



ALERT NEWS

Mantua PTA

September 19, 2016 | Issue no. 3

In This Issue

[Important Dates](#)
[Back to School Night K-3](#)
[Fall Enrichment](#)
[MATHCOUNTS](#)
[FCAG Picnic](#)
[Take Home Reading](#)
[Global Plus](#)
[Basketball](#)
[Girl Scouts](#)
[Unsubscribe from Alert News](#)
[Spirit Wear](#)
[CogAt Retesting](#)
[Directory Opt Out](#)

Mantua
Attendance:
703-645-6363
[email](#)

Quick Links:

[Not Receiving
the AlertNews?](#)
[Update Your MP Info](#)
[MP Invitation Request](#)
[MantuaPTA.org](#)

Compiled by:
[Helen Keil-Losch,](#)
[AlertNews Editor](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

September 21: Back to School Night, Grades K-3, 6:30-8:30p.m.
September 22: MathCounts Kick-off, Grades 5-6, 7:30-9:00p.m.
September 24: FCAG Picnic, 10:00 a.m.-noon.
September 27: Take Home Reading Parent Training, 9:30a.m. Room 30.
September 29: Girl Scout Troop Formation, 7:00p.m., Upper Pod.

Deadlines

September 21: Enrichment registration ends.
September 22: Strings enrollment forms due, Grade 4.
October 5: Deadline, CogAt Retesting Request, Grades 3-6.
October 6: Basketball Registration (Early)ends, Grades 3-6.
October 20: Deadline, Mantua Elementary Directory Opt Out.
October 21: PTA Spirit Wear, order due.

Back to School Night –Grades K–3

Wednesday, September 21 is Back to School Night for grades K-3 at Mantua ES. Please note there is NOT a general meeting or Principal's message before each Back to School Night session, and **each grade level is only presenting once.**

The school will adhere to start and end times, so please plan accordingly. Parents will gather in the cafeteria until the start time of each session. In addition to access to the classrooms, the teachers from Art, Music, PE, Italian, Band, Strings, other specialists, and PTA representatives will be available in the cafeteria from 7:00-8:00 p.m. to meet you and answer any specific questions you may have. Ms. Dunfee will be providing

assistance in setting up SIS Parent View Accounts in the Library from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

As you will see in the chart below, staggering the times for grade levels creates several benefits. Among the benefits of this schedule are the relief of parking congestion, and parents of children in multiple grade levels to attend sessions for each of their children.

Grade	Back to School Night Time	Specialists
K	6:30-7:15	
1	7:00-7:30	7:00-7:30 (Available to K & 2nd)
2	7:30-8:00	7:30-8:00 (Available to K, 1st & 3rd)
3 & 3AAP	8:00-8:30	

Fall Enrichment

Enrichment Registration is off to a great start! Some classes are already full, but there are plenty of other classes that are still open!

The following classes need a few more registrations to confirm the class, so talk to your friends!

- Adrenaline Jazz/Pom (K-3)
- Oldies but Goodies - Tiny Chefs (4-6)
- Makerspace (4-6)
- Youth Flag Football (K-3)
- Discover Magic (4-6)

Ends at Noon on Wednesday, September 21. Late registration begins 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 21 and ends at Midnight Wednesday, September 23 for a \$40 fee. Program information and registration at: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com>. Questions, email [Heather Hill](mailto:Heather.Hill@mantuapta.org) and [Tara Kelly](mailto:Tara.Kelly@mantuapta.org) at enrichment@mantuapta.org.

MATHCOUNTS Program for Grade 5/6

Mantua alumnae Kevin Liang and Jiny Cho, sophomores at TJHSST, are running a MathCounts program at Mantua with Mr. Malc as the sponsor. [MATHCOUNTS](#) is a national non-profit program where a team of talented students represent their school in a math competition. Geared towards grade 6 however interested 5th graders are welcome to attend. Weekly meetings will consist of solving math problems in a fun and interactive way.

The first meeting will take place Thursday, September 22, 7:30-9:00p.m. in Room 10 at Mantua ES.

Questions, email Mr. Malc paul.malc@fcps.edu, Jiny 2019hcho@tjhsst.edu, or Kevin 2019kliang@tjhsst.edu

FCAG Picnic

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) is hosting a family picnic. All families, friends, and community members are welcome. September 24, 10am-noon Nottoway Park (picnic area) Vienna. Meet other people and families interested in supporting gifted children through their learning adventures. You are welcome to bring a dish to serve, but it's not necessary. FCAG will provide light refreshments and great company. Learn about FCAG and its efforts at <http://www.fcag.org>.

