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Important Upcoming Dates

October 28 (Friday): Run for Rocky morning, Fall Spirit Parade @ 2:15 p.m.

November 1 (Tuesday): Mantua Band Winter Concert Solo Auditions

November 2 (Wednesday): 4th Grade Field Trip to Jamestown

November 3 (Thursday): 3rd Grade Field Trip to Hidden Pond, (Cruz, Graap, Spereipani)

November 4 (Friday): Two Hour Early Release, School ends 2:05 p.m.

Deadlines

October 26 (Wednesday): Deadline, Box-Top Contest

November 1 (Tuesday): Deadline, PTA Reflections Entry. Deadline, Yearbook Sale Ends.

Run for Rocky

Reminder Run for Rocky for FRIDAY, October 28 on the Mantua Track: come cheer on your young Jedi Knights!

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

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

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

Fall Spirit Parade - 2:15

Raising funds for Rocky is easy! Have your sponsors (friends, family & neighbors) visit the Mantua PTA website and sponsor right from there at www.mantuapta.org or click [HERE](#) to pay by cash or check with a Paper Form or donate online at: <http://bit.ly/2dph26k>.

What are some **school supporting** services and items paid for by fundraising such as Run for Rocky?

*Dream Box *Wixie *Camera for School and Classroom use
*iPads & Cart for classroom use *Take Home Reading Folders
*Community Spirit Activities(Pokemon Night, Lego Night, Ice Skating, Valentine's Dance) *Field Trips
*Wireless Handheld Mics (drama, talent show)
*Principal's Fund to Help Students with Needs *AND MORE

Mantua Volunteers – We Need YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer in the classroom and school-wide this year! We still have some gaps that need filling. Please consider volunteering, helping the school will also help your child. There is something for everyone! Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2ePjdVE> or contact Volunteer Coordinator [Julie Johnston](#).

Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky!

Thank you to all who made a "Friends of Rocky" Donation - the PTA appreciates your support!

Tracey Relyea: Platinum level
Monina Bantug: Silver level
Alicia M Switzer: Bronze level
Susan L. Eister: Bronze level
Amy Sheridan: Bronze level
Nancy Burns: Bronze level
Jonah Troth: Bronze level
Allison Ackermann: Bronze level
Yun Ju Lee: Bronze level
Jaime Su: Bronze level
Sharon M Schechtel: Bronze level
Hong Han: Bronze level
Jennifer N Victor: Bronze level
Hind Alaoui-Zaki: Bronze level
Gail M Lee: Bronze level
Samantha Shugarman: Every Penny Counts level
Heather Hill: Every Penny Counts level
Sonakul Meejaroen: Every Penny Counts level
Julie P Lifland: Every Penny Counts level
Traci Sklemm: Every Penny Counts level

Soyoung Kwon: Every Penny Counts level
Sandra Spector: Every Penny Counts level
Kim D. Marin: Every Penny Counts level
Natasha Sonali Fuard: Every Penny Counts level
Jacqueline Mihalik: Every Penny Counts level
Heather Komorou: Every Penny Counts level
James and Laurel McGinley: Every Penny Counts level
Laura Champe Mitchell: Every Penny Counts level
Fadwa Finaish Alhassan: Every Penny Counts level
Atul Patel: Every Penny Counts level
Kim Pham: Every Penny Counts level
Linda S Mench: Every Penny Counts level
Kathryn Simionato: Every Penny Counts level
Karen Ross: Every Penny Counts level
Heather Foglio: Every Penny Counts level
Karen Hernandez: Every Penny Counts level
Arunka K Nettem: Every Penny Counts level
Surya B Binayee: Every Penny Counts level
Thanh Nguyen T. Pham: Every Penny Counts level

Family Life Education Instructional Program Information

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides a comprehensive, sequential Family Life Education (FLE) program for students in grades K-12. Instruction is seen as a partnership among parents and guardians, the school, and the community in supporting the learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community.


Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of all or part of the Family Life Education program. Students who are opted out are provided with age-appropriate, nonpunitive alternative health instruction, and every effort is made to foster respect for family choices. If you wish to opt your child out of all or part of FLE for this school year, opt out forms were sent home at Back to School Night or in the Tuesday folder following their evening and are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. Please fill in the opt-out form and return it to your child's teacher prior to Family Life Education instruction, which will begin mid-December for 5th and 6th grade and second semester for K-4.

Detailed grade-level program descriptions are available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml>. FLE grade level-specific lessons and media that FCPS has streaming rights for are available for parents online in FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard)

Parent View. Account information is available at your local school or online at <http://bit.ly/1N2BUPl>. Grade level-specific lessons are also available at the Fairfax County Regional Library in the City of Fairfax (this location does not have media). Grade level-specific lessons and media that is not streamed online are available for review at your child's school library. Due to copyright restrictions, we are unable to stream all media online.

Program questions may be addressed at your child's school or by contacting Instructional Services at 571-423-4550 or contacting Elizabeth Payne etpayne@fcps.edu, Health and Physical Education Coordinator.

Solo Auditions for Band's Winter Concert

The Band's Winter Concert on December 7 will feature music from different country December holidays. One piece is "Christmas Concerto #3", this piece will feature three student soloists who will play with band accompaniment. Auditions solo parts will be held on **Tuesday, November 1, from 4:05 - 5:00pm in the band room**. Only students who wish to audition for a solo are to report to the band room upon dismissal. At 5:00, all students will be dismissed to meet their parents at the Kiss-n-Ride pick-up area. Student staying for this audition, please be sure you have a way home (either via a parent or a friend). Note: There is no bus transportation home at 5:00, so please plan accordingly. Students already have the music if they wish to participate in the auditions. Questions,  contact Ms. Blacksten.

Box Top Contest

The Fall Box Top Classroom Contest will end this Wednesday, October 26! The class with the most Box Tops will win a Pizza Party AND a trophy to proudly display. Collect trimmed box tops in a ziplock baggie or attach to the collection sheet, and label with your teacher's name. Questions, email Amber Reynolds at aarmagost@hotmail.com.

Reflections Program – Art Contest

It's not too late to submit a project showing your child's creativity in the Reflections Program. Partner with the PTA and increase our participation in this wonderful program. Info coming home in Tuesday folder. This year's theme: What's Your Story? deadline for to submit your artwork is **November 1**. Questions, email Dorothy Brady at

jimanddot@cox.net to coordinate drop off of your child's entry and paperwork. For more on entry requirements, go to www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections
Student Entry Form: <http://www.vapta.org/documents/arts-in-education/16-17-reflections/515-16-17-student-entry-form-fillable-pdf>

View sample artwork from previous years: <http://www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections-gallery>

Yearbook Sale

Yearbooks are on sale now at the best prices of the school year! For \$25 you buy your child a lifetime of memories from Mantua! Order today at the [following link](#)! Deadline to buy is **November 1**.

Godspell Presented by Woodson Drama

W.T. Woodson Drama presents the musical Godspell **November 3rd through 12th** at the Joan C. Benninger Auditorium at WT Woodson High School. Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin); and it took the world by storm. Godspell features a parade of beloved songs, including "Day by Day", "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord", "All for the Best", "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

Ticket prices start at \$5.00 for children under 12, please go to WTDrama.org to purchase tickets.

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!

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. 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 <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

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.

Mantua Volunteers We Need You! 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.

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