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Important Upcoming Dates

October 19 (Tuesday): AAP Parent Orientation Night, 6pm; Restaurant Night, Ballston Local, 5-8pm.

October 23 (Saturday): Reflections Program deadline at noon.

October 28 (Thursday): Run For Rocky.

October 27 (Friday): Enrichment registration closes at midnight.

October 29 (Friday) : End of First Quarter, 2 Hour Early Release.

November 1 (Monday): Student Holiday. No School.

AAP Parent Orientation Night, Tuesday October 19

Are you interested in learning more about the Advanced Academics Program (AAP) referral, screening, and identification process? Mantua cordially invites you to attend a virtual parent meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. The Zoom link for this meeting may be found in the All Parents: Mantua Elementary School course in Schoology.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact our Advanced Academics Resource Teacher (AART), Kathy Van Dyke at kkvandyke@fcps.edu.

Mantua Elementary Restaurant Night Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Mantua Elementary's Restaurant Night Fundraiser on **Tuesday, October 19th from 5-8pm at Ballston Local**. 20% of the money raised will go to the Mantua PTA, so bring your friends and enjoy some amazing cuisine from our Mantua-family-owned Ballston Local!

www.ballstonlocal.com

Mantua In-Person Winter Enrichment is Here!



Take a look at the exciting classes that we have lined up for in-person Winter Enrichment at https://www.enrichmentmatters.com/mantua.

Registration is OPEN NOW through Wednesday, October 27th at midnight.

You will find the winter session class schedule, registration details and FAQs on the enrichment website. Classes will be held November 8th through January 13th. See you there!



Book Character pumpkin decorating!

Have an extra pumpkin laying around and you love reading? Decorate it like a book character!

Feel free to send a picture of you and your pumpkin decorated like a book character to either Mrs. Marmol (kgmarmol@fcps.edu) or Mrs. Hawk (mahawk@fcps.edu) and we will post it on our Mantua

Library Twitter page! If you would like to bring your pumpkin in, we will display it proudly in the library, too!



We had so much fun last fall that we're bringing it back again! Enjoy our great community and celebrate fall! Fall is here, get your yard decoration game on! Information and link to register is in the link below. Questions, email Kristina Clarke at president@mantuapta.org

https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:ba8d359dff25-45d9-b603-5dcfe88155c9

Parent Digital Consent Forms -- Action Requested!

The school needs your consent for some important digital resources your child might need to access for classwork on their laptop. Take a moment to review the <u>online resources</u> our teachers at Mantua may use with your child. After you have had a chance to review the resources, please use <u>this</u>



<u>link</u>, to complete the <u>Parent Consent form</u>. You will need to have your child(s) ID Number. If you have more than one child, you will have to complete the form for each child.

Student-Parent Survey for Federal Impact Aid

FCPS is asking all families to fill out a Student-Parent Survey for Federal Impact Aid.

Returning this form is important because information from this survey results in an additional \$3 million in grants each year from the U.S. Department of Education. These funds are used to support all Fairfax County public schools and centers.

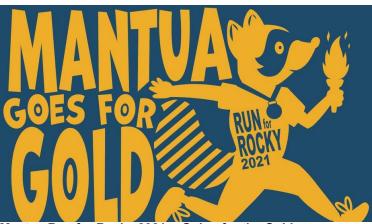
For each school-aged child in your household, please complete, sign, date, and return the survey to your child's school. If sections 1 and 2 of the survey

do not apply to you, just check the boxes in Section 3.

All forms must be signed, dated, and returned by November 5.

All results are confidential.

More information is available online.



Mantua Run for Rocky 2021 -- Going for the Gold

It's Time for the Mantua Elementary Run for Rocky 2021!! To celebrate the Olympics, we are Going for the Gold! Run for Rocky will take place on **Thursday, October 28th** and is Mantua PTA's largest fundraiser of the year. Not only does the Run for Rocky promote healthy habits and boost school spirit, it will help us reach our goal this year of \$40,000! Money raised contributes to many different activities, curriculum materials, staff development and other teacher resources, and fun PTA programs and events for the school community.

Fundraising starts today! To donate, please visit https://mp.gg/q5ggk and share with relatives and friends.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

October 28 (Thursday) - Run For Rocky Day, schedule:

3rd-4th grades- 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

K-2nd grades- 10:30-11:30 a.m.

5th-6th grades-11:30-12:30 p.m.

https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/runforrocky2021

EVERY STUDENT, on the morning of Run For Rocky, will each receive the Official Run for Rocky T-shirt - sponsored by Anne and Sarah Harrington with Long & Foster Realtors, Axiologic Solutions, Elite M.A. Center, and Kaizen MMA Fairfax. Additionally, during the week of Run for Rocky, the classrooms with the highest levels of participation will earn a special class incentive from their teacher. One classroom winner per day and a classroom can only win once during the 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 November 5th.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR DONATIONS!

