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Important Upcoming Dates

January 5 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Cafeteria.

January 12 (Friday): Advanced Academics Level IV Referral Form for Grades 2-6 due by 4:30pm.

January 15 (Monday): Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. School Closed.

January 17 (Wednesday): 5th and 6th Grade Winter Strings Concert, 7pm.

Advanced Academics Level IV Referral Form for Grades 2-6 due Friday, January

12th by 4:30pm (hardcopies only).

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of gifted services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school/district committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is Friday, January 12th for submitting the form to the Mantua office by 4:30pm (hardcopies only). More information and a link to the referral form is located

at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/advanced-academic-programs>

If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras (Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

Lost and Found

Special thanks to Mrs. Edith MacArthur, Ms. Rosie and several other volunteers who have been in to help Straighten up the lost and found. There is a large collection of coats, sweater, hats,

gloves, lunch bags, water bottles and other personal belongings there. Unfortunately many of these items will never be claimed because there are no names on them. Please make sure all personal belongings are labeled with at least your last name before they come to school. If you want to check the lost and found, it is now in the cafeteria. All items left in the lost and found at the end of the quarter on **January 25, 2018** will be donated to charity.

A Pediatrician on Parenting Seminar

Join us for our next Parent Education Seminar on **Monday, January 22 at 7 pm in the Library**. Mantua parent and Children's National Medical Center pediatrician Jessica Lazerov, M.D., will give a presentation on "Embracing Imperfect: A Pediatrician Mom's Perspective on Parenting in 2017," covering topics such as: technology, screens, and social media; having "the Talk" with your child; common behavior problems; and plenty of time for your questions. No RSVP necessary! Bring a friend. For more information, contact Mantua Parent Ed coordinator Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com.

Mantua in the news! Featured in "Public Works" magazine

The Boiretention basin at Mantua ES and the partnership with Fairfax County's Stormwater Planning Division (SWPD) are featured in the recent issues of Public Works!

For the last decade, the Stormwater Planning Division has been working with Fairfax County Public Schools students and teachers on various stormwater science and environmental stewardship programs and projects. These programs include creating stormwater activity books, hands-on teaching opportunities highlighting aquatic life in streams, and a classroom pollution detection lab called Stream Crime Investigation. [Click here to read more.](#)

Submit an essay to the VA PTA Citizenship Essay Contest!

This year's theme is "What does it mean to dream big?" Students K-12 are invited to participate. Submissions are due to the NOVA District PTA via email (novadd@vapta.org) no later than Thursday, February 1, 2018. Full details and instructions can be found [here](#).

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->

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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.

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Plans; Make Arrangements Now in Case of an Unforeseen Schedule Change

Cold and wintry weather is on its way! Due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, it may be necessary to close schools for the entire day, to open schools late, or to close early.

Parents are urged to make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedule changes are made (and to provide for the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances). Children should know where to go if a parent will not be home.

FCPS has several schedules set up to deal with inclement weather; these are put into effect when conditions threaten the safety of students and staff members:

- Keep schools closed.
- Open two hours late.
- Close two hours early.

When Fairfax County Public Schools has a schedule change (closing or delay) due to inclement weather or other emergencies, [the information is communicated in several ways as soon as the decision is made](#).

Note: The official [@FCPSnews Twitter](#) account (with blue checkmark) is generally the first and fastest mode of communication during emergency weather closings. Other communication channels will be updated as quickly as possible including email, text, website, other social media, and news stations. Please be aware, due to the large volume of emails sent, there will likely to be a lag between the time a FCPS Twitter alert is posted and receipt of an email in your inbox.

Video: Learn How Inclement Weather Closing Decisions Are Made

Ever wonder how FCPS administrators decide to close or delay school due to inclement weather? [Watch this video for an explanation and answers to some common questions.](#)

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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