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MANTUA PTA NEWS

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Important Upcoming Dates

September 27th (Friday): Picture Day.

Advanced Academics Program

Click on the link for information regarding the Advanced Academics Program.

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

Ability Testing

In the fall, the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) is administered to all FCPS first grade students and the CogAT- Custom Form is administered to all FCPS second grade students. During the fall testing cycle, the NNAT and/or Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) may be administered to students in Grades 3-6 who do not have an ability test score.

Parents or guardians may exercise a one-time retest option during the fall testing cycle. Please contact the school testing coordinator Ms.

Alley, VAAlley@fcps.edu, no later than Wednesday, September 25th to request a one-time retest for either the NNAT or CogAT.

Please do not wait for test scores before submitting a referral for your student in Grades 2-7 as there will be no referrals for Level IV screening accepted past the January 9th deadline. If you are waiting for test scores and would like your student screened for Level IV, please submit the referral by the published deadline (even if you have not received the test scores for your student).

All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools that are attending Mantua, and don't have a Cognitive Test on file, will be administered the CogAt Test during the testing window of September 30th – October 10th.

- If you are interested in a one-time retest for possible acceptance to AAP Center, please contact Eva Bousbouras at vsbousbouras@fcps.edu by, **Wednesday, September 25th.**
- Parents of students taking the CogAt Test will receive a letter from school prior to the testing date.

Family Life Education Parent Preview Night

You are invited to attend an evening opportunity to preview the Family Life Education media and lessons to talk with school staff about the program. The meeting will be held on **October 10 at 6:00pm in the Mantua Library**. All program materials and media for all grade levels will be available for your review at this time.



Fall Picture Day

September 27, 2019 in the Mantua gym.

Envelopes will be sent home 9/24/2019.

Author Visit- 5th & 6th Grade

Attention 5th and 6th grade parents! Author Tom O'Donnell will be visiting Mantua's 5th and 6th graders on **October 18th**. A flyer with information about his visit, and an opportunity to purchase personalized copies of his books, have been sent in Tuesday folders. Orders are due by Friday, October 4th. Questions? Please contact Mantua librarians Michelle Hawk (mahawk@fcps.edu) or Katie Marmol (kgmarmol@fcps.edu).



<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/odonnell-visit.pdf>



Enrichment Classes Begin Monday, September 30th

Enrichment classes begin on **Monday, September 30th**. Please look out for an email that will include the classroom assignment as well as a welcome email from the class instructor this week. Students must be signed out and picked up outside the

classroom after class unless they are reporting to SAAC.

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

Mantua PTA Basketball League

Register for the Mantua Basketball league beginning **Wednesday, September 25 at 5pm**.

The link to register is here:

<http://www.mantuabasketball.org/site>



Global Plus Classes



Is your child interested in learning a foreign language? Global Plus is a fun way for your child to gain foreign language skills. This year, Global Plus teachers have access to three different curricula that address the needs of different skill levels, from first-time learners to heritage speakers.

This year we are offering the following classes at Mantua:

Morning class: GP05220-0001 German, Grades 4-6 **Starts Thurs, Oct 17**

Afternoon classes:

GP03120-0001 Chinese, Grades 1-3 **Starts Wed, Oct 16**

GP03220-0001 Chinese, Grades 4-6 **Starts Fri, Oct 18**

Classes are 20 weeks long and cost \$395. Register at [https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/SubjectListing.aspx?CategoryID=10377&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+\(K-6\)&IsCourse=1&SubjectID=10936&AreaName=GLOBAL+Plus](https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/SubjectListing.aspx?CategoryID=10377&ProgramID=362&ProgCatgName=World+Languages+(K-6)&IsCourse=1&SubjectID=10936&AreaName=GLOBAL+Plus)

Registering more than one child? Register by calling 703-658-1201 to receive a 10% sibling discount (for one sibling only).

Questions? Email globalplus@mantuapta.org.

MathCounts

Fun and engaging math for 6th graders.

MathCounts is a national middle school mathematics competition that builds problem solving skills and fosters achievement through in-person "bee" style contests. Mantua alum high school students will coach current 6th graders throughout the fall, during practice sessions at Mantua on Thursday evenings. Sign up to get more information at <https://forms.gle/cTahQqk3kTqKo9k49> or email MantuaCompetitions@gmail.com. An **information sessions** for interested parents and students will be held on **Thursday September 26 at 7pm in the Library**.



Mantua Science Olympiad Div B for 6th Graders

Division B Science Olympiad is a great opportunity for 6th graders to extend their understanding of middle school science topics and practice basic building skills. Apply to join the Mantua SO Div B team at <https://forms.gle/5DA2g53x12p9qnBm7>. Interested parents and students who would like to learn more about rules and events are welcome to attend the information

meeting on **Thursday September 26 at 8pm in the Library**. For more information, contact Alice Wang MantuaScienceOlympiad@gmail.com.

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!



What does the PTA do?

What does the PTA do? Where does my money go? Click the link below to find out!

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/about-mpta.pdf>



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, October 3, 7:00-8:00pm in the Library.

Restaurant Night - Chipotle

Eat Chipotle, help Mantua Elementary School PTA foil your dinner plans and stop by the Chipotle at 9506 Main Street in Fairfax for our fundraiser on **Wednesday, October 09 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm**. We're raising money to support Mantua Elementary School PTA, so just download a flyer from the link below or mention the fundraiser at checkout and they'll donate 33% of the proceeds to the cause!



