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## Important Dates

October 22 (Thursday) – AAP Information Meeting, 3:30-4:30.

October 23-26 – Community Spirit: Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt.

October 23 (Friday) – Run for Rocky Kickoff.

October 26-30 – Virtual Run for Rocky!

October 27 (Tuesday) – Restaurant Night: Chipotle, 4-8pm.

## A Virtual Advanced Academics Program (AAP)

A Virtual Advanced Academics Program (AAP) Parent Information Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 22nd from 3:30-4:30pm** for families of students in the general education program in grades 2-6. This meeting will provide an overview of AAP Levels of Services offered at FCPS and will include information regarding the screening process for AAP Level III and AAP Level IV Services.

Please use the following to join this meeting:

<https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/9af64947721143408ed53e5414cd5abe>



## Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt - Deadline Extended to Tuesday 10/20

Mantua PTA invites our neighbors to safely celebrate fall and enjoy our community with a Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt! The Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt is open to all families in our neighborhood and Mantua Elementary School boundaries. Please spread the word within your HOA, development, cul de sac or street. There are many ways to participate!

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a00dc966-6e45-4583-9bba-f08e6218d20a>

## 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/mantualibrary/home?authuser=0>



If you are not receiving emails saying holds are ready then please make sure to 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)).



## Pumpkin Book Characters!

Remember last school year when our teachers decorated pumpkins like books and book characters? Now you can too! If you want to participate, decorate a pumpkin at home and send your photos to [Mrs. Marmol](#) or [Mrs. Hawk](#) and we will share them on Facebook and Twitter. We can't wait to see how creative our students are!



## Virtual Run For Rocky Fundraiser

### VIRTUAL RUN FOR ROCKY 2020

Help us reach our \$25,000 Goal! Promoting Healthy Minds, Healthy Hearts, Healthy Bodies The Virtual Run for Rocky is Mantua PTA's largest fundraiser of the year that seeks to generate funds that WILL be injected into the school this year to include various curriculum materials, staff development and other teacher resources, and fun virtual PTA programs and events for the school community.

Even though we are virtual, we still have a need to support the school! This year's format will be different as we will be doing a Virtual Run for Rocky. We've designated times for students to go out and get active, but we are making it very flexible. Students can go out and run, walk, jump rope – whatever they want to do to get active. They can also be active in their front yard, back yard or in their neighborhood. If a student has a conflict during the times listed below, they can participate in any of the other time slots, or if they want to participate with a sibling, that is perfectly fine as well! See below for the schedule of events.

**INCENTIVES!!** Students that raise money will have the chance to participate in our Large Gift Raffle! For every \$50 they raise, their name will be entered one time into the raffle. Winners will be announced at the completion of Virtual Run for Rocky Week on October 30th! Prizes include:

-Hydro Flask Water Bottle -Echo Dot for Kids

-Kindle Paperwhite -Mini iPad -Nintendo Switch

Additionally, during the week of Virtual Run for Rocky, the classrooms that raise the most money will earn a special class incentive from their teacher. Only one class can win per week.

To say thank to our teachers for helping us raise funds for the school, we will host a special “teachers-only” raffle. For every \$200 that a classroom raises, the classroom teacher will get his/her name in the teacher raffle for two \$150 gift cards from Amazon. Drawings for those prizes will be on October 30th.

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## **THANK YOU TO OUR RUN FOR ROCKY SPONSORS FOR THEIR DONATIONS!**

Jennifer Mack Properties Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long and Foster Realtors Merrifield Orthodontics HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE by sharing the Virtual Run for Rocky’s donation link with friends and family. If we meet at least 50% and then 100% of our goal as a school, the students will get 2 special surprises that week!

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## **RUN FOR ROCKY DONATIONS WILL BE WELCOMED THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH**

### Important Dates & Times

October 19th – October 30th - 2-week fundraising period

October 23rd or 26th- Pre-recorded Pep Rally Virtual Run For Rocky

Schedule:

- Tuesday, October 27 – grades K-2 participate from 3-4pm
- Wednesday, October 28 – grades 3-4 participate from 3-4pm
- Thursday, October 29 – grades 5-6 participate from 3-4pm
- Friday, October 30 – make up day if inclement weather October 30th – Last day to collect money BIG THANKS!!

Your support and generous contributions will ensure the PTA continues to provide additional resources and programs to our students and staff. As funding becomes tighter each year, it is important that we work as a community to support Mantua ES! Please become a supporter and share with your friends!

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## **Geobee**

Mantua Elementary will be participating in the International Academic Competitions' (IAC) US Geography Championship and International Geography Bee programs, in lieu of the National Geographic's GeoBee (which has been cancelled this year). Participating students will take a qualifying exam (called an ORQE) in December 2020, which will be administered by Mantua Elementary. If the student scores high enough, they qualify to participate in regionals in Feb/March 2021. If they score high enough in regionals, they go to nationals in May/June 2021. These regional and national competitions will be virtual. Parents will coach their kids with the guidance and resources provided on IAC's website. Additional guidance and resources will also be provided by the Mantua Parent Coordinator. Ages/Grade: Grades 4-6  
 Cost: ORQE exam.is free, but there area registration fees for regionals and nationals for students who score high enough on the ORQE.

You can register here: <https://forms.gle/y2rTqsvt5Z2GL4oF6>

## Get A Kid Mask With PTA Membership!

We have more Mantua Raccoon youth masks on order! Join the Mantua PTA and you will receive a free mask along with access to the online directory (published in late fall). Masks will also be available for sale soon! If you were one of our first 200 members and still need to collect your mask, you can email membership chair, Mary Beth Fleming at [membership@mantuapta.org](mailto:membership@mantuapta.org)



<https://mantuapta.new.memberhub.store/store>

## Stronger Together: A few Yard Signs left!

Our Spirit Your Yard signs are almost gone! Get your's while you still can. All proceeds go to the PTA to help with a variety of school programs and needs. The next "Spirit Day" will be in October, so stay tuned, and get those CAMERAS ready!

