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Important Upcoming Dates

April 16: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
April 16: 2-Hour Early Release
April 17: No School, Student Holiday
April 24: Staff/Parent Basketball Game, 7:00 p.m.
April 29: Spring Picture Day
May 1: Family Fun Lego Night
May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
May 9: Raccoon Run
May 18: Meeting for Rising Kindergarteners, 2:00

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon THIS Thursday!

To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA will host the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in the library on **Thursday, April 16th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Teachers will enjoy delicious food courtesy of the grateful Mantua parents. This year we will be hosting a cookout for the teachers complete with grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, coleslaw, potato salad, and all the fixins'.

To do this we will need LOTS OF HELP! Please consider providing the food items assigned to your child's grade or family as follows:

- **Family 1:** Desserts! Cookies, brownies, cakes, and pies - you bake it, we'll take it!
- **Family 2:** Bottled water, ketchup, mayo, and mustard
- **Family 3:** Bags of salad and salad dressings
- **3rd Grade:** Cut fresh fruit and berries
- **4th Grade:** Sliced onions, tomatoes, and lettuce

- **5th Grade:** Chips, pretzels, and salty snacks
- **6th Grade:** Hamburger and hot dog buns

Please note: *Food dishes and items not requiring refrigeration should be brought to the library starting at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16th** or sent to school with your child.* We'll have baker's racks set up to receive your items at the school entrance. Items that require refrigeration should be brought directly to the library before 12:30 p.m. or contact one of us and we'll make arrangements. If possible, use disposable containers and utensils. If you need your container returned, please label it with your full name. Dishes will be held in the office for you to pick up.

Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, clean up, and to provide a helping hand during the luncheon. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to be a volunteer, please contact the PTA Hospitality co-chairs, [Meri Farling](#) or [Tre' Krupnick](#). A very special thank you to Cathy POUNGMALAI for sponsoring this wonderful event!

Prizes Sought for Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Did you know that during the April 16th Teacher Appreciation Luncheon lucky teachers will have an opportunity to win some wonderful door prizes? The PTA provides the prizes that are given out during a drawing that is held while the teachers enjoy their yummy lunch.

If you are interested in contributing a door prize, there are many ways to participate:

- Do you have a home-based business? You can donate a few products that can be used for door prizes.
- You can donate a \$5 or \$10 gift cards from area shops and restaurants. There will be a box marked "Gift Cards" in the office, and you can simply drop your contribution off at any time before the luncheon.
- If you have a hobby, you can donate one of your creations.

Our teachers will LOVE any gift that is donated. As always, making a donation is completely voluntary, and there is no participation required. If you have any questions, please contact either [Meri Farling](#) or [Tre' Krupnick](#). Thank you very much!

Staff/Parent Basketball Game

Join us on **Friday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m.** for the Mantua Staff/Parent Basketball Game. The game will be played at Woodson High School; use Entrance 3. Tickets will be on sale at school next Thursday and Friday. Presale tickets are \$3 each with a cap of \$15 per family. Tickets at the door will be \$5 each or \$20 per family. Pom poms and concessions will also be available for purchase. Come out for a fun evening!

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 29th** in the gym. Individual pictures will be taken as well as class pictures. We are in need of volunteers to help with Picture Day! To sign up, please click [HERE](#).

Kindergarten Open House

Mantua will hold its Kindergarten Open House for parents AND rising kindergarteners on **Monday, May 18th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** All students registering for kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year must be 5 years old by September 30, 2015. Please stop by the school office to register your child between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. before May 15th. For more information, call the Mantua front office at 703-645-6300.

15th Annual Raccoon Run

Register now for the 15th Annual Kids Care Club/Woodson Young Hearts Raccoon Run! The event will be held on **Saturday, May 9th**. The Fun Run begins at 8:00 a.m., and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit Life with Cancer. Students are encouraged to participate in the Pledge Program that starts on April 6th and runs until race day. Collect donations and receive cool prizes. For more information visit www.raccoonrun.org or contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703.966.8304.

FCPS Budget Information for 2015-16 School Year

At the last PTA meeting, Principal Fernandez discussed the 2015-16 school budget. As you read in Superintendent Garza's message to parents about the budget earlier this month, the school system is encouraging parents to make their viewpoints heard about the budget if they wish to do so. As mentioned in the emailed message, "The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) [Fiscal Year 2016 request](#) of the County is very reasonable and pragmatic; unfortunately the County Executive presented a budget to the Board Of Supervisors (BOS) that is \$14 million short of fully funding our budget

which, if approved by the BOS as presented, would result in even more cuts to our already strained system.”

If you would like to share your opinion about the budget with the Board of Supervisors, please consider sending an email or letter to BOS Vice Chairman Penny Gross at mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.

GMU Summer Program

George Mason University is holding Robotics Expansion Summer Camps. Students attending these camps will learn to build real robots, not assemble toy kits. The curriculum is designed by industry robot leaders/builders and educators. Camps run weekly in June-August. All camps are Monday-Thursday, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information about dates and how to register, please visit <http://www.infamousrobotics.com/>.

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 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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