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Important Dates

October 13-14 – Passive Fundraising: Amazon Prime Days

October 23-26 – Community Spirit: Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt

October 22 (Thursday) – AAP Information Meeting, 3:30-4:30

October 23 (Friday) – Run for Rocky Kickoff

October 26-30 – Virtual Run for Rocky!

October 27 (Tuesday) – Restaurant Night: Chipotle, 4-8pm

A Virtual Advanced Academics Program (AAP)

Parent Information Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 22nd from 3:30-4:30pm** for families of students in the general education program in grades 2-6. This meeting will provide an overview of AAP Levels of Services offered at FCPS and will include information regarding the screening process for AAP Level III and AAP Level IV Services.

Please look for the link which will be posted the week of the meeting.



Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt

Mantua PTA invites our neighbors to safely celebrate fall and enjoy our community with a Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt! The Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt is open to all families in our neighborhood and Mantua Elementary School boundaries. Please spread the word within your HOA, development, cul de sac or street. There are many ways to participate!

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a00dc966-6e45-4583-9bba-f08e6218d20a>

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>



If you are not receiving emails saying holds are ready then please make sure

to have your child check their FCPS Gmail account and/or check your SPAM folder.

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



Pumpkin Book Characters!

Remember last school year when our teachers decorated pumpkins like books and book characters? Now you can too! If you want to participate, decorate a pumpkin at home and send your photos to Mrs. Marmol or Mrs. Hawk (kgmarmol@fcps.edu or mahawk@fcps.edu) and we will share them on Facebook and Twitter. We can't wait to see how creative our students are!

Mantua Academic Competitions Program

Below is the information for parents / students who are interested at Mantua academic competitions. Many of the competitions have deadlines coming up soon. Please fill out the interest forms no later than October 16 (Friday)!

- Here is a [link to a summary sheet of all the academic competitions](#)
- Here is a [link to the Interest Form](#)

For any questions, please contact mantuacompetitions@gmail.com

Geobee

Mantua Elementary will be participating in the International Academic Competitions' (IAC) US Geography Championship and International Geography Bee programs, in lieu of the National Geographic's GeoBee (which has been cancelled this year). Participating students will take a qualifying exam (called an ORQE) in December 2020, which will be administered by Mantua Elementary. If the student scores high enough, they qualify to participate in regionals in Feb/March 2021. If they score high enough in regionals, they go to nationals in May/June 2021. These regional and national competitions will be virtual. Parents will coach their kids with the guidance and resources provided on IAC's website. Additional guidance and resources will also be provided by the Mantua Parent Coordinator. Ages/Grade: Grades 4-6

Cost: ORQE [exam.is](#) free, but there area registration fees for regionals and nationals for students who score high enough on the ORQE.

You can register here: <https://forms.gle/y2rTqsvt5Z2GL4oF6>

Support Mantua ES PTA on Amazon Prime Days Oct 13-14th!

Did you know that you can shop on Amazon and benefit our school at the same time? It's that easy! Don't spend any more time or money than you already would shopping for your own household! Amazon Prime days are Oct 13th and 14th with extra deals. Before you check out those deals, just do one of two things:

- 1) Click on the Amazon button found under the fundraising section of our website, mantuapta.org. The button will take you to Amazon's site and a portion of your purchase will be donated to Mantua PTA. Nothing else needed!
- 2) Link AmazonSmile with Mantua PTA – You can choose Mantua PTA on your phone! To turn on AmazonSmile – open the app and find 'settings' in the main menu. Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

You can also find it in your Amazon account from your computer!

<http://mantuapta.org/>

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 your's 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>



Calling for Ideas for the Wish Fund

Do you have a great idea that will positively impact our school community? The generous support of Mantua ES families, community supporters, faculty, and staff enables us to operate the Mantua PTA Wish Fund, an internal grant-awarding program founded in 2014. This grant is designed to fund valuable projects that benefit our school. We want to hear from you! The application materials will be made available to teachers, staff and current PTA members on **October 23rd**, so start brainstorming now! Any questions, please contact Amy Sheridan at wishfund@mantuapta.org.

National Custodian Day

Last Friday (October 2nd, 2020) we celebrated National Custodian Day with a PTA Appreciation Station. The PTA thanked our wonderful staff for keeping our school safe & fun with (grab-and-go) Chick-fil-A lunch & cookies!

Sign Up for Kids Care Club!

The Kids Care Club is kicking off this year virtually! So what is Kids Care Club? It's a club where kids are empowered to see what a big difference they can make. At least once a month, we will have an activity where kids can perform an act of kindness/giving.

A few changes this year as we navigate this club virtually:

- There will be NO registration fee!
- There will be no limit on participants!!

The BEST news is that while some activities may have a cost associated for

participants to purchase their own supplies, we are going to include activities that students can participate in with items you already have around the house, like making cards with supplies at home. You can decide which activities to participate in! Sign up, at no cost, for the Kids Care Club here: <https://www.signupanywhere.com/signup/4s67khum>.

Questions, email Kathy Timberlake at KCC@mantuapta.org.

Thank you! Here's to another great year of doing incredible work!



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Reflections Program

Reflections Arts Program is an amazing program to encourage children to participate in the arts! This is a unique program in where the thought behind the work is more important than the skill and is designed to encourage all participants. Every entry will get a thoughtful response from one of our program's judges.

Updated Deadline - Sat, October 17, 2020

This year all entries at the school-level are digital images or recordings of the artwork. Instructions for entries can be [found here](#). However, please maintain the original artwork as it moves onto the next level! ?? If you have any questions, please contact Miki Welck at: Reflections@MantuaPTA.org

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

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

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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