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Important Upcoming Dates

March 14 (Wednesday): PTA Restaurant Night-Elevation Burger, 5-8pm.

March 16 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30AM, Cafeteria. Drama Club presents Stewart Little, 7pm show, Gym.

March 17 (Saturday): Drama Club presents Stewart Little, 2pm show, Gym.

March 22 (Thursday): Heritage and Literacy Night, 6-8pm.

Elevation Burger Restaurant Night

Meet your friends for dinner at **Elevation Burger at Fair City Mall on March 14, 5-8pm** and have some fun. Don't forget the milkshakes! Mantua elementary school Restaurant Night fundraiser will donate 10% of the cost of your meal to the school. <http://mantuapta.org/documents/fundraisers/restaurantnights/2017-18/elevation.pdf>

Rescheduled PTA Meeting

Due to the closing of school on March 2nd, the PTA meeting scheduled for that date has been rescheduled for **Friday March 16th**. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at **9:30AM**.

Spelling Bee Champions!

There were 23 student participants in the 2018 Mantua Spelling Bee held on February 23rd. The top 4 finishers were Adhiti Mukund (5th grade), Luv Udeshi (4th grade), Raeya Kumar (4th grade), and Elena Liu (5th grade). Adhiti will represent Mantua ES at the 2018 Fairfax County Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 18,

2018. Wish her luck!

Absences, Tardies, Early Dismissals and Transportation Changes.

Any absences or planned tardies should be **reported by 9:30 am**. Robo calls for unexplained absences start at 10:00 am.

Please email MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu and copy the classroom teacher. If you don't have email call the attendance line at (703) 645-6363 but email is preferred for clarity purposes. Please include the date of the absence or change of transportation, the student's name, teacher and what the change or absence is.

Example: Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2019.

URGENT NEED: 3 Nominating Committee Members

The Mantua PTA Executive Board is in need of 3 PTA Members to serve on the Nominating Committee to put forth the new slate of Executive Board Members for the 2018-2019 school year. We need to elect this Nominating Committee at our March PTA Meeting (you do not need to be present at this meeting to be a member of the committee, though it is encouraged.) The slate needs to be announced at our April meeting and the membership will vote on the slate at our final meeting in late May. If you would like to be a part of this important committee or have questions, please contact Sam Leiber at president@mantuapta.org.

This is a volunteer commitment that will last approximately 1 month and is not very time consuming (especially if you already know some Mantua parents that would be perfect for the PTA Executive Board!)

MCA Contest – What it Means to Live in Mantua

The Mantua Community Directory, published by Mantua Civic Association, is sponsoring a contest! Students are invited to send original artwork on the theme of "Community" and What it Means to Live in Mantua." Winning designs will be published in

next year's Directory, and one winner's artwork MAY be chosen for the Directory cover. Original 2-dimensional work must be submitted in either 6" x 9" or 9" x 12" vertical (portrait) format. A HighRes scan is the best method for submitting work. We will also accept original art or a good color copy. Deadline for submission is **April 2, 2018**. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in two divisions, K-6 and 7-12. Contact Jim Oppenheimer (treasurer@mantua.org) or Loren Brandman (brandman@acm.org) for further details.

Yearbook Sales

The 2017-2018 Yearbook is available for purchase.

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

Parent Information Relating to Special Education

[All these opportunities](#) are FREE unless noted.

In most cases you must register if registration information is provided.

When other events become available they will be posted at:

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/upcoming-community-events/>

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 check mark) 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!

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- 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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