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Important Upcoming Dates

December 16 - 20 - Spirit week (see below)

December 23 - January 3: Winter Break.



Volunteer Opportunity

The music teacher Ms. Aberle needs parent

volunteers on December 20th from 11:45 – 1:30 to

help decorate the gym with lights for the Winter Assembly.

Please reach out to Mrs. Aberle <u>acaberle@fcps.edu</u> if you can help.

SCA Winter Spirit Week

This week is Spirit Week sponsored by the SCA. See the attached flyer.

http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/ geninfo/winter-spirit-week.pdf



Stringapalooza

Mantua string students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade are invited to attend the Woodson Pyramid Stringapalooza. The event will be held at Frost MS on **Saturday, Feb. 8th from 9am - 2pm**. The deadline to enroll is **Jan. 10th.** Students can get enrollment forms from Mrs. Easton at school, or parents can email Mrs. Easton at <u>kjeaston@fcps.edu</u> to request a form. The fee to enroll is \$20, which includes a t-shirt and lunch. Students at the event will rehearse with other elementary students in the Woodson Pyramid and perform a concert for parents at the end of the day. They will also be mentored by string students from Frost MS and Woodson HS. Mantua string students who will attend high schools other than Woodson are still welcome and encouraged to attend. Please direct questions to Mrs. Easton, Mantua Strings Teacher, at <u>kjeaston@fcps.edu</u>.



Save your plastic caps and lids to help the Earth!

Save your plastic caps and lids to help our Earth, and win an ice cream party! Girl Scout Troop 2779 needs your help to collect plastic bottle caps and lids from many consumer items. (Did you know that most caps and lids end up in the landfill, even when

placed in the recycling bin, because they are too small to be processed by the facility's sorting equipment?) The troop's goal is to collect 300 pounds of caps and lids. Once they have met it, Green Tree Plastics of Indiana will exchange the caps and lids for a park bench made of 100% recycled materials for the troop to donate. This project is through Green Tree Plastic's ABC program,

which aims to teach children about caring for the earth and green living. The two classes who collect the most caps will win an ice cream party, courtesy of Toby's Homemade Ice Cream & Coffee! Look for the collection box in your child's classroom coming soon. Acceptable items include: Caps from: milk jugs, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, apple sauce pouches, drink bottles such as soda, water, juice and sport drinks, shampoo and other hair products, ointment, baby food. Lids from: cottage cheese, mayonnaise, yogurt, peanut butter, coffee cans, cream cheese, butter. All caps and lids must be clean and dry.

Questions email <u>GirlScoutTroop2779@gmail.com</u>. Every cap counts! Thank you.

Congratulations to the Fairfax County level PTA Reflections winners!

Congratulations to our Mantua students who won the Reflections program at the Fairfax County level! We wish them best of luck at the District Level next!!

Abigail Bryson - Literature Genevieve Cheng - Photography Genevieve Cheng - Film

Kids Give Back Kids Volunteer Day

January 27, 9:30am-3:30pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. FCPS schools are closed, so Kids Give Back is offering another day of volunteerism, games, team-building and more. Projects may include: Making outdoor care packages for the homeless; preparing snack packs for under-served children; making Valentine presents for senior citizens and more! Registration includes pizza for lunch. \$80/child; sibling discounts available. <u>www.kidsgiveback.org</u>

Absences, Tardies, Early Dismissals and Transportation Change Procedures

At some point of the year, almost every student will either be absent, tardy, leave early for an appointment of need a change of transportation. Please email the office at: <u>MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu</u> and copy the classroom teacher or call the attendance line at (703) 645-6363 for anything related to attendance or dismissal. Email is always the preferred method of communication for clarity purposes.

Absences or late arrivals: Please contact the office by the above method by 9:30am. Robo calls go out at 10 am. If a student is arriving late an adult must walk them into the office and sign them in even if you have notified the office of

the late arrival.

Changes in Transportation must be submitted by 1:00 PM to either the email address above or attendance line. The first month of school there will be no bus passes to go home on the bus with a friend. Students receive a pass any time there is a change of transportation. Do not send in changes more than a week in advance except for ongoing changes, see examples.

Early Dismissals should be called in early in the day. An adult on the emergency care form can pick up a student. If you call when you are approximately 5 minutes away from the school then we will try to have the student ready for you otherwise we will call for the student when you arrive. There are NO DISMISSALS between 3:40 PM and 4:05 PM.

Examples:

Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2099.

Please excuse Fred Flinstone to Kiss and Ride every Monday until further notice.

Please excuse Jane Doe who will arrive at 10:00 am to school due to a Dr. appt.

Let the office staff know if you have any questions.

Raise Funds for Mantua ES by Linking Your Rewards Card

It's time to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC cards to Mantua!

This is a really easy fundraiser- once you link your card to our school you'll be helping to raise money every time you shop. And even better? We'll do the work for you! Go

to <u>https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/vic</u> to fill in your VIC card information and we'll do the rest!

Encourage friends & family to do the same!

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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الإيميل: <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>.

- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u> или <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.
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- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u>. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at <u>cbn@mantuapta.org</u> if you have any questions or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News

Please <u>complete this form</u> to have a Mantua ES- or Mantua PTA-related announcement placed in the



weekly Mantua PTA News, on our Facebook page and/or on MantuaPTA.org.

The form guides you through all the pieces of information we need to put out complete announcements.

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