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Important Upcoming Dates

November 8 (Wednesday): Impact Aid Survey Due.
November 10 (Friday): Book Fair begins. Restaurant Night - Kai 10 Sushi.
November 15 (Wednesday): Thanksgiving Luncheon K-3. Check lost and found for any of your items.
November 16 (Thursday): Thanksgiving Luncheon 4-6. Check lost and found for any of your items.
November 17 (Friday): AAP Information Session, 3-4 pm, room 30.
November 30 (Thursday) : Deadline to apply to the Mantua Spelling Bee. Picture Make Up Day.

Impact Aid Student–Parent Survey Going Out

10/31/17

Impact Aid programs and grants are designed to assist local school districts that enroll federally connected students. The increasing federal presence in our area and the significant tax exemptions available to federally connected personnel, businesses, and agencies, has permitted Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to be eligible for federal Impact Aid grants.

The grants from these programs will become a part of FCPS general operating budget and are critical to ensuring that all children in FCPS receive an excellent education. FCPS anticipates receiving about \$3,000,000 annually in Impact Aid funds.

FCPS uses the Student-Parent Survey to identify federally connected students and to support our request for Impact Aid resources. Beginning October 31, the survey will be distributed to all FCPS families.

For each school-aged child in your household, please complete, sign, date, and return the survey to your child's

school by **November 8**. If sections 2 through 4 of the survey do not apply to you, just sign, date, and return the form by the due date. FCPS staff will process the information with the utmost confidentiality. To ensure complete accuracy, please use the pre-filled survey that will be sent home with your child on 10/31/17.

Additional information about Impact Aid Programs and grants is available on the U.S. Department of Education's website at [DoED Impact Aid Programs](#).

Yearbook Cover Contest

Mantua is holding a student art yearbook cover contest. Artwork is due to Ms. Dunfee by 10am on **Thursday, Nov. 9th**. Artwork should be on 8.5 x 11 paper and have the students name on the back of the artwork. The theme is leaving your mark/making a lasting impression.

AAP Parent Information Meeting at Mantua

An Advanced Academics Program Parent Information Meeting will be held at Mantua Elementary School on Friday, **November 17th from 3-4pm in room 30** (across from the library). The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, Eva Bousbouras, and Mrs. Fernandez will provide information about levels of service at Mantua, as well as explain and answer questions about the screening processes for Level IV services. The meeting is open to parents of general education students in grade 2-6.

Restaurant Fundraiser Day

Restaurant Fundraiser Day, **Friday, Nov 10th, All Day!** Bring the flyer and enjoy some fun Japanese food with friends and family at [Kai10 Sushi](#) in the Fair City Mall plaza. Come for Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner. 20% of all sales will go to Mantua if you [bring the flyer with you](#). Flyers will be sent home in the Tuesday folder or [print one yourself](#). Let's make this a successful fundraising event - see you there!

Mantua Book Fair

SAVE THE DATE: Mantua Book Fair coming soon!! The annual Mantua Book Fair is a fantastic fundraiser **for the Mantua School Library**- proceeds from this sale go directly to the library to purchase more books and technology for our children. It's the perfect place to purchase holiday gifts for your family and friends, while benefiting our school. Your child will have the opportunity to browse at the Book Fair one day in class and return to make purchases another day.

Parents are invited to shop as well!

Hours are:

Friday, November 10 – 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
 Monday, November 13 - 9:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, November 14 - 9:00 a.m.-7:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, November 15 - 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
 Thursday, November 16 - 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
 Friday, November 17th - 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please [visit this sign-up genius](#) link if you can help: “Waiting on this still” Please consider Book Donations: For Fort Bend Independent School District in Houston, Texas which was significantly affected by the nation’s recent hurricanes.... Thank you! Please consider plastic grocery bag donations... this is a great recycling opportunity. Thank you! If you have any question, contact Chanda McCarthy at chandaodo2@gmail.com.

Why Does the PTA Fundraise?

What are some school supporting services and items paid for by fundraising such as Run for Rocky, Restaurant events, Book Fair?

*Dream Box *Typing Club

- *Pro-books/laptops(4th grade) *Take Home Reading Folders
- *Community Spirit Activities(Pokemon Night, Lego Night, Ice Skating, Valentine's Dance) *Short Throw Projectors (K-2)
- *Field Trips *Parent Education Events
- *Eco Team support (we won an award for this work)*
- *Principal's Fund to Help Students with Needs *AND MORE

Thank you to Nicole Willis (PTA Treasurer for pull the list together). Thank you to all the volunteers who make events possible which in turn support our school!

Wish Fund Deadline Extended!

The Wish Fund application deadline has been extended two weeks until **Friday, November 10th!** Please note that the next PTA General Membership meeting will be on December 8th; voting on funding recommendations will take place at that time and applicants will be notified of funding status by 12/15/17. Contact Julie Middleton and Kristina Clarke at wishfund@mantuapta.org or check mantuapta.org for more information.

