<http://pack1533.org/>

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## W.T. Woodson High School Feeder Night Football Game – Friday September 20, 2019 at 7:00pm

All students from the Woodson pyramid are admitted into the football game with the presentation of the flyer attached (printed or on phone) when accompanied by a paying adult. Woodson will recognize all feeder school students before the start of the game at 6:40 p.m., please

meet at the scoreboard by 6:30 p.m. to prepare.

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/feeder-night-football.pdf>

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## Turnpike Basketball Winter Season

Turnpike Basketball Club provides Mantua students with programs to supplement their participation in the Mantua Basketball League. These include our Open Gym Program, 3-on-3 Developmental League (for 1st & 2nd

graders), and Travel Program (for advanced 5th & 6th grade players). Open gyms at local schools are available throughout September and Travel Team **tryouts begin the week of September 30th**, so check out our website and register today!

[turnpikebasketball.org](http://turnpikebasketball.org)



## **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](mailto: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, 2009.

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.

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## 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](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org) или [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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## 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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