<https://mantuapta.new.memberhub.store/store>



## Reflections Program

The Mantua Reflections Committee have extended the deadline for PTA Reflections Entries for one more week as we know that

everyone is juggling a lot these days! For those who have already submitted, you are welcome to resubmit modifications during this time. The final deadline for entries will be next **Saturday, October 24 at noon**. Please contact Miki Welck if you have any questions: [Reflections@MantuaPTA.org](mailto:Reflections@MantuaPTA.org)

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2020-21/flyers/reflections-entry.pdf>



## Calling for Ideas for the Wish Fund

Do you have a great idea that will positively impact our school community? The generous support of Mantua ES families, community supporters, faculty, and staff enables us to operate the Mantua PTA Wish Fund, an internal grant-awarding program founded in 2014. This grant is designed to fund valuable projects that benefit our school. A few of the past awarded projects are:

- The outside track
- An installed refillable water station
- Balls and equipment for recess
- Snap circuits for Science classes
- Supplies for the Garden Committee

The PTA encourages teachers, staff, and current PTA members to submit Wish Fund applications beginning **Friday, October 23rd**, with a **deadline for receipt of Friday, November 13, 2020 by 5pm**. Project funds must be spent during the 2020-21 school year. The Wish Fund currently has a total of \$10,000.00 to distribute for proposals this year. The application link is below and we appreciate your creativity for, and commitment to, Mantua Elementary School and its students! Questions, email Amy Sheridan at [wishfund@mantuapta.org](mailto:wishfund@mantuapta.org).

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2020-21/flyers/wish-fund-application.pdf>

## Sign Up for Kids Care Club!

The Kids Care Club is kicking off this year virtually! So what is Kids Care Club? It's a club where kids are empowered to see what a big difference they can make. At least once a month, we will have an activity where kids can perform an act of kindness/giving.

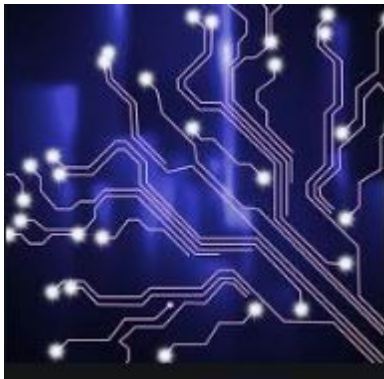
A few changes this year as we navigate this club virtually:

- There will be NO registration fee!
- There will be no limit on participants!!

The BEST news is that while some activities may have a cost associated for participants to purchase their own supplies, we are going to include activities that students can participate in with items you already have around the house, like making cards with supplies at home. You can decide which activities to participate in! Sign up, at no cost, for the Kids Care Club here: <https://www.signupanywhere.com/signup/4s67khum>.

Questions, email Kathy Timberlake at [KCC@mantuapta.org](mailto:KCC@mantuapta.org).

Thank you! Here's to another great year of doing incredible work!



### Technology Tip of the week

Interested in learning more about blocking sites and how parents can have more control on this? The following FCPS web page gives some information on this. Click on the link below and scroll down to the Learn More about Parental Controls section, it has information on how you can work with your internet provider to block certain sites at the router.

<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/digital-citizenship-internet-safety/digital-citizenship-families/digital>

**10% OFF**  
**Women's/Girl's Cold Shoulder**  
 (Item YT32, T32, T32PLUS, T31, T31PLUS)  
**Coupon Code: OCT20W**  
 Online purchases only. Cannot be combined with any other offer.  
 Valid: 10/01/20 - 10/31/20

**MONTHLY SPIRITWEAR COUPON FOR October, 2020**

Use this coupon the entire month of October for great savings!

### Food Drive

We are grateful to continue the Food Drive started last spring to support families in our school. Luis Uribe Gamboa, our fabulous Parent Liaison working for Mantua ES works with families and has provided the following list of items most needed.

The collection point for food is 9214 Ponce PI, Fairfax, VA 22031, please leave the food in front of the garage door (not on the front porch). This will be ongoing so you can drop off anytime. Thank you for your support!

For questions, email Kristina Clarke [president@mantuapta.org](mailto:president@mantuapta.org) or Luis Uribe Gamboa [lauribegamboa@fcps.edu](mailto:lauribegamboa@fcps.edu).

Food List:

- Oil -Flour-Tortilla Flour (Maseca)
- Dry Beans, red, black etc.(No Cans!) -Rice
- Pancake Mix-Pancake Syrup -Tomato Sauce for pasta
- Mac & cheese-Spaghetti -Pasta (all kinds) -Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Vegetables (green beans, carrots, mixed vegetables etc.)
- Canned fruit -Snacks (energy bars, chips etc.) -Coffee -Sugar -Cereals
- Tooth paste -Tooth brush -Body soap -Tuna -Crackers

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## Kids Give Back Family Volunteer Day: Fall Gardening



Kids Give Back, founded by a Mantua parent, is a nonprofit organization that provides young children with volunteer opportunities. On **October 24, 1-4pm**, we are hosting Family Volunteer Day: Fall Gardening. Join us as we plant a Fall garden to beautify the Bethlehem Lutheran Church property; please bring a small plant or pumpkin to share. Two volunteer shifts are available: 1-2:30pm or 2:30-4:00pm; \$25 per family covers supplies; volunteers will be spread out on the property. Details: <https://kidsgiveback.org/involve-your-kids>

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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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