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## Important Upcoming Dates

**December 11 (Tuesday):** Restaurant Night, Mama Lucia, Fair City Mall, 2-8 pm.

**December 13 (Thursday):** Winter Band Concert, 7 pm, Mantua Gym.

**December 14 (Friday): 3 Hour Early Release,** dismissal is at 1:05 pm.

**December 21 (Friday):** Full School Day before Winter Break begins.

**December 24 to January 4 (Monday through Friday):** Winter Break

**January 7 (Monday):** 1st Day Back at School in 2019.

## The Directory is here . . ONLINE!

The 2018-19 Directory is online! Members should have already received an email with a link and login to access the directory from MantuaPTA.org. If you have not received the email, and you are a member, please contact Lisa Libby ([president@mantuapta.org](mailto:president@mantuapta.org)) and she will ensure you get access. If you are not yet a member, you can join at <http://mp.gg/6ciky> and you will receive the login in your confirmation email!

**Advanced Academics Level IV  
 Referral Form for Grades 2-6 due  
 Thursday, January  
 10th by 4:30pm (hard copies**

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 **Thursday, January 10th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office by 4:30pm (hard copies only). More information and a link to the referral form is located at <https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement>. If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras ([vsbousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:vsbousbouras@fcps.edu)), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

## Pre-order Your Yearbook!!!

We are partnering with Scherling for our yearbook this year. Yearbooks are just \$25!

Order yours today! [www.virginia.preorderphotos.com](http://www.virginia.preorderphotos.com)

\*\*click the link then enter the code: **T79YW4**. Add Yearbook to cart. Choose background A then add to cart again. Click next and follow the rest of the instructions!!\*\*

## Mantua PTA Restaurant Night At Mamma Lucia

Help earn some dough for ... Mantua Elementary School PTA

WHEN:

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 2:00 to 8:00 pm**

WHERE: Mamma Lucia Fair City Mall, 9650 Main Street  
DINE-IN or TAKEOUT at Mamma Lucia Fair City Mall, mention MANTUA PTA, and 10% of all the evening's proceeds will be donated to the Mantua Elementary School PTA.

Support our school PTA and dine on delicious pizza, pasta, sandwiches and more while earning dough for our school!

Visit [www.mammaluciafaircitymall.com](http://www.mammaluciafaircitymall.com) for complete menu.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/restaurant-nights/mamma-lucia.pdf>

## Spirit Week

Monday, Dec. 17	Twin Day!
Tuesday, Dec. 18	Scarf Day!
Wednesday, Dec. 19	Wacky Wednesday!
Thursday, Dec. 20	Time Travel Day!
Friday, Dec. 21	PJ and Stuffed Animal Day!

Twin Day: Wear the same clothes as one of your friends.

Scarf Day: Wear a scarf to school.

Wacky Wednesday: Wear wacky clothes to school.

Time Travel Day: Dress up as what you think you would look like in the future or past.

PJ and Stuffed Animal Day: Wear your pajamas to school, and bring a stuffed animal.

## GLOBALPlus ASL Intermediate Class

Has your child already had some exposure to American Sign Language and would like to learn more? Register them for the GLOBALPlus Intermediate ASL course!

**PLEASE NOTE: this class is not for students new to ASL.**

The eight-week session begins Jan. 8 and costs \$155. Classes will take place at Mantua Tuesday mornings from 8:00-9:00.

Register before Jan. 4 to receive \$8 off tuition with promo code GLOBAL8.

Registering more than one child? Call (703)658-1201 to receive a 10% sibling discount. (Discounts cannot be combined.) Register

at <http://bit.ly/GLOBALPlus> with course number GP02408-0001. Questions? Contact Susie Eister

at [globalplus@mantuapta.org](mailto:globalplus@mantuapta.org).

## CWES January Scholastic Chess Tournament

Saturday, January 26, 2019

This is a Rated Tournament. Membership in USCF is required.

If not a member, use this link for membership options:

<https://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/member.php>

Pre-Registration Fee (Register by Tuesday, January 22):  
\$20.00

On-Site Registration Fee (Day of Tournament): \$30.00

To register online go

here <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/10602.tla>

Any questions, please contact us at [cweschessclub@gmail.com](mailto:cweschessclub@gmail.com)

## Why Support the Mantua PTA?

Click below to see where our money was spent last year and what we have in store for this year!

<https://tinyurl.com/ya3ahgxj>

Consider joining the Mantua PTA! **Cost is only \$15 per family** (tax deductible).

[Visit the registration website for more information.](#)

## 2019–20 School Year Calendar Announced

In case you missed the announcement over the summer, the School Board adopted the calendar for the 2019-20 school year. The first day of school will be **Monday, August 26, 2019**, and the last day will be **Friday, June 12, 2020**. Notable dates include a three-day break for Thanksgiving (November 27-29, 2019) a two-week winter break (December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020) and a one-week spring break (April 6-10, 2020). [See the complete 2019-20 school year calendar.](#)

<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/19-20-standard-school-year-calendar.pdf>

## Holiday shopping online?

You can help raise money for our school when you shop at AMAZON! No special sign-ups or codes – just use a different link to get to Amazon that is on the [Mantua PTA website](#), click, shop and a percentage of your purchase will be credited to our school!

- Start at [mantuapta.org](http://mantuapta.org).
- Click on the Mantua PTA.org Amazon icon in upper right corner, THEN add items to your cart and make

the purchase within 24 hours.

- Amazon Smile is another way to donate to Mantua, BUT we get a bigger donation for the same purchase through the Amazon link on the Mantua PTA website.

## Reminder About Early Dismissals

As shared in the first day folders, children will not be called out of class for early dismissal after 3:40pm and cannot be released to anyone other than a parent unless that person is on the emergency care card. The exception to the emergency care card requirement would be a release authorized by the parent through an email to [mantuaesattendance@fcps.edu](mailto:mantuaesattendance@fcps.edu) received prior to 1pm that day. For “play dates” notes from parents of both the visitor and the host will be required for students planning to go home with a friend or neighbor after school. Students without corresponding notes will follow their typical dismissal plan.

There is a new direct email link on the Mantua ES Website for reporting dismissals and absences to <https://mantuaes.fcps.edu/attendance-form>

## New this year: Looking to buy a Chromebook?

New this year! Looking to buy a Chromebook? Dell will donate 5% of your purchase to Mantua Elementary, plus free shipping and price match guarantee! Just use this special link: [www.dell.com/MantuaPTA](http://www.dell.com/MantuaPTA)

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/passive/dell.pdf>

## 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 the Amazon link

before beginning your shopping and Amazon will donate to our school. The link is located in the upper right corner of PTA website and also further down under "passive fundraising".

## Link Your Grocery Loyalty to Raise Money for the School

You can easily help our school by linking your grocery loyalty cards from Harris Teeter and Giant. Based on your purchases those merchants then send checks to the school. WOW! Please see flyer for details.

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2018-19/flyers/fundraisers/passive/grocery.pdf>

## 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: [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org).
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org) или [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktor Zhardzetski.
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요([cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto: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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