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Important Upcoming Dates

- April 22** (Saturday): Spring Fling! 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- April 20-21** (Thurs- Sat): Aladdin at Jackson Middle School.
- April 26** (Wednesday): Spring Picture Day.
- April 27** (Thursday): AAP Orientation. Details will be sent home with students in their Tues. folder, 7-8 p.m.
- April 28** (Friday): Executive Functioning, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Deadlines

Spring Fling Wristband Advance Sale

Advance sale of Spring Fling wristbands are from **Wednesday, April 19th-Friday, April 21st at 8:30am-9:30am and Friday evening 6-7pm.** Wristband table by cafeteria. Ticket prices: Children 5 and older are \$10.00 with a \$40.00 family cap. Children under 5 are free. All children must be chaperoned. (Wristbands for purchase by cash, check, and credit card.)

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!)

Congratulations to the Spring Fling Poster Contest Winners!!

The judges said this was a tough competition this year!
And the Winners for K-2nd Are:

- 3rd Place: Keaton Brennan (Ms. Clancy's class)
- 2nd place: Laura Reynolds (Ms. Loveday's class)
- 1st place: Sabine Piguet (Ms. Hansen's class)

And the Winners for 3rd-6th Are:

- 3rd place: Benjamin Fitch (Ms. Sottolano) and Jack Garwood (Ms. Cajati)
- 2nd place: Sean Rade (Ms. Greene)
- 1st place: Katie Child (Mr. Male)

Be sure to look in the Front Display cabinet for your winning Posters! And stop by the front office to receive your prize... Mantua Moola to spend at the upcoming Spring Fling on Saturday, April 22nd!!

Thank you to EVERYONE for doing such a great job and showing your School Spirit!

Spring Fling Silent Auction

The Spring Fling is fast approaching and with it the Silent Auction! Our wonderful staff at Mantua has put together an amazing list of items and experiences for you and your kids to bid on! Will you be a winner?! We have pizza parties and movie dates, miniature golf outings and cooking classes, high tea and craft lessons! Or maybe a party is more your style... you could sign up to make jewelry, decorate cake pops, dine on amazing burgers or learn to knit! Look out for more details in the next Alert News and on the Mantua PTA Facebook page! If you'd like to donate an item for the auction or have an idea for a sign on party, please contact your silent auction chair Jennifer Ros (Jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com) or spring fling chair Chanda McCarthy (fundraising@mantuapta.org).

Cake Walk at the Spring Fling

The success of the Cake Walk at the Spring Fling is dependent on your donations! Cakes, cupcakes, brownies, and cookies on paper plates all make great prizes for our students. Please drop off donations at one of the following times: Friday, 4/21 from 8:30 – 9:20 a.m. outside Cafeteria Friday, 4/21 from 3:45 - 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria, or Saturday, 4/22 9:30 - 11 am in the Gym. Questions contact Sara Bogardus sarahbogardus@yahoo.com.

Mantua Spring Fling Needs Volunteers!!!

As with any of our PTA events, we cannot have a successful Spring Fling (**April 22**) without the help from PARENT volunteers! Can you please volunteer to help for just one hour this Saturday? There are many fun jobs to choose from!

Cotton Candy “Swirler”!

Inflatable “Watcher”!

Dunk Tank “Water Catcher” ...not to be confused with dunk tank victim!

...And many more!

Please visit Sign Up Genius <https://tinyurl.com/k39lwwq> to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

Questions, contact Cindy Rucknocruckno@yahoo.com

Eco-Tip of the Week

- April 22nd is Mantua’s Spring Fling and Earth Day! **In honor of Earth Day, please consider bringing your own reusable water bottle**, or ensure you dispose of your recycling in designated containers!!!
- The Mantua Eco Teams would be delighted to see you at our booth on Saturday. We are excited to tell you about our student-led Mantua initiatives: recycling, native gardens, solar power, surplus food donations, and energy conservation. We will have a few fundraisers at our booth, including the sale of organic, heirloom seed packages from Southern Exposure Seed Exchange. These packets come in three fun and healthy varieties: Salad Mix Kit; Rainbow Vegetables Kit; and Herbs and Flowers Kit. Thanks for dropping by our booth! Questions, contact Ms. Sullivan, 5th grade teacher masullivan@fcps.edu.
- Binoculars Needed! Mantua is seeking donations of

