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Important Upcoming Dates

October 1: Box Tops Contest Begins
October 2: Run for Rocky - Last Day to Submit Donations
October 7: Restaurant Night
October 8: Picture Day
October 9: Mantua Basketball - Last Day for Early Registration
October 9: No School, Student Holiday
October 12: No School, Student Holiday
October 15: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
October 23: Family Fun Night - Pokemon & Cards & Games Night
October 23: Spirit Wear Deadline
October 23: Reflections Contest Deadline
October 30: Fall Spirit Parade, 9:30 a.m.
October 30: 2-Hour Early Release

Important Run for Rocky Information

The Run may be over, but we're still raising funds AND giving away GREAT

We had a perfect day on Friday for our Run for Rocky, and the Mantua students ran more than 27,000 laps! We have raised 50% of our goal with another week of fundraising to go and more prizes to give away! **Raising funds is easy!** Have your sponsors (friends, family, neighbors only) go online to donate at:

www.memberplanet.com/campaign/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/runforrocky

They can also visit the Mantua PTA website at www.mantuapta.org and print out a sponsor form to donate by check or to make a cash donation. Checks should be made payable to Mantua PTA.

Wednesday morning we will raffle off the first of our Grand Prizes on GMM
will be a second raffle on Friday and the final raffle items will be raffled on
October 5th!

- 2 Night stay at Great Wolf Lodge: Donated by Anne and Sarah Harrington Long & Foster Realtors - to be raffled 10/5
- X-Box One: Donated by Cathy Pongmalai Frankly Real Estate - to be raffled 10/5
- iPad Mini: Donated by Merrifield Orthodontics - to be raffled 10/5
- Flicker Scooter: Donated by Jennifer Danko Long & Foster Realtors - to be raffled 10/2
- Ripstik skateboard - to be raffled off 9/30

Students will receive one entry into the Grand Prize Raffle for each hundred dollars they donate to our school! Please see the Run for Rocky flyer in your child's Tuesday folder for more details and information about the raffle, deadlines for entry, and more details on donating. In addition, the classroom that raises the most money wins a pizza and popsicle party. Here are the standings for the classroom contest to date:

Mantua PTA Basketball Registration

Mantua PTA Basketball Registration is now open. Go to www.mantuabasketball.org to all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Early registration closes **Friday, October 9th**. Visit the website for frequently asked questions and answers.

Library Corner

Welcome back to a brand new school year! This year, our 3rd-6th grade students will enjoy unlimited check-out in the library with the following caveats:

- Books must fit into students' backpacks and be light enough to carry safely.
- Students may not check out books if they have any overdue books.
- Only two books from a series or topic may be checked out at one time.

First and second graders may check out up to five books, and kindergarten students may check out up to three books. If you have any questions, please email Natalie Lorenzi, Mantua PTA at nlorenzi@fcps.edu.

Picture Day: October 8

Fall Picture Day will be on **Thursday, October 8th** in the Gym. Look for order forms in your student's Tuesday folder that week.

Box Tops October Contest

October is Pizza-for-Box-Tops Month! During the month of October (from Thursday, October 1st through Friday, October 30), the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired), not damaged, and in a bag clearly marked with your teacher's name. If you have any questions, please contact Yoshiko Barakat at danius@cox.net. Start collecting now, and submit in October!

Spirit Wear

We've got spirit, yes, we do. We've got spirit... How 'bout you? The new Mantua spirit wear collection for the 2015-16 school year is now on sale. Show your school spirit and order items today! See samples of t-shirts, performance shirts, tie dye shirts, sweat jackets and pajama pants, and a fleece jacket displayed in the school cafeteria. In addition to the traditional design, a Rocky the Raccoon t-shirt is also available this year for a limited time. Order forms sent home in Tuesday folders and can be returned with payment to the PTA mailbox, but we prefer to shop online then please visit

<https://memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2015-16spiritstore>

deadline for all orders is **Friday, October 23rd** for delivery to be made by November 1st. Show your school spirit. Order today! Please contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

National PTA Reflections Contest

Let your imagination fly and unleash your inner artist! Choreograph a dance, produce a play, write a poem or story, compose a song, take a picture or create a piece of visual art and tell us what the theme: "Let Your Imagination Fly" means to you. The entry deadline is **Friday, October 23rd**.

