



# ALERT NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

September 27: Take Home Reading Parent Training, 9:30a.m. Room 30.

September 29: Girl Scout Troop Formation, 7:00p.m., Upper Pod.

October 5: Restaurant Night Dickey's

## Deadlines

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.

October 26: Deadline, Box-Top.

## 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](mailto:atraenaclose@hotmail.com). RSVPs to the same e-mail address are appreciated.

## Girl Scouts

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](mailto: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](mailto:Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu) by **Wednesday, October 5th**.

## 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.

[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](mailto:swunner@yahoo.com). Flier [available here](#).

## 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](http://www.mantuabasketball.org)

Questions, email [Dan Lash](mailto:Dan Lash)

[commissioner@mantuabasketball.org](mailto:commissioner@mantuabasketball.org) All information about the league is on the league website.

## Restaurant Night at Dickey's

Join Mantua friends and family for our first Restaurant Night of the year. Support our school PTA and dine on delicious barbecue and homestyle sides at the same time! **Wednesday, October 5** at Dickey's Barbecue Pit, 2750 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA! DINE-IN or TAKEOUT between 4:30-7:00 p.m. and 15% of the evening's proceeds will be donated to the

Mantua Elementary School PTA.

Visit <http://www.dickeys.com> for menu information. [Flier is available here](#). Questions, contact Marisa Chartier at [marisa.chartier@me.com](mailto:marisa.chartier@me.com).

## Run for Rocky – Save the Date

Our fall fundraiser the Run for Rocky Fun Run is almost here! All Mantua students will have the chance to participate in the Fun Run on **Friday, October 21st** on the Mantua ES track. Students will help by asking family and friends to sponsor their run. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to benefit the PTA as it will help pay for programs, field trips, technology, teacher training, and more! Look for more detailed information in Tuesday folders!

## Manta ES Spirit Wear for Sale

The 2016 Mantua PTA 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. Take a minute to look at the garments. To order use the order form that came home in your child's Tuesday folder. Extra copies can be found on the information desk in the front lobby of the school. Please return your order form with payment to the **PTA mailbox by Friday, October 21**.

If you prefer to order online at our new spirit wear website then go to [shop.burkesports.com](http://shop.burkesports.com) and enter Mantua in the group code. All orders will be delivered by Friday, November 18. For any questions, email Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net).

## Box Top Contest

The Box Top contest is on! The classroom turning in the most Box Tops by **Wednesday, October 26** will win a pizza party! Pink Box Tops can be found on participating products like General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker baking mixes, Ziploc and Hefty bags, Scott paper products, and more. Clip the Box Tops and attach them to a collection sheet or send them to school with your child in a Ziploc bag. Be sure to label them with your child's name and the name of his/her teacher. Box Tops can be given to their teacher, or placed in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. Need more fun and more opportunities to earn Box Tops? Check out the Box Top website at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com), and YOU could win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua! If you have any questions, please contact Amber Reynolds at [aarmagost@hotmail.com](mailto:aarmagost@hotmail.com).

## Mantua ES 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](mailto:memberplanet@mantuapta.org).

## 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.

## 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> to be added to the 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.

To unsubscribe from the Alert News list click on the word "unsubscribe" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your assistance!

## Raise Money for School by Using Amazon

No sign-ups or codes - just use a different link to get to Amazon from the Mantua PTA website click <http://amzn.to/2dseu82> bookmark the link, shop and a percentage of your purchase will go to the school. Another way to access the fundraiser is to go to the Mantua PTA website at <http://www.mantuapta.org> click on **Fundraising Efforts** and click either Amazon.com or 4ourschool. A flier about this was included in the Tuesday folder.

## 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](http://www.MantuaPTA.org) or contact Volunteer Coordinator [Julie Johnston](#).

## 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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