



Mantua PTA Alert News

April 9, 2013



Mantua Faculty Play Basketball Game THIS Friday!

The big game between Mantua ES staff and Camelot ES staff is scheduled for Friday, **April 12th** at 7:00 p.m. at Woodson High School. Presale tickets for students and parents will be \$3, with a \$20 maximum per family. Tickets can be purchased from 8:30-9:00 a.m. in front of the Mantua cafeteria this week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Send your student with an envelope with cash or check, and the envelope will be returned with your purchased tickets. Make checks payable to Mantua PTA. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$5 each. Come show your Mantua pride!

PTA Meeting is THIS Friday Morning

This month's PTA meeting is on Friday, **April 12th** at 9:30 a.m. In addition to hearing about school updates from Mrs. Fernandez and PTA events from the board, School Board Member Patty Reed is also scheduled to attend. She will update attendees on the Superintendent selection, the Boundary proposal, and any other issues that might concern our parents.

Raccoon Run: Meeting THIS Wednesday

Get involved in the greatest community/neighborhood event of the SPRING - the 13th annual Raccoon Run! Volunteers are needed to help the Kids Care Club and the Woodson Young Hearts man the race. Come join the fun to help set up the race course (IN NEED: a pickup truck to haul the orange cones), be a road guard/timer, assist with the finish line, set up the food table, do registration the night before and on race day, clean up - there is something to do for everyone.

A planning meeting will be held this Wednesday, **April 10th** at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. In the meantime, sign up on line www.raccoonrun.org for the BIG event on Saturday, **May 11th** at 8:00 a.m. The best part - all proceeds benefit Life with Cancer!

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703.966.8304.

Restaurant Night on Wednesday, April 17th

Mantua PTA will host a Family Fun Night Out at the Fairfax Circle Chick fil-A on Wednesday, **April 17th** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.! All are invited to come and dine in or order take out.

Present the event flyer for Mantua Elementary School PTA, and Mantua School will receive 20% of the evening's proceeds. Event flyers will be sent home in this week's Tuesday folders. Come and enjoy chicken sandwiches, nuggets, wraps, salads, side items and desserts. Visit www.chick-fil-a.com/fairfaxcircle to view menu items. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions. Bon appetit!

Lost and Found Clean Up

With the weather finally getting warmer, the school's Lost and Found will start to fill up with jackets, sweatshirts, and other items often left behind in the cafeteria or on the playground. The Lost and Found is cleaned up on the LAST FRIDAY of every month. Items not claimed are donated. Please encourage your students to look through the Lost and Found for any items they may have misplaced at school. You are welcome to come to the school to look, too.

PTA Board Nominations Sought

The PTA Executive Board wants you! We're looking for folks who like to work as a team for the common good of the school and its students and parents in school year 2013-14. If you are interested in being on the PTA Board, please contact either of the following nominating committee members: Monica Cameron at 703-359-4298 or monica.cameron@cox.net or Sandy Spector at 703-273-5544 or sandy.spector@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE PTA BOARD: Nominations will be accepted for all positions with nominations noted in May and voting to occur at the June PTA meeting. Board responsibilities include attending monthly PTA meetings for a one year term from June through June; budget development; planning and coordinating PTA activities; and job-specific responsibilities.

Counselors' Corner

Registration OPEN for Fairfax County Public Schools Summer Learning Programs

Registration is now open for Fairfax County Public Schools summer learning programs through Adult and Community Education (ACE). ACE program stimulate students' curiosity and provide high-quality, fun-filled instruction through interactive and group activities, games and more in the areas of culinary arts, test preparation, study skills, and language exploration. ACE also offers driver's education behind the wheel program to prepare students to obtain their driver's license in Virginia. ACE enrichment courses are noncredit and vary in length, cost, grade level

and location.

In addition, FCPS is offering several other summer learning programs to provide academic and enrichment opportunities for students in all grades including ESOL Math, Online ESOL, Extended School Year (ESY), Fashion Camp, Online Campus, SOL Remediation, SOL Test Only, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) Summer Technology Institute and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) Academic Summer School.

Visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Summer Learning web page at www.fcps.edu/summer for more information about Summer Learning opportunities and for links to other camps, courses and programs offered in FCPS schools or on school grounds.

Research Update

The College Decision-Making Process: A Survey of Parents of 5th- Through 12th-Grade Students; Inside Higher Ed, March 2013. A survey asked parents about expectations for their child's education beyond high school, as well as their role in the process and their perception of the admission process. To read this study, go to <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/survey/jobs-value-and-affirmative-action-survey-parents-about-college>.

Mantua Has Super Teachers!

Attention Mantua Parents - if you were kind enough to nominate one of our teachers for the Super Teacher Award publicized through the Alert News in February and let the front office know of your submission that is terrific! If not, if you nominated a staff member for any kind of award it would be great if you could please notify our Assistant Principal Amy Alley AVAlley@fcps.edu. Even if you can't send the nominating letter, if you can let Ms. Alley know that the nomination occurred that would be appreciated. Keeping the administration abreast of such accolades is very helpful!

Type to Learn Software Available

Mantua Elementary School students have recently been using Type to Learn 4: Agents of Information, a keyboarding software program. A number of parents have expressed interest in purchasing this software program. Sunburst Digital is offering families the opportunity to purchase Type to Learn for \$20 each. This edition is for 1 computer, up to 5 users, and works with ALL Mac and PC operating systems. If you would like to order Type to Learn, please fill out the flyer in Tuesday Folders this week and return with \$20 cash or a check to Mantua PTA by Friday, **April 12th**. If you have questions, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

Important Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 10: Raccoon Run Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 12: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 12: Mantua Faculty Basketball Game at Woodson High School, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 15: School Closed for Student Holiday

Wednesday, April 17: Restaurant Night at Chick-fil-A

Thursday, April 18: Mantua Heritage Showcase and Literacy Night

Monday, April 29: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 1:30 p.m.

Techstravaganza at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

On Saturday, **April 20th**, TJHSST will host its Techstravaganza! This is a science, technology, math, and engineering exploration day for upper elementary and middle school students. Activities are run by TJHSST students, faculty, and professionals from participating organizations. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at TJHSST at 6560 Braddock Rd., Alexandria VA 22312. If you have any questions, email twistcoordinators@gmail.com or visit <http://activities.tjhsst.edu/twist>. Techstravaganza is free and open to everyone!

Girls Scouts Father/Daughter Masquerade Dance

You are invited to the Girl Scouts Father/Daughter Masquerade Dance, Friday **April 19th**, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Mantua Swim Club, 9330 Pentland Place Fairfax 22031. Non-Girl Scouts welcome. Cost is \$5 per person; Girl Scouts will receive a patch. Wear a fancy mask or costume, and bring a non-perishable food item to support a local food bank. Prizes for best costume! Music, dancing, light refreshments! RSVP to Jamal Rubeiz (2839 Maple Lane, Fairfax 22031) with money, checks made to SU 55-7. Contact him at jf.rubeiz@yahoo.com with any questions.

PTA Family Day at Nationals Park

Watch the Washington Nationals play the New York Mets on Saturday, **July 27th** at Nationals Park on Virginia & Maryland PTA Family Day! Game time is 3:05 p.m. Tickets are \$14 each and must be purchased by midnight on June 26th. For more information and to order tickets, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/ck8hnng>.

Virginia PTA News

Legislation Survey - Due by April 15th: In our ever-present quest to encourage grassroots advocacy - as well as building a relevant legislation program - the Legislation/Education committee of the Virginia PTA would like to share the following:

- Legislation Survey for 2014 - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LN57B62>

- Sign up for CapWiz: <http://www.vapta.org/legislation-education/take-action-virginia/subscribe-to-take-action-alerts.html>

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

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

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2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)
Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,
Mantua Elementary School PTA