Anne and Sarah Harrington -- Long & Foster Realtors --

Axiologic Solutions Ballston Local -- Elite MA -- iContact Coaching --

Jennifer Mack Properties --Kaizen MMA --Merrifield Orthodontics

November 5 - is the LAST day to donate money INCENTIVES!!

Students that raise money will have the chance to participate in our Large Gift Raffle! For every \$100 they raise, their name will be entered one time into the raffle. Winners will be announced at the completion of our fundraising period on November 5th!

Large Gift Raffle Prizes Include:

- Nintendo Switch sponsored by Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster Realtors
- · Chromebook sponsored by Jennifer Mack Properties
- 3D Printer sponsored by Jennifer Mack Properties
- Electric Razor Scooter sponsored by Ballston Local NASA Telescope sponsored by iContact Coaching Kids
- · Drone sponsored by Merrifield Orthodontics
- Echo Dot sponsored by Merrifield Orthodontics

And as a gift to HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE by sharing the Run for Rocky's donation link with friends and family. If we meet at least 50% and then 100% of our \$40,000 goal as a school, the students will get 2 special surprises from the school administration!

REMEMBER: DONATIONS WILL BE WELCOMED THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5th!

CORPORATE MATCHING Please check to see if your employer also offers corporate matching here! 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! QUESTIONS?? Contact fundraising@mantuapta.org

SPIRIT DAYS October 25 -29 leading up to Run for Rocky

We encourage students to participate in Spirit Week!

- Monday, October 25 Crazy Hair/Clothes Day
- Tuesday, October 26 Crazy Hat Day
- · Wednesday, October 27 Olympic Rings Color Day
 - o K-1st-Blue
 - 2-3rd Yellow
 - o 4th Black
 - o 5th Green
 - o 6th Red
- Thursday, October 28 Spirit Parade Dress Up Day
- Friday, October 29 Pajama Day

Mantua PTA Wish Fund 2021-22

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 25th, so start brainstorming now!

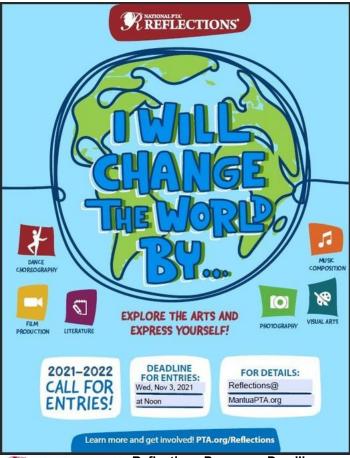
Questions, contact Amy Sheridan at wishfund@mantuapta.org.

Turnpike Basketball Club

Turnpike Basketball Club is a local non-profit youth basketball club that works in cooperation with the Mantua Basketball League, offering travel basketball opportunities and supplemental programs for Mantua players and families.

In addition to the Travel Team tryouts for advanced 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys which conclude this week, Turnpike also invites all boys and girls in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade to join the K-2 3-on-3 Developmental League this Winter. This is a great way to prepare for playing Mantua Basketball starting in 3rd grade.

Check out <u>turnpikebasketball.org</u> or email <u>turnpike.basketball@gmail.com</u> for further information. GO RACCOONS!



REFLECTIONS*

Reflections Program - Deadline Extended! 2021-2022

I Can Change The World By ...

The Reflections Program encourages students to explore the arts and to create original masterpieces in response to a student-created theme and submit their artwork in one or more categories within their grade division:

- Primary (Pre-K to Grade 2)
- Intermediate (Grades 3-5)
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Reflection Arts Program Deadline for Mantua students: **Wednesday Nov 3**, **2021 at noon**.

For guidelines for each arts category and a link to the entry form, click on Reflections Register button on the Manta PTA http://www.mantuapta.org/

Official rules are made available by the VA PTA: https://tinyurl.com/599tc3wr

Summary of the rules and guidelines for all entries can be found at this link http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2021-22/flyers/reflections-entry.pdf

The deadline for the theme search has not changed: Saturday, Oct 30, 2021 at noon.

For questions or more info, please contact: Reflections@MantuaPTA.org

School of Magic Drama Camp

Fairfax High School Theatre's 1-Day Drama Camp

Theme: A Day at a School of Magic Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Online Registration: https://fhs-theatre-boosters.ticketleap.com/school-of-magic-drama-camp/

Flier: http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2021-22/flyers/ffxhs-drama-camp.pdf

SIS/ParentVue Account

Do you have a SIS/ParentVue account? This account will allow you to access your child's attendance, class performance, and much more.

Use this <u>link</u> to access, activate or change your password.



Schoology Account

Schoology is a learning space that enhances communication, collaboration, and personalized learning for students, teachers, and families.

