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Important Dates

- October 28 (Wednesday) - Virtual Run for Rocky for grades 3-4 from 3-4pm.
- October 29 (Thursday) - Virtual Run for Rocky for grades 5-6 from 3-4pm.
- October 30 (Friday) - End of First Quarter, 2 Hour Early Release.
- November 2-3 (Monday/Tuesday) - Student Holiday, No School.

School Issued Laptop Help

If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's school issued laptop, please remember to refer to the self-help page and ticketing service.

Self-help page: <https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/technology-support-families>

Parent/Student Ticket Page: <https://itweb.fcps.edu/itsupport/>

Spirit Days



This week, we encourage your child to participate in our spirit days. On the day of their "run", we would ask them to wear one of their old Run for Rocky shirts while out and about (or an older siblings, if they have one). Otherwise, here's the schedule for the week:

- Wednesday – Crazy Hair/Clothes Day
- Thursday – Pajama Day

- Friday – Halloween costume (no masks, no weapons or accessories), or something Orange for Halloween



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>

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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](#) and we will share them on Facebook and Twitter. We can't wait to see how creative our students are!



Virtual Run For Rocky Fundraiser

VIRTUAL RUN FOR ROCKY 2020

Help us reach our \$25,000 Goal! Promoting Healthy Minds, Healthy Hearts, Healthy Bodies The Virtual Run for Rocky is Mantua PTA's largest fundraiser of the year that seeks to generate funds that WILL be injected into the school this year to include various curriculum materials, staff development and other teacher resources, and fun virtual PTA programs and events for the school community.

Even though we are virtual, we still have a need to support the school! This year's format will be different as we will be doing a Virtual Run for Rocky. We've designated times for students to go out and get active, but we are making it very flexible. Students can go out and run, walk, jump rope – whatever they want to do to get active. They can also be active in their front yard, back yard or in their neighborhood. If a student has a conflict during the times listed below, they can participate in any of the other time slots, or if they want to participate with a sibling, that is perfectly fine as well! See below for the schedule of events.

INCENTIVES!! Students that raise money will have the chance to participate in our Large Gift Raffle! For every \$50 they raise, their name will be entered one time into the raffle. Winners will be announced at the completion of Virtual Run for Rocky Week on October 30th! Prizes include:

-Hydro Flask Water Bottle -Echo Dot for Kids

-Kindle Paperwhite -Mini iPad -Nintendo Switch

Additionally, during the week of Virtual Run for Rocky, the classrooms that raise the most money will earn a special class incentive from their teacher. Only one class can win per week.

To say thank to our teachers for helping us raise funds for the school, we will host a special "teachers-only" raffle. For every \$200 that a classroom raises,

the classroom teacher will get his/her name in the teacher raffle for two \$150 gift cards from Amazon. Drawings for those prizes will be on October 30th.



RUN FOR ROCKY DONATIONS WILL BE WELCOMED THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Important Dates & Times

Now – October 30th - 2-week fundraising period

Schedule:

- Wednesday, October 28 – grades 3-4 participate from 3-4pm
- Thursday, October 29 – grades 5-6 participate from 3-4pm
- Friday, October 30 – make up day if inclement weather October 30th – Last day to collect money BIG THANKS!!

Your support and generous contributions will ensure the PTA continues to provide additional resources and programs to our students and staff. As funding becomes tighter each year, it is important that we work as a community to support Mantua ES! Please become a supporter and share with your friends!

THANK YOU TO OUR RUN FOR ROCKY SPONSORS FOR THEIR DONATIONS!

Jennifer Mack Properties Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long and Foster Realtors Merrifield Orthodontics HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE by sharing the Virtual Run for Rocky's donation link with friends and family. If we meet at least 50% and then 100% of our goal as a school, the students will get 2 special surprises that week!

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. A few of the past awarded projects are:

- The outside track
- An installed refillable water station
- Balls and equipment for recess
- Snap circuits for Science classes
- Supplies for the Garden Committee

The PTA encourages teachers, staff, and current PTA members to submit Wish Fund applications beginning **Friday, October 23rd**, with a **deadline for receipt of Friday, November 13, 2020 by 5pm**. Project funds must be spent during the 2020-21 school year. The Wish Fund currently has a total of \$10,000.00 to distribute for proposals this year. The application link is below and we appreciate your creativity for, and commitment to, Mantua Elementary School and its students! Questions, email Amy Sheridan at wishfund@mantuapta.org.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2020-21/flyers/wish-fund-application.pdf>

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.

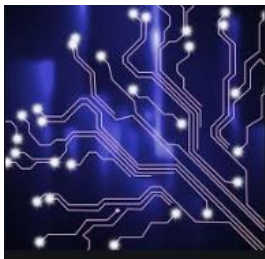
A few changes this year as we navigate this club virtually:

- 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!



Technology Tip of the week

Interested in learning more about blocking sites and how parents can have more control on this? The following FCPS web page gives some information on this. Click on the link below and scroll down to the Learn More about Parental Controls section, it has information on how you can work with your internet provider to block certain sites at the router.

<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/digital-citizenship-internet-safety/digital-citizenship-families/digital>

Recording of Town Hall

If you missed the Town Hall - Back to School the [recording has been posted here](#).

Operation Warm

Operation Warm has created a link specific to help us fund raise for this year's coat drive. Please send out the link to any and everyone. We need all the help

that we can get. This year, we received requests for over 4000 coats. We have never received such a high number of requests and, unfortunately, we cannot meet that demand. We really need your help.

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/operation-warm-inc/join-firefighter-friends-to-the-rescue-to-give-coats-to-kids-in-need>



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LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT MANTUA NEIGHBORS IN NEED?

Please consider donating to the food drive started last spring by Luis Uribe Gamboa, our fabulous Parent Liaison, who has provided the following list of items most needed:

OIL • FLOUR • TORTILLA FLOUR (MASECA) • RICE DRY BEANS (NO CANS) • COFFEE • SUGAR PANCAKE MIX • PANCAKE SYRUP • CEREALS SNACKS • TOMATO SAUCE FOR PASTA • TUNA CRACKERS • MAC & CHEESE • PASTA CANNED TOMATOES. VEGETABLES & FRUIT BODY SOAP • TOOTHPASTE • TOOTHBRUSHES

Please deliver food to 9214 Ponce Place and leave it in front of the garage door (not on the front porch). Dropoff is ongoing, so swing by anytime. Click the banner to email Kristina Clarke at president@mantuapta.org and Luis Uribe Gamboa at lauribegambo@fcps.edu.

THANK YOU!

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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