National PTA School of Excellence

Our PTA is participating in the National PTA School of Excellence program, which grows partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students. At a National PTA School of Excellence, families feel welcomed and empowered to support

student success, and the PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement. As part of the process, National PTA requests feedback from families at two points in the school year -- the beginning and the end. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please take 5-10 minutes to reflect on your experiences on our online survey

(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJNHMDS>). This survey is completely anonymous. Your feedback will help National PTA generate a custom "Roadmap to Excellence" for us, with specific recommendations for improving our family-school partnership. Thank you for participating!

FLE Instructional Program Information

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides a comprehensive, sequential Family Life Education (FLE) program for students in grades kindergarten through grade twelve. 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, non-punitive 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 included in your child's 1st day folders and are available online for Elementary (K-6) <https://tinyurl.com/yak8sz5m>. Please fill in the opt-out form and return it to your child's school prior to Family Life Education instruction.

Detailed grade-level program descriptions are available online for Elementary (K-6) <https://tinyurl.com/yak8sz5m>. 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 <https://fcps.blackboard.com/>. Account information is available at your local school or online at <https://tinyurl.com/yak8sz5m>. 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 permissions, 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 by contacting Elizabeth Payne, Health and Physical Education Coordinator at etpayne@fcps.edu.

Wish Fund Committee

Don't have an idea for a Wish Fund grant but interested in the program? We are seeking volunteers to form a committee to review applications and make recommendations to the PTA General Membership. If you are interested, email Kristina Clarke and Julie Middleton at wishfund@mantuapta.org

PTA Meeting Date Moved

Date for the next PTA meeting has been moved to Friday, December 8th @ 9:30 in cafeteria.

Eco-Tip

- Mantua is an Eco-school! We earned our Bronze award last school year and are working towards our Silver. We need the participation of all students and families to make this a success. If you are interested in helping out with either the recycling, garden or food sharing program, send an email to dyanebronson@gmail.com Any amount of time is appreciated!
- Exhaust from idling cars contributes to global warming, exacerbates asthma, wastes gas and costs money. It's especially harmful near schools, as kids are more vulnerable to the health effects of air pollution. What you can do: Shut off the engine when you'll be stopped for more than 10 seconds. Easy! Next time you are waiting at the Mantua Kiss and Ride -- or anywhere else -- turn off your car and make a difference!

Picture Make Up Day

Picture Make up day will be Thursday, **November 30, 2017** in the SACC room. The photographer will be here from around 10:00-1:30 (or when the last class is called).

If you want your child's picture re-taken please return the original pictures on retake day. Envelopes are in the front office for any students that were not here on the original picture day.

Funds2Orgs Fundraiser – Fundraiser for Woodson Senior Class

We know everyone hates the little fundraisers here and there, so this year we are COLLECTING SHOES (7500 pairs to be exact) to be donated to Funds2Orgs in hopes of raising \$3000.

We will be collecting gently worn, used and new shoes from until **November 20**. This footwear provides an incredible economic boost by supporting micro enterprises in developing Nations like Haiti, Columbia, India and Tanzania. It is a win-win-win for the Cav Cruise, people in developing nations and YOU!! You get to empty out your closets, the Cav Cruise gets up to \$3000 and gets an amazing amount of shoes to help their cause! Please contact Robert Silkowitz at Robert.Silkowitz@vertivco.com or drop them in the bin in the front lobby of the school.

We Need You! Mantua Volunteers

Volunteers help make Mantua the amazing school it is. Please click [here](#) to see how you can help! Be sure to click on the tabs at the top for different grade levels. We have opportunities in the classrooms and school-wide. Questions, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenn Ros at volunteering@mantuapta.org.

Fall Garden Wrap-up: Can you deliver leaf mulch for the Eco Teams and help us get the gardens ready for winter?

Hello GREEN MANTUA! The student-led Eco Teams are looking for assistance with getting our gardens ready for winter. We are looking for a volunteer or two to pick up leaf mulch, either bagged or loose, which will be purchased with our Eco Teams funds. (Better yet, if you know of a free source of leaf mulch, please let us know.) If you would also like to join us as we spread the mulch during recess, the help and guidance are always appreciated. Thank you! Ms. Sullivan, 5th Grade Teacher, Eco Teams Sponsormasullivan@fcps.edu

2018 Mantua SPELLING BEE

Calling Grade 4 to 6 STUDENTS! MantuaPTA Invites you to the Mantua SPELLING BEE (Gr. 4 - Gr.6) Friday, February 23, 2018 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Mantua Cafeteria The Mantua champion will participate in the Fairfax County Spelling Bee on March 18, 2018. A Bee Basics Info Session will be given at 5:30 pm before the Bee.

STUDENTS MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE HOW TO REGISTER

- STEP 1: Send a mail to mantua.bee@gmail.com
- STEP 2: Email your completed registration form to mantua.bee@gmail.com or drop the form on the address mentioned in the email.

Official word lists and bee rules will be sent with confirmation of registration. Word lists are copyrighted by Scripps and cannot be posted online. **REGISTRATION CLOSES, November 30** Late registrations cannot be accepted Need more information? Questions, Susheela Ganesan : mantua.bee@gmail.com (917) 940-3831

Subscribing and 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!

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 eScrip before beginning your shopping and these organizations will donate to our school.

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(cbn@mantuapta.org.) 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 cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at cbn@mantuapta.org 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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