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## Mantua PTA Alert News May 1, 2012



### Parent Help Needed for Teacher Appreciate Luncheon on May 14

To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA (that's us parents) hosts the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. This year's luncheon will be held Monday, May 14, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Teachers will enjoy a lunch full of delicious dishes courtesy of the grateful Mantua parents. This year we are celebrating the multi-cultural student body of Mantua and will be offering a buffet of foods from around the world.

If your family would like to provide an entree that represents your cultural background, we would LOVE to have it on our buffet! Any and all food items are welcome.

To make this event a big success, we will need LOTS and LOTS of help from parents. If you are able to help set up (Monday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the library), bring food (see your Tuesday folder flier for details on what each class is asked to bring), or help us clean up, just contact one of the hospitality committee members listed below.

We also are looking for donations of \$5 and \$10 gift cards to be used as door prizes. Please refer to the flier in your child's Tuesday folder for information about donating.

Contact Meri Farling at 703-354-5750 or [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com), or Deanna Firth-Freemyer at 703-901-9031 or [firth\\_freemyer@yahoo.com](mailto:firth_freemyer@yahoo.com), if you are able to volunteer, prepare an entree for our buffet, donate gift cards, or if you have any questions.

## Twelfth Annual Mantua Raccoon Run is May 12

The 12th annual Raccoon Run will be May 12, at 8 a.m. All funds raised will go to support Inova's Life with Cancer program. The 1-mile Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. with the 5K race following at 8:30 a.m. The annual race honors the memory of Mantua's 5th grade teacher Roberta Romano.

Registration is \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the Fun Run. Register by Thursday, May 3, and be guaranteed a t-shirt. Register online [HERE](#). Contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, at [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com) or 703-966-8304, or Diane Schenk at [dschenk01@gmail.com](mailto:dschenk01@gmail.com) with questions, or to volunteer.

## Parenting in the Digital Age

On Thursday, May 10, Pamela Huffman, Fairfax County Public Schools Family and School Partnerships facilitator will present information about the latest research on media use, a sampling of the digital marketplace (including Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, cell phones, Internet and more), an overview of our changing technological world, and your role as a parent in monitoring and guiding your child. Following the presentation, which will be at 7:30 p.m. immediately following the regular monthly PTA meeting, there will be time for parents to ask questions, and share suggestions, concerns and comments. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be offered for a nominal fee. Look for more information about this informative presentation in your child's Tuesday folder. More information can be found [HERE](#).

## Learn About Odyssey of the Mind at Heritage Night

Mantua's Odyssey of the Mind team members and parents will be on hand to discuss the enriching activity during the annual Heritage Night on May 3, at 6:30 p.m. Mantua's team has qualified for the International World Finals being held later this month.

Team members and parents look forward to sharing information about Odyssey of the Mind, their experiences and information about the other nations that will be competing. In order to raise the \$2,500 registration fee, the team will be selling water and treats at its table. Please stop by during Heritage Night and support this wonderful success.

## Mantua Bike Rodeo

Mantua's PE department is sponsoring a bike rodeo on Saturday, May 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. During that time, shot races, bike inspections, and a technical obstacle course will take place. In addition bike inspections will be available. Don't forget your helmet!

## End of Year Events

### May

- 3: Literacy/Heritage Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 4: 6th Grade Panoramic Picture
- 7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7: Kindergarten Orientation, 2 p.m.
- 8: Spring Band Concert
- 12: Mantua Raccoon Run (5K)
- 14-18: Principal Appreciation Week
- 18: Spirit Day - wear your sports jersey
- 21: Spring Choral Concert
- 24: Spring Strings Concerts
- 25: Regular School Day - No Early Dismissal
- 28: Memorial Day Holiday

### June

- 4: 6th Grade Musical (Secret Garden)
- 5-7: Field Days
- 8: Spirit Day - wear your sunglasses
- 8: Cheryl Thompson Celebration, 5 to 7 p.m.
- 13: 5th Grade Play (Magic School Bus)
- 14: 5th Grade Medieval Day
- 14: 6th Grade Award Ceremony Rehearsal
- 14: Patrol/GMM Picnic at Eakin Park
- 15: 6th Grade Awards Ceremony/Party
- 15: Last Day of School/Final Report Cards sent home

## Sol Testing Schedule

### May

- 14: SOL Grade 3 -Reading Part 1
- 15: SOL Grade 3 - Reading Part II
- 16: SOL Grade 4 - Reading

17: SOL Grade 5 - Reading

18: SOL Grade 6 - Reading

21: SOL Grade 3 - Social Studies

22: SOL Grade 4 - Math

23: SOL Grade 5 - Math/Advanced Math Take Grade 6 SOL Test

24: SOL Grade 6 - Math/Advanced Math Take Grade 7 SOL Test

25: SOL Grade 3 - Science

29: SOL Grade 4 - Virginia Studies

30: SOL Grade 5 - Science

31: SOL Grade 6 - U.S. History

## June

1: SOL Grade 3 - Math

**Note:** There are no scheduled SOL makeup days. Every effort will be made to test students who miss their scheduled testing days. However, all tests must be completed by June 1.

## Important Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 3: Literacy/Heritage Night, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12: Mantua Raccoon Run

## TJHSST Launches Newsletters Aimed at Elementary Students

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology has launched two newsletters - one for grades 4-5 and one for grades 6-7. Known as the STEM Times, the newsletters are about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). These publications include information about STEM news, activities, and opportunities in the Washington, D.C. metro area. The newsletter for grade 4-5 can be found [HERE](#). The 6-7 grade version is available [HERE](#).

## Alert News Contributions

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Submissions **MUST** be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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