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Mantua PTA Alert News May 3, 2011



The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is THIS Friday, May 6

To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA (that's us parents) hosts the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon THIS Friday 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!"

Soooo, to make this event a big success, we need LOTS and LOTS of help from parents. If you would like to help set up on Thursday, May 5 (at 4 p.m.), bring food (see your Tuesday Folder flyer for details on what each class is asked to bring), work the luncheon or help us clean up, please contact either Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com, or Deanna Firth-Freemyer at firth_freemyer@yahoo.com

Teacher Door Prize Donations Needed!

The Mantua PTA is in need of donations to be used as door prizes for our fabulous teaching staff. These prizes will be handed out during the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon THIS Friday, May 6. We would like to have \$5 and \$10 gift cards donated, as well as items from parents with home-based businesses or creative hobbies. Please refer to the flyer in your child's Tuesday folder for information about donating. To volunteer or donate, or if you have any questions, please contact either Meri Farling at 703-354-5750 or merifarling@hotmail.com, or Deanna Firth-Freemyer at 703-901-9031 or firth_freemyer@yahoo.com.

Raccoon Run THIS Saturday!

Join Rocky, the Kids Care Club and the Mantua community THIS Saturday for the 11th Annual Raccoon. The fun run starts at 8 a.m. followed by the 5K race at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds raised go to 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](#) and drop it off in school office. Register in person at the packet pickup on Friday, May 6, from 5-7 p.m. in front of school, or early on race day. Contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com, 703-426-2490, with questions.

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

The PTA will host a Family Fun Comic Book Night this 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 if a language translator is needed. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

Sixth Grade Class Photo to be Taken May 6

The 6th 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.

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.

Thurs. May 12: Spring Strings Concert, 7 p.m.

Mon. May 23: Spring Choral Concert, 7 p.m.

Fri. May 27: 2-hour early release

Mon. May 30: School CLOSED for Memorial Day

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 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>

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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Sincerely,

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