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# Mantua PTA Alert News

## April 26, 2011



### Parent Help Needed for Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on May 6

To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA (that's us parents) hosts the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. This year's luncheon is scheduled for **NEXT FRIDAY**, May 6, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Teachers will enjoy a lunch full of delicious dishes courtesy of the grateful Mantua parents. This year we will be transforming the library into an Asian fantasy complete with authentic dishes from the Orient. We want to show the teachers that they are truly "Our Good Fortune"!

So, to make this event a big success, we will need LOTS and LOTS of help from parents. If you are able to help set up (Thursday, May 5 at 4 p.m.), bring food (see your Tuesday folder flier for details on what each class is asked to bring) or help us clean up, just contact one of the hospitality committee members listed below.

We also are looking for donations of \$5 and \$10 gift cards to be used as door prizes. Please refer to the flier in your child's Tuesday folder for information about donating. To volunteer, donate or if you have any questions, please contact either Meri Farling at 703-354-5750 or [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com); or Deanna Firth-Freemyer at 703-901-9031 or [firth\\_freemyer@yahoo.com](mailto:firth_freemyer@yahoo.com).

### Less Than Two Weeks Until the Raccoon Run

The 11th Annual Raccoon Run will take place on Saturday, May 7, with the fun run starting at 8 a.m. followed by the 5K race at 8:30 a.m. Come run with Rocky and help a great cause - the Inova Life with Cancer center.

Please bring your pledge envelopes to the race. Remember, the class with the most participants will win a pizza/ice cream party. Teachers count double!

Register online [HERE](#) or download a form [HERE](#). If interested in volunteering, please contact Mary McCullough, [mary@tcwinc.net](mailto:mary@tcwinc.net). Contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com), 703-426-2490, with questions.

### *Human Relations Committee Meeting Thursday*

The next meeting of the Human Relations Committee is scheduled for Thursday April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the Mantua library. All are welcome. Contact Teresa McConnel at [Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu](mailto:Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu) for more information, or to express concerns or offer topics for the committee to discuss.

### *Family Fun Comic Book Night At Mantua on Friday, May 6*

The PTA will host a Family Fun Comic Book Night on Friday, May 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Come find out what's the buzz about comics and graphic novels. Meet John Gallagher, a local comic book creator, who will tell about the history of comics and teach how to draw funny and heroic comic book characters. Learn about the collection of comic books and graphic novels in the school library and local comic book stores. Bring your comic books and graphic novels to trade or sell. There is no cost to attend. Please bring a pencil and marker for the drawing lesson. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Ken Moles at [kmoles@cox.net](mailto:kmoles@cox.net) if a language translator is needed. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net) with questions.

### *Sixth Grade Class Photo to be Taken May 6*

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade panoramic photo will be taken on May 6, at 2 p.m. Order forms will be sent home in this week's Tuesday folder with pricing information. Payment will be due at the time the picture taken.

### *Virginia Department of Education*

#### *Mathematics Standards Implementation for 2011-12 SY*

The new 2009 Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) mathematics standards will be fully implemented in the 2011-12 school year. With the implementation of the new standards, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is aligning the new Elementary Mathematics Instructional Sequence (EMIS) with these standards. EMIS will allow all students to access the advanced mathematics curriculum either in an advanced mathematics classroom or in a general education classroom through differentiation. The new instructional sequence provides teachers with the tools

needed for differentiation. EMIS offers multiple entry points for students to access the advanced mathematics curriculum when they have developed the cognitive skills to be successful. Advanced mathematics extended indicators and above grade level correlated standards will be available for students as early as kindergarten and will build a stronger foundation in mathematics.

The compacted mathematics curriculum is being enriched and expanded to include extensions that allow students to develop critical thinking skills and develop a deeper understanding of mathematics that will better prepare them for upper level mathematics in high school and beyond. The current learning gaps that exist in compacted mathematics, created by selecting only certain standards, are being closed allowing students access to all standards. Compacted mathematics will become *Advanced Mathematics* to be more representative of the rigor in the program. The *Advanced Mathematics* curriculum will be available in all elementary schools including Advanced Academic Center schools. Go [HERE](#) for a voice over PowerPoint.

## Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments Information

Mantua students will be taking all Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments online this year. Students will take the same tests as their peers throughout the state, however, rather than looking at a test booklet and bubbling their answers on a scan sheet, students will read and answer their tests on the computer. Middle and high school students have successfully participated in online testing for several years. Last school year, Mantua's 6th grade students took the U.S. History SOL online. All elementary schools will be required to participate in online testing by 2012.

This is a great opportunity for our students to gain experience taking tests online. FCPS is providing additional support and training to the elementary schools administering the SOLs this year. Due to computer availability, we can only test one subject per school day. Please make every effort to avoid any appointments or activities that would take your child out of school on test days. Contact Allison Curran Warren, Mantua's school testing coordinator, at [Allison.Curran@fcps.edu](mailto:Allison.Curran@fcps.edu) with questions.

### 2010-2011 Online SOL Schedule

#### Week 1

May 16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading - Part I

May 17<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading - Part II

May 18<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

May 19<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

May 20<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

### **Week 2**

May 23 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Social Studies

May 24 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

May 25 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (AAP will take Gr. 6 Math Test this day)

May 26 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (AAP and Compacted Math will take Gr. 7 Math Test this day)

May 27 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Science (Early Dismissal)

### **Week 3**

May 30 - Memorial Day, No School

May 31 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade VA Studies

June 1 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

June 2 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade US History

June 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math

## **Important Upcoming Events**

Wed. May 4: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri. May 6: Family Fun Comic Book Night, 7 p.m.

Sat. May 7: Raccoon Run, 8 a.m.

## **FCPS Summer Programs**

Fairfax County Public Schools will offer several summer programs this year to provide academic and enrichment opportunities for students of all grade levels. Registration is open now for most programs. Visit the FCPS summer programs web page at [www.fcps.edu/news/summer.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/news/summer.htm) for general information, or the websites listed below for individual programs.

FCPS summer programs include the following:

Adult and Community Education (ACE) - For students K-6: half- and full-day enrichment and world language camps. Open to students in grades 7-11: driver

education, TJHSST admissions test prep, PSAT/SAT test prep, enrichment classes, and noncredit math. Various dates.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/KidsandTeens.htm>

Tech Adventure Camp - Technology and careers come alive as students experience new worlds in artistic expression, technology transfer, and life matrix. Open to students currently in grades 5-6. July 18-29.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OCTE/events/TechCamp.htm>

Institute for the Arts (IFTA) - Providing enrichment in the visual and performing arts. Open to students currently in grades 6-11. July 5-29. 571-423-4622.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/FineArts/IFTA/>

Extended School Year (ESY) -For identified students with disabilities in accordance with their individual education programs (IEPs). Various dates. 571-423-4190.

<http://www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/summerschool/index.htm>

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