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Important Upcoming Dates

March 22 (Wednesday): Heritage Night 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the gym and Literacy Night, 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

March 23 (Thursday): Frost MS PTA Bingo Night, 7 p.m.

March 30 (Thursday): 4th Grade Colonial Day.

March 31 (Friday): Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 7 p.m. Mantua Drama Club in Gym.

April 1 (Saturday): Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 2:00 p.m. Mantua Drama Club in Gym. Robinson MS, Kids Night Out, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Robinson MS, Kids Night Out, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Deadlines

Heritage Night!

A wonderful time to celebrate our culture. We look forward to tasting a special dish, making a craft, listening to music, and looking at pictures of your country. The wonderful event will take place on **March 22nd from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** If you have any questions please contact [Luis Uribe Gamboa](#), Coordinator for Heritage Night, at **703-645-6405**.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Join GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS Charlie Bucket, Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde, Veruca Salt and Mike Teevee as they explore Willy Wonka's own Chocolate Factory in Mantua Elementary School Drama Club's performance of Charlie and the

Chocolate Factory! The Oompa Loompas and our Narrators will guide you through this wonderfully wacky world of candy, wild rides and fun. Join us on opening night, **Friday, March 31 at 7p.m.**, or our matinee performance on **April 1, at 2 p.m.** Tickets on sale at the door and concessions available inside.

Eco-Tip of the Week

Here are two current events to participate in: 1) The Environmental Film Festival is presenting 150+ films through March 26th. By partnering with leading museums, embassies, universities, and theaters, the aim is to advance the public's understanding of the environment and inspire action--through the power of film. See <http://dceff.org/> for more information and a day-by-day breakdown of screenings and events-many are free! 2) Help local wildlife by adding native plants to your garden. The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's annual seedling sale is an inexpensive way to add native trees and shrubs to your landscape. Get a package of 10 seedlings for \$16.95 or a package of six for \$11.95. Order online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm> by April 12. Planting trees makes a great family project!

Spring Fling Save the Date

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Grab the whole family on Saturday, **April 22nd 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! (go to Mantuapta.org to see our amazing list of Sponsors!)

Poster Contest...Check your Tuesday Folders for Details!

The Auction Committee is seeking exciting **donated items** for the **Silent Auction**. Do you have a special Talent? Do you love to Cook? Can you teach a Sports Clinic? Can you teach a Craft? We are looking for vacation or beach house stays, sports and theater tickets, nice restaurant gift cards, and other special items. Also – we invite you to consider hosting a **Sign On Party**. This is an event people can “**sign on**” and pay for at the silent auction (Sign up with friends or individually and meet new people!) Examples of

sign on parties are themed dinners, game nights, craft parties and any gathering for adults that we can charge per person or per couple. All proceeds benefit the school! More [information in flier](#). Stay tuned for more exciting Spring Fling Details to come. Questions contact your silent auction chair Jennifer Ros (Jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com) or spring fling chair Chanda McCarthy (fundraising@mantuapta.org).

SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age

The WT Woodson High School PTSO would like to invite parents and students from our pyramid schools to our presentation of SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7pm** in the Woodson auditorium. Screenagers is a documentary about one of the biggest parenting issues of our time. Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance. SCREENAGERS addresses this pervasive parenting issue head on — depicting teen struggles over social media, video games and internet addiction.

View the trailer here: <http://www.screenagersmovie.com/>.

Tickets are free, but please RSVP

here: <https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-woodson-high-school-ptso-2111>

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa French at melissawtwptso@gmail.com

Frost MS PTA Bingo Night

Frost Family Bingo night is this **Thursday, March 23rd** in the Frost Cafeteria. Thursday, you say? Fret not, for Friday is a teacher workday! Doors open at **6:30pm** to buy food and tickets - **BINGO starts at 7pm**, with raffle drawings throughout the night! P.S.

This is a family event so please plan on a fun evening out for the family! Food and Bingo cards may be pre-ordered

here: <https://squareup.com/store/frostspiritstore>. Some of the prizes include an I Pad mini, Amazon Echo, Go Pro, Bose Speaker and much more!!

Robinson MS Kids Night Out

Robinson's Student Government Association (SGA). Have planned their sixth annual Kid's Night Out fundraiser for Saturday, April 1st at Robinson from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per kid+\$5 for pizza. Robinson SGA will be organizing super fun activities on Coffey Stadium Field (various sports and fun games). Questions email, Ava Alonso robinsonkno@aol.com.

Camp Try It

April 10-13, 9 AM-4 PM. Camp Try It is a community outreach camp designed as an introductory program for elementary school girls in grades K-6 who are NOT currently Girl Scouts. Join Camp Try it for four days of new friends, fun, and sunshine! Campers will participate in a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, outdoor skills, songs, games, cooking, science experiments, and more. The camp is held at Braddock Elementary School in Annandale. The fee is \$40 (financial assistance available) and includes bus transportation, activities, supplies, and snacks. For more information, contact Rene Megill at rmegill@gscnc.org or 703-372-4341. Register by [following the link](#) or [fill out the form](#) and submit.

2017-18 School Year Calendar

Looking ahead to the 2017-18 school year, be sure to note that the first day of school will be **Monday, August 28**. See the [2017-18 school year calendar](#).

Lost and Found Reminder

There is a large collection of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, lunch bags, water bottles and other personal belongings in the lost and found. Unfortunately many of these items will never be claimed because they have no name on them. Please be sure to label all personal items with at least your last name before they come to school. If you want to check the lost and found it is now in the cafeteria.

Bus Delay Notification System

Parents may access the system [here](#) or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

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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