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## Important Upcoming Dates

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

March 16: School Closed, Student Holiday

March 19: Restaurant Night at Dickey's Barbecue Pit

### **March 21: SPRING FLING**

March 23/24: Raccoon Runners Program Begins

March 26: Heritage and Literacy Night

March 30-April 6, School Closed for Spring Break

## PTA Meeting THIS Friday

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting on **Friday, March 13th at 9:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Hear from Principal Mrs. Fernandez and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. In addition, 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 the PTA meeting this Friday. If you have any questions, please contact [PTA President Julie Middleton](#). We hope to see you there!

## Spring Enrichment Session: Registration is Open!

Registration for the Spring 2015 Session is continuing through **Noon on Wednesday, March 11th**. Registration is available at [www.enrichmentmatters.com/Mantua](http://www.enrichmentmatters.com/Mantua). Late registration is available for an additional fee of \$40 through **Noon on Friday, March 13th**. Please remember that **NO REGISTRATIONS** will be processed after 12:00 p.m. on March 13th. For more information, please contact the Mantua

Enrichment Coordinators, [Shannon Murphy](#) and [Liz Schatzman](#).

## Winter Enrichment Make-Up Classes

Attention Current Enrichment Students: Due to all of the snow days we have had this winter, there are a number of enrichment class makeups. Winter Enrichment make-up classes are posted [HERE](#). If you have specific questions about your child's make-up class, please email the provider directly. You can find provider emails by visiting the enrichment page [HERE](#). Select "Click Here to See Winter Classes" and click the title of your child's class.

## Restaurant Night at Dickey's Barbecue Pit

Join the Mantua PTA for a family fun night out for dinner at Dickey's Barbecue Pit at 2750-J Gallows Road on **Thursday, March 19th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Dine in or take out and enjoy a delicious barbecue meal. All meats are hickory smoked on-site. Dickey's menu includes Family Packs to feed 4 to 6, meat plates with two sides, sandwich options, sides, loaded baked potatoes, salads and desserts. Visit [Dickeys.com](#) for more menu details. Seating is limited so consider Grab 'n Go items. Present the Mantua PTA flyer at the time of purchase for 10% of the evening's proceeds to go to the PTA to support school programs. Flyers will come home in your child's Tuesday folder. Thank you!

## 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. Please note that there is NO rain date this year. The event will happen rain or snow or shine! Keep reading below 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](mailto:allgone@cox.net).

## Spring Fling Poster Contest Results

The results are in for the 2015 Spring Fling Poster Contest! Thank you to all who participated. The winners from Grades 3-6 are 1. Julia Victor, 3rd grade, 2. Ritnik Annadi, 6th grade, and 3. Raidabi Ashrof, 6th grade. The winners from Grades K-2 are 1. Amarie Gomez, 2nd grade, 2. Madeline Levorson, 1st grade, and 3. Gianna Gavilan, 1st grade. Look for all of the wonderful posters hanging up in the halls of Mantua. Great job everyone!

## 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](http://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](#).

## Art Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all the volunteers who have been supporting us in the art room! We could still use more people throughout the week to help with cutting clay and paper, mixing paint, and mounting and hanging art work. Please consider signing up if you have not already done so. No experience necessary, just looking for helpful hands. Please sign up [HERE](#) or email [Nathalie Shirley](#) or [Daive Lorenzi](#) with available days and times. Thank you!

## 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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Email Shoshi Kalderon at [shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com](mailto: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.