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Important Upcoming Dates

April 2: Spring Fling, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

April 6: Spring Picture Day

April 8: Drama Club Presents "Snow Queen", 7:00 p.m.

April 9: Drama Club Presents "Snow Queen", 2:00 p.m.

April 14: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library

April 15: Parent & Teachers Basketball Game, 7:00 p.m.,
Woodson HS

April 20: AAP Orientation, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 21: 2-Hour Early Release, Dismissal at 2:05 p.m.

April 21: Kindergarten Open House, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

April 22: Student Holiday, School Closed

April 27: Heritage & Literacy Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Spring Fling is THIS Saturday!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Grab the whole family this **Saturday, April 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for our annual **SPRING FLING!** Head to the school for a day of gigantic inflatable amusements, carnival activities, and games and prizes for everyone. Don't miss the local food vendors, market place, and silent auction featuring prizes from all your favorite teachers and Mantua staff. Join us for this fun-filled afternoon which is also a great way to support our school!

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](#). Sign up **NOW** to get the job of your choice! We appreciate the middle school and high school students who have volunteered, but we also need adults to work at the Spring Fling. Kids are not allowed to handle money or take on certain responsibilities. Parents - please consider donating one hour of your time to help make this event a great success!

Email [Chanda McCarthy](#) with any questions. Thank you for volunteering!

FLEX (Foreign Language Experience) Winter Classes

Mantua PTA organizes language classes through FCPS's Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) program. FLEX is developed especially for elementary school children, who are at the optimal age for learning another language. Students are encouraged to study basic vocabulary and phrases through stories, games, activities, and music.

Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. The Winter Session begins in March/April. Click on the course title to register, and please make sure to select the course taught at Mantua. Registration is currently underway.

[Chinese Level 2](#) for grades 1-6

If you have questions, contact [Susanne Fitch](#).

Parent & Teachers Basketball Extravaganza

The Mantua PTA is proud to invite you to join us for Mantua Parents & Teachers vs. Mantua Parents & Teachers Basketball Extravaganza! Come cheer on your favorite teachers and basketball coaches as they battle against each other. The game will be played on **Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Woodson High School**, 9525 Main Street in Fairfax. Pre-sale tickets are \$3/person and \$15/family. They will be sold on Thursday, April 14th and Friday, April 15th, 8:30-9:00 a.m. outside of the cafeteria. Tickets at the door will be \$5/person and \$20 family. Don't miss the fun!

Drama Club Presents "Snow Queen"

Come see Mantua Drama Club's performance of "Snow Queen" on April 8th & 9th. Before there was "Frozen," there was "Snow Queen" by Hans Christian Andersen. And because the Mantua Drama Club is treating us to a second performance for the first time ever in a single school year, you and your children can experience the difference! But plan ahead because this one won't be performed during the school day. Instead, give your children the full theater experience by buying tickets for **Friday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.** or

Saturday's matinee on April 9th at 2:00 p.m. Buy snacks, get seated, and support the drama club's months of preparation. Need more info? Email [Chrissy Boylan](mailto:Chrissy.Boylan). Tickets sold at the door - Adults: \$8; Children: \$5.

16th Annual Kids Care Club Raccoon Run 5K and Mile Fun Run!

Register now for the Raccoon Run benefiting [Life with Cancer](#). The event will be held on **Saturday, May 7th. The Fun Run begins at 8:00 a.m., and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m.** Pledge packets have been distributed. Get your family and friends to sponsor you. Win cool prizes! Go to www.raccoonrun.org for all the details or contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490.

Destination Imagination

Mantua ES was represented by two Rising Stars Teams at the Destination Imagination competition held on March 12th. The teams enjoyed learning about maps and directions and created skits about their journeys. Writing a skit was just the starting point. They showcased their creativity with elaborate props, backdrops, and programming. The Mantuamals team was represented by second graders: Lucy Bharwani, Aiden Brennan, Logan Jessup, Devin Rade, and Keziah Rajack. The Whoosh... team was represented by second graders: Diya Maria Antony, Myrah Katari, Sagar Kapadia, Rishith Pasham, Sri Hasini Naicker, and Saketha Vijay.

Odyssey of the Mind

Mantua ES was represented by fourth graders Rashi Adhikari, Suchir Chikkava, Abhigna Koochana, and Sameera Pasham and third graders Pranathi Sariputi and Shambhavi Kumaran in the Furs, Fins, Feathers, and Friends category of Odyssey of the Mind competition held on March 12th. They won second prize! They presented a humorous performance depicting problem solving from the perspective of three different animals. As a part of the challenge the animals helped a stranger, helped each other, and solved a problem that threatened the survival of all animals.

Woodson Girls Lacrosse Camp

The Woodson girls lacrosse program is hosting a camp for rising 5th through 9th grade girls the week of **July 11-15** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for girls to try lacrosse for the first time or improve their game. The camp will be led by the Woodson Varsity coaching staff and players.

Online registration can be found [HERE](#).

Woodson Girls Basketball Camp

Woodson HS Girls Basketball Camp [registration is open](#). All camps take place in the air-conditioned Red Jenkins Gymnasium and our auxiliary gym, as well as the outdoor courts. We are offering two different camps this summer - please see dates and details below:

Day Camp: June 27-July 1, Ages 7-14 | Cost \$180

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Focus on fundamentals, skill competitions, games, and more. Skits by our players/counselors to focus on the importance of academics and character. Lunch is available each day for purchase, as well snacks and drinks. Each camper goes home with a t-shirt, wristband, and report card.

Elite Skills Camp: July 5-8, Ages 10-14 | Cost \$100

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn the individual skill development model used at Woodson, and run through modified practices with Coach Rastogi and his staff. See what it is like to be a high school basketball player at Woodson, and take your game to the next level with Coach Rastogi's innovative approach to teaching the game. For players who want to play at a higher level, develop their game even further, and have fun in the process. No lunch is served, but we will have drinks and snacks available for purchase. Each camper goes home with a t-shirt, wristband, and report card.

Spring Stream Clean Up

Join the Friends of Accotink Creek to get trash out of our waterways during the Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup. These clean up events help protect, promote, and restore the water quality, natural habitat, and ecological well-being of the Accotink Creek watershed. There are clean up events scheduled in April, including **Saturday, April 9th** at Accotink Creek. Sturdy work shoes, long pants, and long sleeves are recommended. Wading gear also helps, since much of the trash is in the water. Water, bags, and work gloves will be available. For more information, please visit [THIS SITE](#).

Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky and to Local Business Supporters!

Thanks to all who made a "Friends of Rocky" Donation – the PTA appreciates your support!

Sriram Peri: Diamond Level

Thanks to local businesses who made a donation, as well - the PTA appreciates your support!

Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster: Platinum Level

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 Lisa Libby at lisa.a.libby@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.