your old binoculars for our Outdoor Learning Lab. We are starting a “school set” of binoculars which can be borrowed by any class throughout the school year for birding and wildlife sighting. We would greatly appreciate any binoculars that you would like to donate and put to good use here at Mantua. Thank you! Questions, contact Ms. Sullivan, 5th grade teacher masullivan@fcps.edu.

- On April 24th, the homerooms of Mr. Deixler, Ms. Greene, and Mrs. Sottolano will be having a Bioretention Basin Planting Day. Danielle Wynne, stream ecologist from Fairfax County’s Stormwater Dept., will bring 800 native plants to plant! Kids in each homeroom will take turns planting and going on wildlife walks with Mantua parent Kati Hesford. We’ll need volunteers to help water the grounds over the summer, more information will be forthcoming as we get closer to summer!
- On April 23rd or May 16th, catch a screening of *The Anthropologist*, a film that follows George Mason University environmental anthropology professor Susan Crate and her daughter as they travel the world to learn about the effects of climate change. The April 23rd showing is at the Stacy C. Sherwood Center in Fairfax City at 4 pm, and the May 16th showing is at the Angelika Film Center in Merrifield’s Mosaic District at 6:30 pm. Crate will be present at both screenings for Q&A sessions.

Aladdin at Luther Jackson Middle School

You are invited to come on a magic carpet ride in Agrabah! Will a street rat get his wish and become a prince? Or will the evil Jafar become the Sultan of Agrabah? April 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. matinee on Saturday April 22 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets in advance \$5 can be ordered from the LJMS Office and will be available at "Will Call". Tickets at the door \$6.

Questions? E-mail: smjones3@fcps.edu

Parent Education Session: Curious about Executive Functioning?

April Parent Education Session: Curious about Executive Functioning? Does your child struggle to organize, monitor

their own behavior, multitask, engage in group dynamics, finish work on time, ask for help, solve novel problems or develop strategies for problems? Come to our informal parent education session on **Friday, April 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m.** in the library to discuss executive functioning information and strategies with Anna Bukont, Mantua School Psychologist, and Laura Thieman, Mantua Social Worker. **ALL ARE INVITED, NO RSVP NECESSARY.** Questions? contact Mantua PTA Parent Education Coordinator, Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com

Medical Mission Trip Needs Stuffed Animals

Hello everyone! My name is Emma Bazemore and on **April 22** and I will be heading to the Dominican Republic on a medical mission trip. On this trip, some of the children we will be serving will need medical care and surgery. I am collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to take with me, that will be given to the children that we will serve on the trip. **A donation box is set up by the front office** at school. Please consider donating a furry friend, or lots of them!

17th Annual Raccoon Run

RACCOON RUN -- REGISTER NOW for MAY 13! All students are encourage to participate in the Pledge Program-- asking relatives and friends to sponsor them in run to support Life with Cancer, Saturday, May 13 at 8am. Join Rocky and the Kids Care 5K Race and Mile Fun Run. Be the class with the most participants and win a free pizza and ice cream party. All proceeds benefit Life with Cancer. Pledge sheet in Tuesday folder. Register at www.raccoonrun.org. Questions, contact Jennifer Lewis Cooper, 703.966.8304, jalcooper@aol.com

5th -9th Grade Girls Lacrosse Camp

WOODSON GIRLS LACROSSE CAMP: JULY 17-21 The Woodson girls lacrosse program is hosting a **camp for rising 5th through 9th grade girls the week of July 17 through 21 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.** 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 at <http://www.wtwcamps.com>.

FCPS Summer Program

Girls summer camp for ages 8 - 14, July 10-14, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. For registration go here <https://tinyurl.com/lf8972h>.

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.

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!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية كفالة على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.

- 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 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.

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