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MANTUA PTA NEWS

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Important Dates

October 6 (Tuesday): Mantua Directory Opt-out deadline.

October 7 (Wednesday): Academic Competitions Parent Information Session, 7 pm.

October 8 (Thursday): Virtual PTA meeting 7pm

October 8 (Thursday): **4th Grade Strings Instrument and Method Book Pick-up**, 1:00-5:00 pm outside our main entrance (Door 1 – Bus Loop). All

students will receive a method book. Instruments will also be distributed for any student who has arranged for a county-issued instrument with Ms. Easton.

October 12 (Monday): Indigenous Peoples' Day - NO SCHOOL.



PTA Meeting

Thursday, October 8 please join the virtual Mantua PTA Meeting.

<https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/5bcc0f94412d4d6289cd7a926ae08d06>

SR&R Updates and Parent Acknowledgement Form

Reminder, parents and guardians, please review the Student Rights and Responsibilities and related resources at www.fcps.edu/srr. After reviewing the information, **fill out the SR&R Parent Acknowledgement Form using the link at the bottom of this email.** This form must be filled out once for each student in your family.



The survey will also be on the Mantua school website for families to fill it out there, too.

Link: <https://forms.gle/tmP1trFsQUoYarGe6>

Seeking Computer Monitor Donations



Many teachers are working on one monitor. It would be helpful for them to have two monitors: one to direct the class on, and the second to interact with the students at the same time. If you have a spare monitor you are able to donate to the school for these teachers please contact the Mantua ES front office.

Library Curbside Pick Up

Curbside library pick up is now open! Click this [link](#) (must be logged into an FCPS Google account) in order to get information on curbside library pick up. There are step by step instructions, links to our catalog and how to videos so that your child can participate. <https://sites.google.com/fcpschools.net/mantualibrary/home?authuser=0>



Questions, email Katie Marmol (kgmarmol@fcps.edu) or Michelle Hawk (mahawk@fcps.edu).

Academic Competitions Parent Information Session

Mantua academic competition parent information session will be held virtually on **October 7th (Wednesday) from 7pm to 8pm** via this link:

<https://meet.google.com/gso-umji-nry>.

We will provide briefings about exciting programs outside of school, like Destination Imagination, Odyssey of the Mind, Lego League, Science Olympiad, National Geographic Bee, MathCounts, and more. These academic competitions offer opportunities for all students, K-6 to try new things or delve deeper into their favorite subjects, whether they are exploring outer space, writing a play or original song, or creating machines that actually work. Each of these competitions facilitates creative team-building that encourage resourcefulness, self-confidence, problem solving, and leadership in children of all ages. Come join us at the Academic Competitions information session! For any questions, please email mantuacompetitions@gmail.com.

Get A Kid Mask With PTA Membership!

We have more Mantua Raccoon youth masks on order! Join the Mantua PTA and you will receive a free mask along with access to the online directory (published in late fall). Masks will also be available for sale soon! If you were one of our first 200 members and still need to collect your mask, you can email membership chair, Mary Beth Fleming at membership@mantuapta.org



<https://mantuapta.new.memberhub.store/store>

Stronger Together: A few Yard Signs left!

Our Spirit Your Yard signs are almost gone! Get yours while you still can. All proceeds go to the PTA to help with a variety of school programs and needs. The next "Spirit Day" will be in October, so stay tuned, and get those CAMERAS ready!

<https://mantuapta.new.memberhub.store/store>



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 October 6th.

Questions, email directory@mantuapta.org.

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Reflections Program

This year's theme for the Reflections Arts Program is "I Matter Because...". Encourage students to reflect on the theme and express themselves through their artwork.

Call for Entries! Deadline is October 15, 2020.

The artwork should show a clear relation to the theme. Try to use any aspect of the artwork (such as the objects, props, background, location, lighting, etc.) to help convey the theme. Whether an entry displays formal technique or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity. Some examples of artwork include: ballet, hip hop dance, animation, documentary, poetry, short story, Latin music, choral, panoramic photo, photomontage, drawing, painting, carpentry, sculpture, and more. Please use the link to the Mantua PTA Facebook page for lists of accepted artwork in each category.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/permalink/1778948815615152>

Mantua Drama Club Activities

This uncertain year leaves Mantua Drama Club "on hiatus," but we have some fun virtual ideas planned to keep you engaged with theater and acting! We are also open to your ideas! We are tentatively planning an online scavenger hunt, a trivia night, a movie watch party, and a costume/set design



contest. Let us know if you are interested in any of these fun theater related activities via this google form: [Mantua Drama Club Events 2020](#) Your whole theater loving family is welcome to participate! Please fill out for each student if you have more than one child interested. No need to have prior experience with Drama Club to participate - invite your friends!

Questions, email Lauren Brennan drama@mantuapta.org

Food Drive

We are grateful to continue the Food Drive started last spring to support families in our school. Luis Uribe Gamboa, our fabulous Parent Liaison working for Mantua ES works with families and has provided the following list of items most needed.

The collection point for food is 9214 Ponce PI, Fairfax, VA 22031, please leave the food in front of the garage door (not on the front porch). This will be ongoing so you can drop off anytime. Thank you for your support!

For questions, email Kristina Clarke president@mantuapta.org or Luis Uribe Gamboa lauribegambo@fcps.edu.

Food List:

- Oil -Flour-Tortilla Flour (Maseca)
- Dry Beans, red, black etc.(No Cans!) -Rice
- Pancake Mix-Pancake Syrup -Tomato Sauce for pasta
- Mac & cheese-Spaghetti -Pasta (all kinds) -Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Vegetables (green beans, carrots, mixed vegetables etc.)
- Canned fruit -Snacks (energy bars, chips etc.) -Coffee -Sugar -Cereals
- Tooth paste -Tooth brush -Body soap -Tuna -Crackers



Join a Girl Scout Troop - Virtual or In-person

Join the Girl Scouts! Jump on our virtual meeting to learn more about existing troops and new troops forming.

Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm.

<https://chime.aws/2475817744>

Meeting ID: 2475 81 7744

Kids Give Back Family Volunteer Day: Fall Gardening

Kids Give Back, founded by a Mantua parent, is a nonprofit organization that provides young children with volunteer opportunities. On **October 24, 1-4pm**, we are hosting Family Volunteer Day: Fall Gardening. Join us as we plant a Fall garden to



beautify the Bethlehem Lutheran Church property; please bring a small plant or pumpkin to share. Two volunteer shifts are available: 1-2:30pm or 2:30-4:00pm; \$25 per family covers supplies; volunteers will be spread out on the property. Details: <https://kidsgiveback.org/involve-your-kids>

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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