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# MANTUA PTA NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**October 9** (Wednesday): Restaurant Night, 4-8pm, Chipotle.

**October 10 (Thursday): Family Life Education Parent Preview Night, 6pm, library.**

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## **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.

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## **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/2qqOSkhLoGyglOEcc9ddN3flTrvBDs\\_wWRspysD6KE1VmeAhRsYrA7gNYLfyO\\_w7ID5NnfzqTkbAZWPgfB2KHTUMReeh\\_QT7a3o4S9jrU4LUODutQJLebxOcvQGO79uyyOg/3201910091620](https://socialportal.chipotle.com/fundraiser/social/public/portal/2qqOSkhLoGyglOEcc9ddN3flTrvBDs_wWRspysD6KE1VmeAhRsYrA7gNYLfyO_w7ID5NnfzqTkbAZWPgfB2KHTUMReeh_QT7a3o4S9jrU4LUODutQJLebxOcvQGO79uyyOg/3201910091620)

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## **Join Cub Scouts**

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, mini-golf, and movie night, and are planning upcoming events such as a campout, rocket launch, and pinewood derby. New scouts are welcome to attend our next pack meeting on **Thur. Oct. 10** (Mantua ES cafeteria at 7 pm). If you are interested, sign up on our website or just come to an upcoming event (our calendar is included on our website). Can we scout you in? [www.pack1533.org](http://www.pack1533.org)

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## **Running Track to be installed at Mantua!**

We are excited to announce the construction of a Mantua running track. This six foot wide paved track is being funded in conjunction with ADA improvements to accessibility at Mantua ES and generous PTA support. The track will surround the baseball diamond and outfield.

## Global Plus Classes -- REGISTRATION ENDS WED. OCT. 9



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

We are now offering the following classes at Mantua:

- Morning class:

GP05220 German, Grades 4-6 Thursdays 8-9am, **starts Oct 17**

- Afternoon classes:

GP03220 Chinese, Grades 1-6, Fridays 4:15-5:15 pm, **starts Oct 18**

- Registration closes Wednesday, Oct. 9.

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](mailto:globalplus@mantuapta.org).

## PTA Family Fun Night - Pokemon Trading Cards



**Friday, October 18, 2019**

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Mantua Cafeteria

Bring your Pokemon trading cards to Mantua's annual Trading Card Night. Trade and play games with your friends and other Pokemon aficionados. If you are new to Pokemon we'll have game guides and expert players on hand. There is no fee to attend, children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Jonah Troth at [jrtroth@gmail.com](mailto:jrtroth@gmail.com) with any questions.

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

## Box Tops

The Box Top collection contest is underway! All box tops must be submitted by **Wednesday, October 30th**.



The classroom that turns in the most Box Tops will win their choice of a popsicle, ice cream or pizza party! Clip the Box Tops and attach to a printed collection sheet or put them in a ziploc bag. Be sure to label them with the teacher's name so your child's class can receive credit. Your child can give the Box Tops to their teacher or place them in the Box Tops box in the school lobby. Click here to print the collection

sheet: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/fundraisers/boxtops.pdf>

## Join the PTA!

Please visit our webpage at [MantuaPTA.org](http://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>

## 2019 PTA Reflections Art Contest



Theme *is Looking Within!*

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/df/2019-20/flyers/programs/reflections.pdf>

Questions? Please contact [ReflectionsMantua@gmail.com](mailto:ReflectionsMantua@gmail.com).



## Kids Give Back

November 4: FCPS schools are closed, but we're not! Join us for a "Day of Service!"

Kids Give Back is a nonprofit organization that provides kids, ages 6-12, with meaningful opportunities to volunteer in our community. The Day of Service includes games, team-building, meeting non-profit leaders and preparing: Fleece blankets for the homeless, Pet toys, Baskets for young mothers, Story stones for preschoolers, Cards for senior citizens & more!

Date: **November 4** -- FCPS Teacher Workday

Hours: 9:30am-3:30pm

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8922 Little River Turnpike

Fees: \$75/one child, \$125/ two siblings, \$175/three siblings. Includes pizza for lunch.

<https://kids-giveback.org/>

REGISTER TODAY!

## Mantua PTA Basketball League

**Register:** Now - Friday, October 18, 2019

**Program Duration:** Monday, November 25, 2019 - Friday, March 20, 2020

**Regular Registration Cost:** \$ 70.00 - \$ 95.00

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

You can also register as a volunteer when you register your players, or let us know if you are interested in being a Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or Evaluation Helper.



## 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**

## Fall Festival

Hosted by W.T Woodson SGA/ Leadership

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 26th, 11 - 2 pm

**WHERE:** Woodson Outdoor Basketball Courts (outside door 7 on side of the school)

**WHAT :** A fun day for kids of all ages. Filled with candy prizes, pumpkin painting, games, crafts, moonbounce, and much more!

**WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME!!**

**ADMISSION IS FREE!!**

\*In case of inclement weather, the Fall Fest will be held in the Auxiliary Gym

Any questions? Please email [WTFALLFEST@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WTFALLFEST@GMAIL.COM)



## 7th Annual Fairfax Turkey Trot

Start your Thanksgiving day out right and join the Fairfax Turkey Trot 4 miler, in



Mantua on **November 28, 2019 at 9:00 am.**

Sign up now in October before the November rate increase. A portion of the race proceeds support Britepaths in helping those in need in our local community register online at [www.FairfaxturkeyTrot.com](http://www.FairfaxturkeyTrot.com)

## 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/>



### 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](mailto: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.

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## **Raise Funds for Mantua ES by Linking Your Rewards Card**

It's time to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC cards to Mantua! And if we increase the cards linked by October 16 we'll get a \$100 bonus so make sure to tell friends & family to sign up as well!

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

Encourage friends & family to do the same!

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## **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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## 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](http://MantuaPTA.org).

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