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Important Upcoming Dates

November 22 (Wednesday): **Two Hour Early Release (2:05).**

November 23-24 (Thursday-Friday): **School CLOSED.**

November 30 (Thursday) : Deadline to apply to the Mantua Spelling Bee. Picture Make Up Day.

The Front Office is Going High Tech!

Soon after the Thanksgiving break all visitors and volunteers will be asked to sign into the building using the electronic Scholar Chip Visitor Management System. To use the Scholar Chip system, simply scan your driver's license, DMV ID card, military ID or passport. The system will then take your picture and print your individualized visitor sticker.

If you don't have these forms of ID, you will be ask to enter your name and address manually on the screen, then take your picture and it will print your visitor's sticker. Before you leave the building scan your license again or manually enter your departure on the screen.

If you have any questions or problems when checking in, please feel free to ask someone in the front office to help you.

PTA Meeting Date Moved

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

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.

Box Top Contest

Congratulations to Mrs Elgert's class for winning the Fall Box Top Contest pizza party! Our next contest deadline will be **February 21, 2018**. Clip, save and collect your box tops in a zip lock baggie labeled with your teacher's name. Submit your collections to your teacher or the Box Top collection box in the front hallway. The class with the most donations will win a pizza, popsicle or ice cream party!

Mantua 5th Grade Chorus at Holiday Market

Friday December 1 at 6:30 pm the 5th Grader chorus will present Up On a Housetop for a winter Holiday Market in the center of Fairfax. For more details about the event go to: <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/holiday-market>

Parent Education Coffee -- Promoting Homework Success

What can you do at home to help your children be successful with homework? Promote the development of a GROWTH MINDSET! Join us for our next Parent Education event, an informal, informational presentation on **Monday, December 4, 9:30-10:30 am in the Cafeteria**. Presenters include Anna Bukont (School Psychologist), Laura Thieman (School Social Worker), Richard Hang (School Counselor), Susan Song (School Counselor), with a guest appearance by Jan-Marie Fernandez (principal). Everyone is welcome! Questions? contact Kathy Phillips, PTA Parent Education Coordinator, kathyphysics@hotmail.com

Book Fair Thank You

Mantua Book Fair Was a Huge Success! Thanks to all the generous support from our Mantua School Community, we were able to help raise over \$8,000 that will go directly to the library to purchase new books and other educational materials for our students to use THIS school year! We would like to extend a special thank you to our wonderful librarians for their time and effort to make this a success! And thank you to all the volunteers that made this event run smoothly! Thanks for supporting the Mantua Elementary Library and our Students! BOOKS ARE SO COOL! Sincerely, Your Book Fair Committee, Julie Middleton, Eva Orlowski, Sharon Schechtel, Dawn Keene, and Chanda McCarthy.

FCC PTA Advocacy Day

Fairfax County Council PTA is proud to host its first ever

Advocacy Day event for PTA members across Fairfax County. It is scheduled for **Monday, December 4 from 6:00PM – 9:00PM** at the **Gatehouse Administration Center located at 8115 Gatehouse Road in Falls Church**. The theme is “Building Relationships to Advance Education”. PTA members will have the great opportunity to meet, engage, and build relationships with their local elected officials on the Fairfax County School Board and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Most of your elected officials will be in attendance. Check out the tentative agenda attached to the registration page for participant details! The event will have panel discussions about the potential FY2019 budget and the budget process, various education policy issues, and district breakout sessions where PTA members can engage their elected officials in more a more intimate setting to discuss specific school and district issues. This is the time for PTA members to share their stories about their students and schools before the School Board and Board of Supervisors act on important issues like the 2018-2019 school calendar and the FY2019 budget! See you there! Please contact Tony Shivers, FCCPTA VP of Advocacy, at vp.advocacy@fccpta.org with any question.

2018 Mantua Spelling Bee

Calling Grade 4 to 6 STUDENTS! Mantua PTA 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

National Geographic Bee

If you think you are a Geo-Genius or you'd like to be, please join us for the National Geographic Bee held at Mantua for 4th-6th graders after school on Tuesday, January 23rd. Contact Serena Chan (serena.chan@gmail.com) with your student's name and

grade level, to receive competition rules and email updates. The National Geographic Bee is an annual competition organized by the National Geographic Society, designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Students in grades four through eight (4-8) from 10,000 schools across the United States will compete in the 2018 National Geographic Bee for a chance to win college scholarships and the glory of being the National Geographic Bee Champion. For more info: <http://nationalgeographic.org/bee>

Acting Camp and Movie Night – December 9th

Woodson HS Drama is hosting a “Parents Night Out” on December 9th for students in grades 1-6. The event runs from 2-8 pm and offers a day of acting, play writing, crafting and a G-rated movie for kids while parents take the afternoon and evening to shop and relax.

Registration and event details are posted on the Woodson Dram website: <http://wtwdrama.org>

If you have any questions about the camp, please contact Kathy Richardson at krichardsonva@verizon.net or Terri Hobson at tjhobson@fcps.edu.

Yearbook Sales

The 2017-2018 Yearbook is available for purchase. Order now to get the lowest price of the year (\$25).

<http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1139775/Mantua-Elementary-School/>

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.

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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