- You need a SIS/ParentVUE account to login to Schoology: http://bit.ly/FCPSSIS
- Use your SIS/ParentVUE login information to login to Schoology: https://lms.fcps.edu

Look for the FCPS logo to make sure you are on the right login page.



Join the Mantua Elementary PTA Facebook Page

Let's get social! Don't forget to join the Mantua Elementary PTA Facebook page! Not only is a great place to ask questions and connect with other families, we hope to keep it up to date with

important events and dates throughout the year.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/?ref=share

Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at 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!



Any changes in dismissal transportation need to be requested by emailing the Mantua Attendance (Mantuaelem.attendance@fcps.edu) by 11:00am, so the office has time to relay that change to the classroom teacher. No early dismissals will be permitted after 3:30pm.

Parent Information Relating to Special Education

All these opportunities are **FREE** unless noted. In most cases **you must register** if registration information is provided.

Teaching Problem Solving to Children and Adults with ADHD

Tue. Oct. 19, 7:00-8:30 pm

Learn how to teach problem solving to children, even those with hyperactivity, impulsivity, distractability, and executive function deficits.

Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teaching-problem-solving-to-children-and-adults-with-adhd-tickets-168309300649

The Dynamicas of Cyberbulling, Technology and Our Youth — In Spanish
La Dinámica del Acoso Cibernético, la Tecnología, y Nuestra Juventud

Mie. los 20 oct. 7 pm

Aprenda sobre el acoso cibernético, las motivaciones detrás de él, y las estrategias para proteger a los estudiantes con discapacidades.

Registrarse: https://bit.ly/2XB7nFQ

Real Assistive Technology for Everyone (RATE) Conference 2021

Sat. Oct. 23, 9 am-12:30 pm

This event will include a key note and three sessions with choices to present the use of assistive technology for supporting student learning.

Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/

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Ask an Advocate: IEP 101

Wed., Oct. 20, 6:30-8:30 pm, Autism FIRST 24805 Pinebrook Rd. Chantilly

Learn how goals, services and placement decisions are determined, plus paper trails, and tips for how to advocate for your child.

Register: https://autismfirstus.com/events/

National Drug Take Back Day

Sat. Oct. 23, 10 am-2 pm

Safely dispose of unused medications at District Police Stations in Fairfax County.

Information: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/district/franconia

Ongoing and On Demand

Family Coaching — 8-12 week program

Work weekly one-on-one with a coach to identify individualized goals and create a targeted family plan.

Register: https://a109092. socialsolutionsportal.com/ apricot-intake/e8afd273-4daa-4525-a1f1-b8ee33528344

Fairfax County's Pre-Notification 9-1-1 Program

Enroll now in this new public safety program for individuals with disabilities. Details & Registration: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/911/emergency-health-profile.

Special Education During a Pandemic

Learn what the laws specify that schools should provide, and how you can best support your child.

Access: https://drroseann.com/special-education-during- a-pandemic/

Dyslexia & the IEP: How to Make Sure the IEP Is in Tip-Top Shape Webinar, available 24/7

Access: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frehRL58UTs

Accommodations for Recreational Classes and Camps with Fairfax County

Accommodations include physical accessibility, ASL interpreters, assistive devices, sensitivity training for classmates, and staff training.

To request accommodations, email gary.logue@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703 324-8563

Scholarships for Classes with Fairfax County Parks

Children of families that receive public assistance (medicaid, free school lunch, SNAP, TANF) are eligible to take one set of classes per quarter for a \$15 registration fee.

Information: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/scholarships

NAMI Basics

This 6-session course is for adults who provide care for youth (ages 22 and younger) who are experiencing mental health symptoms (including ADHD and ASD).

Register: https://publiccourseapi.nami.org/Learner/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F

Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training
Learn about special education law, rights and responsibilities; tests to measure
progress and regression; SMART IEPs; and strategies for effective advocacy.
Info: https://www.wrightslaw.com/webex/law.adv.index.htm \$50-\$90

The Parent Playbook — 9 Module Online Course on Autism From the VCU Autism Center for Excellence & Virginia Autism Council. An introduction on Autism Spectrum Disorder for families, including tips for caregivers, characteristics, interventions and recommended programs and services.

Access: https://vcuautismcenter.org/te/ courses/parent_playbook.cfm

Ongoing Community 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 to be respected.AAC Parent Group meets occasionally on Saturdays.