<https://socialportal.chipotle.com/fundraiser/social/public/portal/2qqOSkhLoGygIOEcc9ddN3fITrvBDswwWRspysD6KE1VmeAhRsYrA7gNYLfyOw7ID5NnfzqTkbAZWPgfB2KHTUMReehQT7a3o4S9jrU4LUODutQJLebxOcvQGO79uyyOg/3201910091620>

2019 PTA Reflections Art Contest

The 2019 Mantua PTA Reflections Art Contest is underway! Please submit your entries by **Tuesday, Oct 15**. Submit your art



along with the fully-completed entry form (See <https://www.vapta.org/documents/arts-in-education/19-20-reflections/2224-19-20-student-packet-template-f>) to the Mantua Elementary school office. The Theme Search contest is also underway - enter a phrase to spark creativity for the 2021 PTA Reflections contest. Theme search entries are due **Tuesday, Oct 15** in the Reflections mailbox in the school office (See <https://www.vapta.org/documents/general/2254-19-20-theme-search-packet-template-updated>). Thank you for participating - we look forward to seeing your work!

FAQ - <http://mantuapta.org/documents/2019-20/flyers/programs/reflections.pdf>

Questions? Please contact ReflectionsMantua@gmail.com.

UNICEF Fundraiser for Bahamas

Dear Region 5 Communities,

Each of the 32 schools in Region 5 of Fairfax County Public Schools are uniting together to support the humanitarian crisis that has occurred in the Bahamas due to Hurricane Dorian. We have all witnessed the devastation from this deadly storm and we want to be able to help. There is an estimated 18,000 children in crisis and many children have lost everything they own. So we are calling each of our communities to action!

Over the next two weeks, we will be fundraising by using a GoFundMe page. The link is below which also includes a link to a video for more information. All proceeds will go to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). Our funds will go to water, shelter, food, clothes, backpacks, books, and other school materials.

Please join Region 5 in making a difference. Any amount can be helpful! The fundraiser will run from now **to Friday, October 4th**.

Please click this link to go to our GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/sam3qu-hurricane-dorian-relief>

Thank you for supporting this cause!

Extracurricular Academic Competitions

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? Would your child like to work with other students to learn something fun outside of school? To meet new kids? To have fun new challenges? There are many opportunities outside of school, such as Science Olympiad, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Geographic Bee, MathCounts, AMC 8,

Lego League, Destination Imagination, Odyssey of the Mind, etc. Students could learn new things, delve deeper into certain subjects, and practice hand-on skills through studying fossils, exploring outer space, running experiments, practicing problem solving, or building 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. The possibilities are endless!! To view the list of events Mantua students have participated in in the past, go to

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1enRE-HO74gLXEJaAycxDZNRpIVshHm5e/view>

To indicate interest in participating this year and to connect with other parents, sign-up at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZcYtjseh3DTL5RTr_pdl9eOsF0ZhMNfm3ZWt763LCMEy0Vw/viewform .

For additional questions, email MantuaCompetitions@gmail.com to contact Alice Wang and Esther Ko.

Career Switcher Information Session

The Office of Talent Acquisition & Management (TAM) will host a Career Switcher Information Session at the Willow Oaks Administrative Center on **Monday, October 14, 2019**. This event will give military veterans, community members and anyone interested an opportunity to learn how to become a licensed Virginia teacher.

The information session will begin with presentations from the five approved Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) career switcher programs, Educate Virginia, Old Dominion University, Regent University, Shenandoah University and Virginia Commonwealth University. Troops to Teachers will also present their program offerings to our military veteran attendees. A panel of FCPS educators will share valuable information with attendees, followed by an opportunity to network with the six presenters, the FCPS licensure team and the substitute office.

We would like you to share this event information with your school community, parents, FCPS employees and anyone in your network seeking information on becoming a licensed Virginia teacher.

Event Information Monday, October 14, 2019 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Willow Oaks Administrative Center Building 8270 / Room 1000A

Join Scouting Night for 5th & 6th Graders

BSA Troop 1533 Boys and Girls Troop invite all interested 5th and 6th graders to the Mantua Cafeteria at 7:30 on Tuesday, September 24 to learn more about the BSA program. We aspire to provide an environment that trains youth in leadership and community service while engaging in an active outdoor program. We have a great year already planned, including great activities like

a climbing lock-in, robotics campout and a wilderness survival campout, and we're already planning our next summer camp adventure. If you're interested in the program but can't attend, please contact us through the beascout.scouting.org website or see more of what BSA has been up to on weownadventure.com.

Join Cub Scout Pack 1533 for K-5th Grades

Cub Scout Pack 1533 is welcoming boys and girls in grades K to 5 to join! We already had a few fun events this year including kayaking and mini-golf, and are planning upcoming events such as a campout, rocket launch, and pinewood derby. A good first event for new families to come to is the **Sept. 26** parent orientation night during which the scouts will watch a pinewood derby-themed movie while parents learn more about scouting (**Mantua ES cafeteria at 7 pm**). If you are interested, sign up on our website and come to an upcoming event (our calendar is included on our website). Can we scout you in?



<http://pack1533.org/>



Lice: Treatment and Prevention

Parents and Guardians have an important role in the treatment and prevention of lice. Below are two helpful links from FCPS.

<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/student-safety-and-wellness/school-health-services/lice-treatment-and-prevention>

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/sites/health/files/assets/documents/pdf/head-lice.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.Attendance@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 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.

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. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email 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 или 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.) 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.

How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News



Please [complete this form](#) 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.

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