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MANTUA PTA NEWS

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Important Upcoming Dates

September 4 (Wednesday): Fall Enrichment registration begins.

September 5 (Thursday): Academic Competitions Parent Meeting, 7pm, Cafeteria.

September 6 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Mantua Library.

September 6 (Friday): Back-to-School Pizza and Ice Cream Social, 5:30-7:00pm, Mantua Elementary Playground.

Enrichment Registration

Fall Enrichment registration is almost here! Registration begins **Wednesday, September 4th at 8AM and ends Sunday, September 15th at midnight**. Click below to see all of the great classes we will have to offer!



<https://enrichmentmatters.ce.eleyo.com/courses/category/86/mantua-elementary>



Back-to-School Pizza and Ice Cream Social

Please join us in kicking off the 2019-2020 school year with our Back-to-School Pizza and Ice Cream Social, on **Friday, September 6, 5:30-7:00pm**, at the Mantua Elementary Playground. The event is a great way to meet new parents and to get involved with the school! Tickets (\$1.00) can be used to purchase pizza and ice cream sundaes (two tickets each) as well as bottled water and temporary tattoos (one ticket each). We need volunteers to help set up, sell tickets, serve food and drinks, and clean up. Please contact Sara Taylor (saramtaylor@mac.com) with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba8ae2eaafa7-backtoschool>



We have so many wonderful opportunities to serve our school, teachers, and students. Please consider signing up this year by using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4dadaa2aa0fb6-schoolwide2>

Parents Needed for Chat 'n' Chew



We need YOU for Chat 'n' Chew! Our lunchtime book club for students is very popular and can't be run without parents like you. Parent volunteers meet with a small group of 5-7 students once per month during their lunch/recess time to discuss a book you have all read. The books are already chosen for you and there are only 4 meetings (December through March). You schedule the dates that work best for you. Chat 'n' Chew is one of the best volunteer positions in the school! Sign up online when you enroll your student for the program, or contact Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com, 703-573-0146 for more information.

Chat 'n' Chew Registration

Chat 'n' Chew is back for Grades 3-6! If your student likes to read books and discuss them with friends, join our lunchtime book club. Students meet once per month during lunch and recess with a parent volunteer to discuss the book they have read. Meetings will start in December and go through March. Cost is \$35 (\$25 for PTA members). The books will be provided and are yours to keep! **Registration is open online Sept 4-20.** Questions? Contact Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com, 703-573-0146.

Raccoon Runners Sign Ups

Sign ups for Raccoon Runners will begin on Sept 4th (with all other enrichment classes)! We'll meet on Wednesday and Friday mornings from October - November.



This program focuses on building strength both physically and mentally through the joy of exercise. The program takes place rain or shine (as long as school is in session) with approximately 30 minutes of coach guided exercise followed by a snack and discussion of issues relevant to their peer group. At the conclusion of the program, participants have the option to run in the Frost 5K, the Mantua Turkey Trot, or both races. Registration is limited. Questions? Email raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org.

Mantua Drama Club Information Session

Mantua Drama Club is happy to announce our 2019-2020 season! Our shows this year are Frozen Jr. and Beauty and the Beast Jr. - two musicals that will be brought to life by our wonderful Drama Club! The Mantua Drama Club is for 3rd-6th graders. Please mark your calendar with these important dates for our

Drama Club Year:

- 6th Grade/Tech Registration: Tuesday, September 3rd - 8:00 AM
- 3rd/4th/5th Grade Registration: Tuesday, September 3rd - 8:00 PM
- Auditions: Thursday & Friday, September 5th & 6th - 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Questions? Email drama@mantuapta.org

Art Department Volunteers Needed

Art Department Needs Volunteers! Welcome back!! The Art department NEEDS your help. No experience necessary. We just need helping hands to cut paper and clay, mix paint, hang art work, fill glue bottles and MORE! Please click on the SignUpGenius link and sign up for a time slot. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you during the 2019-2020 school year! ~The Art Team~



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AA9AC22A6FF2-mantua4>

Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at MantuaPTA.org and click **JOIN PTA NOW!** Dues are \$20 per family and get you discounts on PTA sponsored clubs. Our dues fully support our free programs so that every penny of our fundraisers goes right back into the classrooms. Follow us on Facebook to get the inside scoop on all our events and programs - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MantuaPTA/> - Can't wait to get started!



Directory Opt-Out

Here at Mantua we care about your privacy and want to ensure that you are comfortable with the information provided to other Mantua families! Please complete this short form if you do NOT wish to be published in The Mantua PTA Online Student Directory. The majority of parents opt to include their family's information in the directory as it is a great resource for parents, students, and faculty throughout the school year, but we want each family to make that choice for themselves. The Opt Out window ends on September 20th and the new Directory should be



available by Oct 1st. Any questions please email directory@mantuapta.org. Thanks!

<https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/directoryoptout2019>

Academic Competitions Parent Meeting

Does your child solve problems...just for fun? Does your child read about science in his spare time? Does your child love sports AND math...AT THE SAME TIME? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then come to the information meeting on **Thursday September 5 at 7pm** in the Cafeteria to learn about how you can help your child take advantage of the opportunities out there. We will present some of the opportunities outside of school that you could participate in, such as Science Olympiad, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Geographic Bee, MathCounts, Lego League, Destination Imagination, Odyssey of the Mind, etc. There opportunities for all students, K-6, but there are more opportunities for student in Grade 3 and higher. Students might study fossils, explore outer space, run experiments, practice problem solving, and build machines that actually work. Extracurricular academic competitions facilitate creative team-building that encourage resourcefulness, self-confidence, problem solving, and leadership in children of all ages. Come learn about the opportunities and connect with other interested parents/students to form teams! We are here to help you learn about the opportunities and to help facilitate team formation.

Questions, email MantuaCompetitions@gmail.com to contact Alice Wang and Esther Ko.



Girl Scout Information & Troop Formation Night

Parents, come learn about the many Girl Scout opportunities available at Mantua ES!

Girl Scout Information & Troop Formation Night will be held on **Monday, September 23, at 7:00 PM in the Library**. Girl Scouts is a world-wide organization for girls in kindergarten through 12th grade. The program offers a wide variety of activities to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts helps girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill and

respect; develop values to guide their actions; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills and cooperation with others. Please indicate your interest (no obligation to join) by completing this form: <http://bit.ly/2MGmC9P>. Troop Organizers will then contact you about possible troop placement. Questions? Attend the September 23th Parent Meeting or contact girlscouts@mantuapta.org.

W.T. Woodson High School Feeder Night Football Game – Friday September 20, 2019 at 7:00pm

All students from the Woodson pyramid are admitted into the football game with the presentation of the flyer attached (printed or on phone) when accompanied by a paying adult. Woodson will recognize all feeder school students before the start of the game at 6:40p.m., so please meet at the scoreboard by 6:30p.m. to prepare.



<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/feeder-night-football.pdf>



Mantua Kiss and Ride Information

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/kiss&ride.pdf>

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 or need a change of transportation. Please email the office at: MantuaElem.ESAttendance@fcps.edu 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:

These 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:

These 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, 2019.

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.

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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- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: cbn@mantuapta.org или cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktor Zhardzetski.
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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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