Contact: Amanda amandam@ skillbuildersllc.com or 703-941-7757 ext. 316

African American Culturally Focused Virtual Parent Café meets Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 pm. Register at least 24 hours in advance by email BuildingStrongerFamilies@ fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-7720

Alpha Moms This support group for adoptive parents meets monthly in McLean. Contact: robin4brady@gmail.com

Arlington Epilepsy Support Group, a list-serve, can be accessed at ARLepilepsy@googlegroups.com

Autism Dads meets one evening monthly. Contact: George Buzby at 571-419-1257 or gbuzby@aol.comAutism Society of NoVA Support Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 1:00-2:30 pm via Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ 9466001682; Meeting ID: 946 600 1682; One tap mobile (301) 715-8592

Business Networking Event for Special Needs Parents Alternate Fridays, May 29 and following, 9:00-10:30 am Via Zoom. Connect with fellow special needs parents and business owners, build your referral network, and share best practices. Contact: https://thearcofloudoun.org/networking/

Cafés Virtuales Para Padres: Miércoles de 7:00-8:30 pm. Regístrese con al menos 24 horas de anticipación: BuildingStrongerFamilies@ fairfaxcounty.gov o 703-324-7720

CHADD: Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Alexandria CHADD Parent Support Group 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 pm. Contact: Susan, ADHDParentMountVernon@gmail.com or call 303-903-9972

Loudoun County CHADD Parent Support 3rd Wed. evening of the month. Contact: Bonnie Little 571-306-2932 or on Facebook @loudounahdhsupport West Fairfax/Burke CHADD Parent Support Group 1st & 3rd Thur. of each month at 8:00 pm Contact: Cathy, ocgreulich@aol.com

CSB Family Support Group at Gatlan Center 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month 6:00-7:30 pm via Zoom Contact: Samar.Chwairy@fairfaxcounty. gov or call 703-799-2882.

D.A.D.S. Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome 3rd Tue. each month, 7-9 pm via Zoom. Contact: George gbuzby@aol.com or call 703- 545-6089. Dr. Dan's Support Group for Parents Raising Challenging Children meets via Zoom on Mondays, 1-2 pm,

Register: http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/ a07eh2rnzqrk9vdghmb/ a0179kbgrhnj1/questions

Fairfax Juvenile Court Parent Support for problems including runaway behavior, truancy, alcohol/drug abuse, and serious behavioral problems at home, at school, or in the community. Sign up for a phone consultation at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44abab29abf85- juvenile

Family F.I.R.S.T. Fridays Autism Support Group meets on the 1st Friday monthly, noon-12:45 at Gum Spring Library 24600 Millstream Dr. Stone Ridge

Formed Families Together consists of monthly peer support groups for adoptive, kinship, and foster caregivers and parents. Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ formed-families-together- support-groups-tickets- 147657582805Virtual support group meets the 1st Sunday evening monthly.In-Person support group meets the 3rd Wednesday evening monthly.

Grupo de Chat para Padres: Unete a nuestro nuevo GRUPO DE CHAT mediante la aplicación de WhatsApp y podras mantenerte al tanto de todo lo que PEATC Latino esta haciendo. Entra al GRUPO: https://bit.ly/2VoU2vw (Chat Group for Latino Parents: Join our new CHAT GROUP through the WhatsApp application and you will be able to keep up to date with everything that PEATC Latino is doing.)

Grupo de Educación y Apoyo a Padres en Española se reúne el cuarto sábado de cada mes, de 10 a 11 a.m. en Zoom en https://us02web.zoom. us/j/9466001682 ID de reunión: 946 600 1682

Kinship Café meets online 6:30-8:00 pm the 2nd Wednesday of the month for those raising the children of relatives and friends. To attend, call 703-324-7720 or email BuildingStrongerFamilies @fairfaxcounty.gov.

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: Michelle Best mczero@yahoo.comNAMI Family Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays on Zoom for parents of children living with mental health challenges including ADHD, ASD, etc. https://zoom.us/i/94509229914

OCD Family Support Group meets the 1st Mon. of each month, 7:30 pm. Contact: ela.mike@verizon. net or call 202-215-5859

Parent Café (for all Fairfax County parents and guardians) meets via Zoom in English on Mon., 7:45-9:15 pm, and en español, miércoles, 7:00-8:30 pm. Register at least 24 hours in advance by email BuildingStrongerFamilies @fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-7720

Parents in a Pandemic is for families of children or young adults with developmental and/or behavioral challenges. They meet twice monthly, 5:30-6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Register: https://thearcofnova.org/jun-dates-for-virtual-parent-support-group-meetings/

Parents of Autistic Children (POAC-NOVA) Parent Support Group meets on Saturdays occasionally. Contact: Brianne Russel-Morris administrator@poac-nova.org.

REACH Parent Support Group meets monthly to support parents of individuals with developmental disabilities who also have mental health or behavioral issues. Contact: Dr. Pourmand mojgan.pourmand@ eastersealsucp.com

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
 الإيميل: <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>.
- 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_
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요 (<u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Kristina Clarke.
- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Kristina Clarke at <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Kristina Clarke.

Email Kristina Clarke at cbm@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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