Take Home Reading Program K-1

Attention parents of kindergarten and first-graders: the Take Home Reading program's parent training session will take place on Tuesday, September 27, at 9:30 in room 30. THR is a GREAT volunteer opportunity, as you'll get to know your child's classmates while you read with them each week. Even if you have volunteered for the program in the past, join us to refresh your memory and to meet Ms. Grice, Mantua's Reading Resource teacher. Questions, email Raena Close atraenaclose@hotmail.com. RSVPs to the same e-mail address are appreciated

Learn a World Language at Mantua via Global Plus (formerly FLEX)

The Mantua PTA offers extracurricular world language classes through FCPS's GLOBAL PLUS Language Program. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. Classes begin in October and continue for 10 weeks. The tuition cost is \$169 and includes materials and instruction. Registration is currently underway. Register early (before 9/23) to save \$10! (Use promo code GLOBAL10 for discount).

[GPO3110: Chinese Grades 1-3](#), Friday PM starting 10/14

[GPO5210: German Grades 4-6](#), Thursdays AM starting 10/13

[GPO7110: Spanish Grades 1-3](#), Thursdays AM starting 10/13

[GPO7210: Spanish Grades 4-6](#), Fridays PM starting 10/14

For additional information visit

<http://www.mantuapta.org/programs.html>. Questions, email

Susanne Fitch swunner@yahoo.com.

Mantua PTA Basketball

The league embraces students with a wide variety of skill levels and emphasizes teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship. Students in 3rd thru 6th grade are eligible to register. To register go to www.mantuabasketball.org

Questions, email Dan Lash

commissioner@mantuabasketball.org All information about the league is on the league website.

Girl Scout Troop Formation Meeting

Be Amazing -- Join Girl Scouts! Discover how your family can become a Girl Scout Family. Learn about troop opportunities and newly forming troops in your area. Attend Mantua ES Troop Formation Night! Thursday, September 29, 7:00p.m., Upper Pod. For more information contact Susanne Fitch at swunner@yahoo.com

CogAt Retesting for Grades 3-6

All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools in grades 3-6 attending Mantua will be administered the CogAt test during the testing window of October 17th - 28th. If you are interested in retesting for possible acceptance to AAP Center, please contact Eva Bousbouras, at

Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu by **Wednesday, October 5th.**

Mantua Elementary Directory Opt Out

Please follow the directions below if you DO NOT want your contact information to appear in the Mantua PTA Student Directory. The information you provided to the school upon registration of your child(ren) will be used to create our directory. Deadline is **October 20, 2016**. Use this form <http://bit.ly/2c2u9IQ> to opt out. Questions, email Lisa Libby memberplanet@mantuapta.org.

Receiving or Unsubscribing from the Alert News

Mantua PTA distributes paper copies of the Alert News to all families for the first month of school only. If you aren't

receiving your copy by email, complete this form: <http://bit.ly/2cPDrOA>

so we can add you to our distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address 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, you can help us to maintain a current distribution list by unsubscribing from the Alert News list. It is as simple as clicking on the word "unsubscribe" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your assistance!

PTA Spirit Wear Sale 2016

We've got spirit, yes, we do! We've got spirit... How about you?! The 2016 Mantua spirit wear collection is now on sale. Show your school spirit and order an item today! Samples of t-shirts, sweat jackets and pants, fleece jacket, pajama pants and a baseball cap are on display in the cafeteria. Please take a minute to look. Everyone should have received an order form in last week's Tuesday folders. Extra copies can be found on the information desk in the front lobby of the school. Please return your form with payment to the PTA mailbox by Friday, October 21. Deliveries will be made by Friday, November 18. Please place your order today! Questions, email Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net.

Virginia PTA Proposed Legislative Program

PTA members, let your voice be heard! The Virginia PTA's 2017 Proposed Legislative Program gives our local PTA unit a chance to vote on various legislative action items and policy statements. Your vote helps inform the Virginia PTA's policies and actions taken before the Virginia General Assembly, Virginia Board of Education, and other agencies. You can read more about the VA PTA legislative program at <http://www.vapta.org/advocacy/legislation-programs> vote using the SurveyMonkey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CXQPLS>. The vote is open to PTA members only and ends October 26.

School-Wide Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in many areas outside of your child's classroom. You can give as little or as much time as you wish. Our volunteers make Mantua Elementary a very special school

and all of our children benefit from any amount of time you can give! Sign up at www.MantuaPTA.org or contact Volunteer Coordinator [Julie Johnston](#).

Bus Delay Notification System

Beginning September 6 parents may access the system here or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

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!

- 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.
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: hannaz74@gmail.com или ViktarZ@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요(lisa.a.libby@gmail.com.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Lisa Libby.
- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at lisa.a.libby@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

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.

