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PTA Meeting THIS Thursday, May 9th

Please join us for the May PTA Meeting scheduled for Thursday, **May 9th** at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Come out to hear what is happening at school from the principal, learn about upcoming events at Mantua, and meet with other Mantua parents. **Childcare will be available.** We hope to see you there!

13th Annual Raccoon Run THIS Saturday, May 11th: Rain or Shine!

Come one come all to this great event raising hope for those living with cancer-- all proceeds benefit Life with Cancer. Join the Mantua Kids Care Club and the Woodson Young Hearts for the FUN RUN at 8:00 a.m. with Rocky Raccoon leading the way. The 5K starts under the balloon arch at 8:30 a.m. in front of the school. In addition, the PE department has organized a Health Fair with information on healthy living.

Come join the fun-- register online until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9th. Get your classmates to sign up, your teachers, too, to win the class competition for the most participants. Bring your pledge envelopes on race day or to packet pickup on Friday, May 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in front of the school! Can't make it on Friday? Then, we will see you bright and early on Saturday! Thanks for making a difference in the lives of those with cancer! Contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, 703.426.2490 or jalcooper@aol.com with any questions.

6th Grade Party Information

Attention Families of 6th Graders at Mantua: Planning for our children's beach-themed end of year party has begun! The party will be held on Friday, **June 14th** after the Award Ceremony. To sign up to help by chairing or volunteering the day of, click [HERE](#).

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Was a Huge Success

The Mantua teachers were treated to a wonderful Italian luncheon last Monday! The library was transformed into an Italian cafe and the faculty ate from a buffet overflowing with yummy

Italian delights. The teachers were entertained by our Master of Ceremonies, Robert Silkowitz, who also announced the prize raffle. Thanks to the generosity of the Mantua families, every teacher went home with a door prize. We'd like to thank Lori Recher, Julie Middleton, Orit Abebe, Anba Vijay, Preethi Mareddy and Jennifer Epley. Without your help, we could never have done this.

We'd also like to send a very special "THANK YOU" to Buck Simpson (www.bucksimpson.com), who sponsored our luncheon and delivered all the yummy food from Pisano's Italian Restaurant.

Fundations at Mantua

Why does my child "tap" out her words? Why is he underlining certain letter combinations? How can I help my child with spelling and reading? Please join us for an informational session to learn about the Fundations Program on Wednesday, **May 15th**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Mantua in the Upper Pod. Fundations is a phonics and phonemic program, geared toward students in grades K-2. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy McCabe at Kathy.McCabe@fcps.edu.

Counselor's Corner

Summer School 2013: The summer school 2013 website has been launched. Information on programs and courses offered can be found here:

<http://www.fcps.edu/is/summer/index.shtml>.

Public Libraries Offer New Homework Help: Public libraries across Virginia, including Fairfax County Public Library, now have access to Literati Public, a service designed to connect learners of all ages to the information they need in a way that is both intuitive and engaging. This new online service includes a host of resources such as educational content for K-12 students and adults, informational videos and tutorials and interactive discovery tools. Online tutoring help from certified teachers is offered through the "Homework Help" tab Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This service is offered to all students in Virginia (grades 3-12) needing help in math, reading or writing.

Literati Public is available at <http://public.literati.credoreference.com>. Select Fairfax County Public Library and Go; on the second screen, enter your library card number. You can also access this site by going to the Fairfax County Public Library home page at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Important Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 7: Band Performance, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11: Raccoon Run, 8:00 a.m.

May 13-June 3: SOL Testing

Monday, May 20: Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day - School Closed

SOL Assistance: Practice Aids and Previous Tests Available

The Virginia Dept. of Education has practice tests available on their web site to assist your students in preparing for their SOLs. You might need to install a specific version of the program Java in order to use them. Visit

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/practice_items/index.shtml.

In addition, the following link provides previous versions of SOL tests that have been released by the VDOE: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/released_tests/index.shtml.

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,
Mantua Elementary School PTA

