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**Mantua PTA News 2020, Issue 14**

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**Important Dates**

December 21 - January 1: Winter Break, no school.



**The Book Fair is Here!**

It's time for our annual book fair and we're going virtual! Same great books and games, but now you can shop from the comfort of home. Our amazing librarians have included their recommended reading and be sure to check out the teacher wishlists! This year, our book drive will benefit Berry Creek Elementary in California. The school and most of the families' homes were destroyed in the Paradise fire. Contact Jenn Ros at [bookfair@mantuapta.org](mailto:bookfair@mantuapta.org) with questions.

[https://www.bookwormcentral.com/school-online-store.php?id=00324020-DDCE-4FF5-9541-F78F3A71E167&pro\\_id=160&school\\_code=mantua](https://www.bookwormcentral.com/school-online-store.php?id=00324020-DDCE-4FF5-9541-F78F3A71E167&pro_id=160&school_code=mantua)

**Current 6th Grader Frost Middle School Orientation**

Families of current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be attending Frost Middle School during the 2021-2022 school year are invited to an upcoming transition event. On January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, Frost will be hosting a virtual Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation. Students and parents will be provided an overview of Frost, the registration process, class options, and more. More information, including the link to access the event, will be sent later this month. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Mantua Teacher Holiday (Store-bought) Pie Dropoff - December 14**

As a thank you to our wonderful Mantua teachers and staff this Holiday season, we are organizing a store-bought pie drop off. [Sign up](#) for the requested pies & (optional) gift cards below!

1. For added COVID safety, Pies must be store-bought and labeled.
2. Please drop off on Monday, 12/14 from 9-9:30 AM in the Kiss & Ride lane.
3. Feel free to include a Thank You / Happy Holidays card from your kid(s)!

Thank you! Mantua PTA Hospitality

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a8ac29a5fb6-mantua>

**Corona Care Food and Supply Drive**

The Scouts BSA Troops 1533 (Girls and Boys) and Elks Lodge-chartered Venture Crew 2188 are hosting a Corona Care Drive to collect food for Food for Others and personal protective equipment. Normally, this time of year these troops would be doing a house-to-house food drive, but in the name of safety and increased need, they've elected to have a drop-off event. Please drop off your items at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd on either **Saturday, December 12th or Sunday, December 13th from Noon to 3 pm.** We will have a contact-less drop-off procedure.

Items needed:

PPE: masks, non-latex gloves, hand sanitizer, sanitary wipes, cleaning supplies (hypochlorous acid, hydrogen peroxide, bleach, and citric acid)

Food Items Needed Most: Canned meats – ham, turkey, chicken, tuna and beef Peanut butter Stew and Chili (canned) Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee) Cereal Fruit – canned in 100% fruit juice Macaroni and Cheese Beans – dried and canned Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Rice (1 lb bag) is the best 100% Fruit Juice Vegetable Oil. Thank you for your generosity!

**Reflections**

The Mantua PTA Reflections committee is very excited to announce the winners of our 2020-21 contest. We wish our winners great success as their entries head off to the county-level competition. Congratulations to the follow Mantua students!!

Primary Division (Pre-K to Grade 2)

- Photography: Talia Grumet
  - Visual Arts: Reeбал Ahmed Refaat
- Intermediate Division (Grade 3 to 5)
- Dance Choreography: Genevieve Cheng
  - Film Production category: Keaton Brennan
  - Literature: James Cheon
  - Music Composition: Makayla Chou
  - Photography: Elena Casassa
  - Visual Arts: Junyoung Kim
- Middle Division (Grade 6 to 8)
- Visual Arts: Nayoung Kim

**We also would like to thank our judges!**

Visual Arts: June Yun <https://www.artistjuneyun.com/>

Dance Choreography: Vera Kudinova

Music Composition: Cindy Wallin [wallinjw@aol.com](mailto:wallinjw@aol.com)

Film: Jessica Grumet  
<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2733419>

Photography: Walt Polley  
[https://www.flickr.com/photos/walt\\_polley/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/walt_polley/)

Literature: Jenn McRobbie  
[https://www.amazon.com/dp/194264602X/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_a6r0WEbECXCA4X](https://www.amazon.com/dp/194264602X/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_a6r0WEbECXCA4X)

**Mantua Raccoon Masks Available!**

You asked, we listened! Mantua Raccoon masks are now for sale in youth and adult sizes [on our website](#). You can still get one free with membership too. Pick up instructions will be emailed after purchase.



**Library Curbside Pick Up**

Curbside library pick up is now open! Click this [link](#) (must be logged into an FCPS Google account) in order to get information on curbside library pick up. There are step by step instructions, links to our catalog and how to videos so that your child can participate. <https://sites.google.com/fcpschools.net/mantuailibrary/home?authuser=0>



If you are not receiving emails saying holds are ready then have your child check their FCPS Gmail account and/or check your SPAM folder.

Questions, email Katie Marmol ([kgmarmol@fcps.edu](mailto:kgmarmol@fcps.edu)) or Michelle Hawk ([mahawk@fcps.edu](mailto:mahawk@fcps.edu)).

**School Issued Laptop Help**

If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's school issued laptop, please remember to refer to the self-help page and ticketing service.

Self-help page: <https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/technology-support-families>

Parent/Student Ticket Page: <https://itweb.fcps.edu/itsupport/>

**How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News**

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