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PTA's Executive Board to be Voted on June 1

As the school year nears the end, the PTA already is looking ahead and will be voting on its executive board for the 2011-12 school year. The following are on the slate for the 2011-12 PTA Executive Board: President, Teresa LeMair; VP1 Programs and Clubs, Lori Prendergast; VP2 Membership and Fundraising, Shannon Murphy and Jennifer Epley; Treasurer, Sandy Spector; Secretary, Lori Recher. Please join us on Wednesday, June 1, at 7 p.m., in the library to elect our new board members.

Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments Start This Week

The Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments begin this week. Please make every effort to avoid any appointments or activities that would take your child out of school on test days. Contact Allison Curran Warren, Mantua's school testing coordinator, at Allison.Curran@fcps.edu with questions.

Week 1

May 16 - 3rd Grade Reading - Part I

May 17th - 3rd Grade Reading - Part II

May 18th - 4th Grade Reading

May 19th - 5th Grade Reading

May 20th - 6th Grade Reading

Week 2

May 23 - 3rd Grade Social Studies

May 24 - 4th Grade Math

May 25 - 5th Grade Math (AAP will take Gr. 6 Math Test this day)

May 26 - 6th Grade Math (AAP and Compacted Math will take Gr. 7 Math Test this day)

May 27 - 3rd Grade Science (Early Dismissal)

Week 3

May 30 - Memorial Day, No School

May 31 - 4th Grade VA Studies

June 1 - 5th Grade Science

Thanks to All Who Made the Raccoon Run a Success

This year's Raccoon Run was a huge success and organizers thank you for supporting Life With Cancer. Because of you and more than 350 runners, we were able to raise over \$7,000 for Inova's Life with Cancer program. Congratulations to Mrs. Sottolano's class, which won the pizza/ice cream party for having the most participants! Congratulations to Dyan Pompa, Elise and Abby Kim, and Elise Kent for raising the most in pledges, and to Allesandro Musumeci for winning the laptop in the raffle drawing! Everyone was a winner as we all contributed to a great cause!

Girls on the Run Needs Coaches for Next Year

While it's early to be thinking about next year, we want Girls on the Run (GOTR) to continue at Mantua for the 2011-12 school year. GOTR is a non-profit organization with the mission of educating and preparing girls in grades 3-8 for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. The innovative program combines training for a 5K running event with lessons that help adolescent girls build confidence, develop healthy lifestyles, and be better able to succeed throughout their lives. Twice-weekly lessons are led by trained female coaches, who guide and mentor participants through a fun and uplifting curriculum that focuses on empowering girls with life-long skills to improve their emotional and physical health. Contact Robert Silkowitz, at Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com, if you are interested in becoming a coach. We need at least two people per group of 10-15 girls. No prior experience is required.

PTA Art Reflections 2011-12

Next year's PTA Art Reflections theme has been announced! If you want to get started on next year's entry create a piece of art, literature, photography, music, film/video, dance/choreography that relates to the 2011-12 theme: "Diversity means..." More information and registration forms will be available in the near future. Contact Jackie DeScisciolo at jdescisciolo@cox.net, with questions.

Important Upcoming Events

Mon. May 23: Spring Choral Concert, 7 p.m.

Fri. May 27: 2-hour early release

Mon. May 30: School CLOSED for Memorial Day

Wed. June 1: PTA meeting, executive board to be elected

Annandale Boundary Update

The four options developed by staff for consideration as ways to deal with the overcrowding at Annandale High School and to create boundaries at the new elementary school at the Lacey Center site have been posted. Option 1 proposes minimal changes, Option 2 reduces split feeders and attendance islands, Option 3 moves toward more K-6 schools, and Option 4 proposes nonboundary solutions.

Here is the link:

<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/annandalestudy/regional/index.htm>

When you review them, please keep in mind that the final staff recommendation to the School Board may very well be a combination of options from different scenarios or even involving something new that comes out of community dialogues.

Please plan to come to community dialogues to give your views. This is a very important part of the process and will be taken into account when staff goes back to make a final recommendation for Annandale HS and "Lacey."

Attendees need to register for the meetings in order to ensure sufficient materials and space.

Monday, May 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

1. Annandale High School, Cafeteria, 4700 Medford Dr, Annandale, VA 22003, (Use Entrance 7)

2. Edison High School, Cafeteria, 5801 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310, (Use Entrance 1)

Monday, May 23, 2011, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

3. Falls Church High School, Cafeteria, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042, (Use Entrance 8)

4. Lake Braddock Secondary School, Large Cafeteria, 9200 Burke Lake Rd, Burke, VA 22015, (Use Entrance 15)

Monday, June 6, 2011, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

5. Annandale Terrace Elementary School, 7604 Herald Street, Annandale, VA 22003

(Use Entrance 1 and proceed to the gymnasium, which is immediately adjacent to the Parent Resource Center) This meeting is intended for English speakers of other languages, interpreters will be provided.

Looking for a Summer Day Camp?

The Mantua PTA has collected weekly summer day camp recommendations from our school families and neighbors, and put them in an easy-to-use format [HERE](#). Please note that these camps are not endorsed by the PTA, but simply collected from school family suggestions.

Cavalier Summer Cheer and Dance Camp, July 5-8

The Woodson Cheerleaders will hold their camp 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and the Precisionettes will hold their camp 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The camp is open to all rising 1st through 9th grade students. Each camp is \$130 per child, or attend both camps for \$220 per child.

For more information contact camp coordinators Betsy Nerdahl, frances.nerdahl@fcps.edu, and Madelyn Weaver, madelynweaver@yahoo.com, or 703-609-2416, or go [HERE](#).

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