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## Important Upcoming Dates

December 14-18: Spirit Week ([see details below](#))

December 18: 2-Hour Early Release - **2:05 p.m. Dismissal**

December 19-January 3: No School, Winter Break

January 4: Classes Resume

January 8: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

January 14: Winter Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.

January 15: AAP Referral Forms Due

January 18: No School, MLK, Jr. Birthday

January 19: No School, Student Holiday

January 20: Winter Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.

January 28: Parent Education Workshop, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

January 29: Parent Education Workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

## Annual Holiday Sing Along

This Friday is the annual holiday Sing Along assembly. Due to the limits on the gym size and large number of students, we have to respectfully limit guests to only parents of mitten readers. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

## Spirit Week: December 14-18

Celebrate the last week of school before winter break with Spirit Week. These are the themes for each day of the week:

- Monday, 12/14: Long Socks Day
- Tuesday, 12/15: Colorful Sweater Day
- Wednesday, 12/16: Crazy Hat Day (fun hat or headpiece)
- Thursday, 12/17: Let it Snow! (something snow-related)
- Friday, 12/18: Pajama & Stuffed Animal Day

## Holiday Shopping Online?

There are opportunities for you to help with fundraising when you shop this holiday season! No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org) and click on the [Amazon](#) and [4ourschool](#) Shop Now links to help our school!

## PTA Student Directory Distribution

Copies of Mantua ES's 2015-16 PTA Student Directory were distributed to PTA members before Thanksgiving break. If you didn't receive a copy, please email [Monika Brenner](#). The directory, an essential tool for connecting with anyone in our school community, is one of the many perks of PTA membership. If you would like to receive a directory, too, simply join PTA by clicking [HERE](#).

## Book Fair Back Orders

All back orders from the Book Fair have been delivered to the teacher mailboxes. If you have not received your back order, please contact [Lori Recher](#) by **Friday, December 18th**. This is the last opportunity as we must close out the accounting for the Book Fair. Thank you!

## Advanced Academics Program Level IV Referral Form Due Friday, January 15th (Grades 2-6)

FCPS provides a continuum of gifted services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school/district committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is **Friday, January 15th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral form is located [HERE](#). If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras, Mantua's Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at [Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu).

## Stop Defiance, Disrespect, and Yelling!

Does this sound like your family sometimes? The Mantua PTA is thrilled to present the next parent education workshop with Kirk and Casey Martin from Celebrate Calm. These dynamic speakers will present strategies for parents with kids from age

2-22. Kirk will demonstrate 10 ways to:

- Get your kids to listen the first time.
- Stop defiance, disrespect. and yelling.
- Stop whining, tantrums and sibling fights.
- Get kids off video games/screens without a fight.
- Create stress-free mornings, homework time and bedtime.

Join us in the Mantua Library for EITHER workshop:  
**Thursday, January 28th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. OR**  
**Friday, January 29th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Contact  
Kathy Phillips at [kathyphysics@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyphysics@hotmail.com) with  
questions, and watch the Video Clips and learn more [HERE](#)

## Lost & Found

Is your child missing something? Please check out the LOST & FOUND for your missing items. Any items left by **Thursday, December 17th** will be donated to charity.

## SCA Winter Coats/Mittens Drive

Please donate gently used or new mittens, hats, and/or scarves. We are also collecting gently used coats this year. Coats/mittens will be distributed to students in need around FCPS. We are collecting until **Friday, December 18th**.

## Computer Programs and Resources for Students

Parents - you can find many helpful computer programs and resources for your student at this web site:

[www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/mantua\\_studentpage.html](http://www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/mantua_studentpage.html)

Please note: this page is not to be shared with the community outside of Mantua since it has links to licensed material.

## 2016 Summer Enrichment Fair

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted is hosting a Summer Camp and Enrichment Fair on **Wednesday, January 13th, 6:00-8:15 p.m.** at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Rd, Vienna. This event is FREE and open to the public. You can meet representatives from summer programs of all varieties, from adventure day camps to rigorous academic programs at prestigious campuses, on subjects such as STEM, the visual and performing arts, computer technology, game design, environmental science, math enrichment, nature, writing, science, sports, and leadership. Over 30 opportunities will be represented for students from

Kindergarten through Grade 12. More information can be found at [www.fcag.org/activities.shtml#summer](http://www.fcag.org/activities.shtml#summer)

## Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky and to Local Business Supporters!

Thanks to all who made a “Friends of Rocky” Donation – the PTA appreciates your support!

**Sriram Peri:** Diamond Level

Thanks to local businesses who made a donation, as well - the PTA appreciates your support!

**Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster:** Platinum Level

**Cathy Pongmalai, Realtor:** Gold Level

**Fisher Group:** Gold Level

**My Pest Pro:** Gold Level

**Kumon:** Silver Level

**Dr. Jones, Orthodontist:** Silver Level

**Through the Cat's Eye:** Bronze Level

**Montrose Animal Health Center:** Bronze Level

**Brandywine Swim Club:** Bronze Level

**Dr. McDonough, Orthodontist:** Bronze Level

**Jennifer Epley, Arbonne:** Bronze Level

**Beachbody:** Bronze Level

## 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!

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Email Lisa Libby at [lisa.a.libby@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.a.libby@gmail.com) 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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