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Important Upcoming Dates

March 4: Spring Enrichment Program Registration Begins

March 4: Group/Club Picture Day

March 6: Family Fun Lego Night

March 13: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - Vote on By-laws

March 16: School Closed, Student Holiday

[March 21: SPRING FLING](#)

March 23/24: Raccoon Runners Program Begins

April 11: Talent Show - NEW DATE

Spring Enrichment Session: Registration Begins Wednesday

Mark your calendar to register for the upcoming enrichment session! Registration for the Spring 2015 Session will take place from **8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4th through 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 11th**. Late registration is available from Wednesday, March 11th to Friday, March 13th, ending at 12:00 noon that day.

Find class descriptions, program information, and the registration link at the Enrichment Program Website:

www.enrichmentmatters.com/Mantua. Please note that late registrations are only accepted from March 11th-13th at 12:00 noon for an additional \$40 fee. Watch the Alert News and Tuesday Folders for future announcements. For more information, please contact the Mantua Enrichment Coordinators, [Shannon Murphy](#) and [Liz Schatzman](#).

Family Fun Lego Night

The PTA will host a family fun Lego night **THIS Friday, March 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Bring your whole family to this fun event! Brian Meny of

Brixalot will bring millions of Lego and Duplo pieces and lead the group in a variety of building projects. There is no fee to attend. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Don't miss this fun evening! Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

Mantua Spring Fling is Coming!

The Mantua Spring Fling will be held on **Saturday, March 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Grab the whole family, and come to the school for more fun than you can imagine! There will be gigantic inflatable amusements, carnival activities, cake and cupcake walk, games, and prizes for everyone as well as local food vendors, a marketplace, and a silent auction featuring prizes from all your favorite teachers and Mantua staff. Don't miss this fun-filled afternoon and a great way to support your school! Visit the [Spring Fling Web Site](#) for more information and for updates between now and March 21st. Keep reading for information about the following:

- Volunteering at the Spring Fling
- The Silent Auction
- The Jewelry, Hostess Gift, and Craft/Hobby Sale

Volunteer at Spring Fling

This event takes many volunteers to run smoothly. Do you have one hour to give to help make this huge event a success? Please visit the volunteer sign up site [HERE](#). Sign up early to get the job of your choice! Thank you for volunteering!

Spring Fling Silent Auction!

The Spring Fling Silent Auction is just a few weeks away! Who will win the opportunity to be a Principal for a Day? Or enjoy an ice cream at Woody's with a 4th grade teacher? How about inviting some friends for a no-bake cookies cooking class with Mrs. Sottolano? And who will get to choose Mr. Sickmond's facial hair style (will it be Napoleon Imperial or Klingon?) In order to bid on these items, visit the library during the Spring Fling on **Saturday, March 21st**. Can't make it? Ask a friend to bid for you! Questions, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

Spring Fling Jewelry, Hostess Gift, and Craft/Hobby Sale

Have you ever received jewelry or a hostess gift that you already have or can't use? Do you have left over beads, bits and pieces of craft stuff or a model rocket or such? How about donating it to the Spring Fling Sale? All the proceeds go to the school's PTA. The sale takes place during the school's Spring

Fling on **Saturday, March 21st**. Donations will be accepted until Friday March 20th. If you have any questions, contact Karen Gaughan at 703-698-5779 or allgone@cox.net.

Suggested By-Laws Revisions

Each PTA is required to review and revise, if necessary, its by-laws every five years. These by-laws guide the way the Mantua PTA conducts its business. The Mantua PTA by-laws are due for renewal in 2015. The draft by-laws, as well as the current by-laws, can be found [HERE](#). The membership will vote on the revisions at our **March 13th** meeting. If you have any questions, please contact [PTA President Julie Middleton](#).

Raccoon Runners

Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls and boys in 3rd-6th grades. This program will empower young boys and girls to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition, and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen ourselves through various fitness activities as we train for a 5K run. Any student is eligible to participate.

The Raccoon Runners is a six- week program that will meet before school. **The Girls team will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-8:50 a.m. in the gym starting on Monday, March 23rd. The Boys team will meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-8:50 a.m. in the gym starting Tuesday, March 24th.** Both teams will start the mornings with some sort of physical activity. Exercise will consist of a variety of activities, such as yoga, boot camp, strength training and flexibility, and 5K conditioning. After our workout and stretch, the students will have a healthy snack while we cover our lesson for the day. There will be a new lesson each time we meet. Lessons will cover a variety of subjects including health and nutrition, safety, hygiene, emotions, team building, self-esteem, gratitude, and social issues.

The season will end on **May 9th** with both teams participating in Mantua's Raccoon Run. You can find information about the Raccoon Runners program and a permission slip [HERE](#). Please contact [Meri Farling](#) with questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Raccoon Run

The 15th annual RACCOON RUN is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9th**. You can be a part of the best neighborhood and community race in Fairfax County! Join the Mantua

Elementary School Kids Care Club and the Woodson HS Young Hearts for the Raccoon 5K and 1-mile Fun Run. The Fun Run begins at 8:00 a.m., and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit Life with Cancer. For more information, visit www.raccoonrun.org or contact [Jennifer Lewis-Cooper](#).

FLEX Classes

Mantua PTA organizes language classes through FCPS's Foreign Language Experience Program (FLEX.) FLEX is developed especially for elementary school children, who are at the optimal age for learning another language. Students study basic vocabulary and phrases in a fun environment through stories, games, activities, and music. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. The Spring FLEX language classes meet for 10 sessions. The cost is \$159 and includes tuition and materials.

We are excited to offer the classes below. Registration is currently underway. Simply click on the course title to register and pay. Please make sure to select the course taught at Mantua ES.

- [Chinese Level 1 for grades K-3](#)
- [Chinese Level 2 for grades 1-6](#)
- [German Level 1 for grades 1-4](#)
- [Spanish Level 1 for grades 1-4](#)

Email [Susanne Fitch](#), FLEX Coordinator, if you have any questions or if you have suggestions regarding other languages you would like to see taught at Mantua ES through the FLEX program.

Sixth Grade Party Chair(s) Needed

The Mantua 6th Grade Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 18th. The Award Ceremony is in the morning and, once the ceremony is over, the party committee sets up the gym for a party that includes all of the sixth graders! There is a DJ, photos, cake, prizes and more. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the party a success, and it all begins with a chair(s). If you are interested in chairing this event, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

Thank you to Wheat's Landscaping

Snow may be covering the ground now, but spring is just around the corner. **Wheat's Landscaping** is a local company that is donating the materials and labor to mulch,

plant, and beautify the front of Mantua, as well as our internal courtyard. We want to thank them for their generous offer to beautify our school grounds, and look forward to the arrival of warmer weather.



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Frost Middle School BINGO Night

The annual Frost Bingo Night, sponsored by the Frost MS PTA, is **Friday, March 20th**. It will be held in the Frost MS cafeteria from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Every member of your family will have a chance to win some cool prizes, such as gift cards to Five Below, Game Stop, Flippin' Pizza, Bowl America, and University Mall and Cinema Arts theatres. The pizza and Chick-fil-A concession stand will be open at 6:30 pm. For more information and to pre-order your bingo cards, visit this site:

<http://frostmspta.org>.

Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua ES family to feel included and connected—should families need to have a document translated into their native language, our volunteers are here to help!

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- 如果你需要把文件翻译成中文，请联系冯敏。她的电子邮件是 mmfeng@hotmail.com。 If you need to have a document translated into Chinese, please email Min Feng.

- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: hannaz74@gmail.com или ViktarZ@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.
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Email Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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