Entries should represent students' unique creativity—adults are welcome to encourage students but are asked not to assist in any way with their interpretation of the theme or artistic expression. Families can support their children's participation by creating time and space for students to work on their entries, providing encouragement and needed materials and volunteering to support the Reflections. Please email Karen Cheng at cheng703@gmail.com for more information or to answer any questions that you may have about this program.

Enter the National PTA Reflections Theme Search

Contest for 2016-17 Year

Opportunity to enter to create next year's National PTA Reflections Theme. One exceptional concept may be chosen to inspire thousands of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create original works of art in dance, film, literature, music, photography, and visual arts.

The Theme Search Contest Winner receives \$100 and recognition at the Annual National PTA Convention. Please email Karen Cheng at cheng703@gmail.com for more information. Please answer any questions that you may have about entering your child's theme. Entries are due by October 23rd.

Parking at School and Other School News

Cars will be ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to the corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in the area. Cars may park parallel past the yellow curb toward the first house. However, you must keep a good distance from the mailbox and driveway. In addition, if you park in the Horner Court cul-de-sac by the top parking lot while you walk your child into the school, please be sure you are not blocking any private driveways with your car.

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 5:00 p.m. If a student has forgotten his/her homework, they will have to call a classmate.

If your child is going home with a friend, both parents have to notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents, then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

Raccoon Runners

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls and boys in grades 3-6. This program will empower young boys and girls to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen ourselves through various fitness activities as we train for a 5k run and a mile Turkey Trot! Any student is eligible to participate.

The Raccoon Runners is a six week program that will meet before school starting the week of **October 12 and going through November 20th**. The girls' team will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 in the gym. The boys' team will meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-9:00 in the gym.

Volunteer Help Needed! We are in desperate need of a volunteer to help on Monday mornings with the boys' team. If you are a Mantua father and are interested in more details about how you can help, please contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com. To register your student, please use the permission slip found at this site: www.mantuapta.org/documents/programs/rr/fall2015/permission.pdf.

Mantua Student Directory

Advertise in the Mantua Directory! Please go to this link for all information and to submit your payment electronically:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2015-16membershipandsupport. Prices start as low as \$50! Or for more information, please contact monika.brenner@dhs.gov. The auction for the back cover will conclude on **October 15th** and all ads will be requested shortly thereafter. Thank you for your support!

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 3-6

- All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools that are attending Mantua will be administered the CogAt test during the testing window of **October 13th-23rd**.
- If you are interested in retesting for possible acceptance to the AAP Center, please contact Eva Bousbouras at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu by **Friday, October 13th**.

Receiving or Unsubscribing from the Alert News

Mantua PTA distributes paper copies of the Alert News to all families for the first month only. If you aren't receiving your copy by email, complete this form:

www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/alertnewsdistro to add you to our distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address or access to a computer, you will continue to receive the newsletter in each week's Tuesday Folder.

If your student has graduated and/or you have moved away from the Mantua ES community, we can help us to maintain a current distribution list by unsubscribing from the Alert News. It is as simple as clicking on the word "unsubscribe" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your assistance!

Help Earn Dough for Woodson Boys Soccer!

They will be holding a fundraiser at Flippin' Pizza on Wednesday, September 30th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. When you order, please tell the cashier your purchase is to support WT Woodson Boys Soccer so the team will earn credit. Feel free to call ahead (571-732-4959) and order pick-up or come dine-in. Delivery orders are not eligible for fundraiser.

Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua family to feel included and connected—should families need to have a document translated into their native language, our volunteers are here to help!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية كفالة على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.
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Email Lisa Libby at 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.