

Quick Links

Quick Links



Mantua PTA Alert News

April 23, 2013



Teacher Appreciation Lunch

To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA will host the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Maestro Apprezzamento Pranzo) in the library on Monday, **April 29th**, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Teachers will enjoy delicious food courtesy of the grateful Mantua parents. This year we will be celebrating with food from Italy! We want to show the teachers how much we APPREZZARE them!

To do this we will need LOTS OF HELP! Please consider providing the food items assigned to your child's grade or family as follows:

Family 1: Desserts! Cookies, brownies, cakes and pies - you bake it, we'll take it!

Family 2: Bottled water, sparkling water, and bottled iced tea

Family 3: Cut fresh fruit and berries

3rd Grade: Cut fresh fruit and berries

4th Grade: Salad dressings

5th Grade: Cut fresh vegetables

6th Grade: Bags of salad

If you are interested in providing a pasta dish for the buffet, please contact [Meri Farling](#) or [Deanna Firth-Freemyer](#).

Please note: Food dishes and items not requiring refrigeration should be brought to the library starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 29th or sent to school with your child. We'll have baker's racks set up to receive your items at the school entrance. Items that require refrigeration should be brought directly to the library before 12:30 p.m. or contact one of us and we'll make arrangements.

If possible, use disposable containers and utensils. If you need your container returned, please label it with your full name. Dishes will be held in the office for you to pick up.

Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, clean up, and to provide a helping hand during

the luncheon. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to be a volunteer, please contact the PTA Hospitality co-chairs, Meri Farling at 703-354-5750 or merifarling@hotmail.com or Deanna Firth-Freemyer at firthfreemyer@yahoo.com.

Prizes Sought for Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Did you know that during the April 29th Teacher Appreciation Luncheon a few lucky teachers will have an opportunity to win some wonderful door prizes? The PTA provides the prizes that are given out during a drawing that is held while the teachers enjoy their yummy lunch.

If you are interested in contributing a door prize, there are many ways to participate:

- Do you have a home-based business? You can donate a few products that can be used for door prizes.
- You can donate a \$5 or \$10 gift cards from area shops and restaurants. There will be a box marked "Gift Cards" in the office and you can simply drop your contribution off at any time before the luncheon.
- If you have a hobby, you can donate one of your creations.

Our teachers will LOVE any gift that is donated. As always, making a donation is completely voluntary, and there is no participation required. If you have any questions, please contact either [Meri Farling](#) or [Deanna Firth-Freemyer](#). Thank you very much!

Save the Dates: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10

Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated this year at Mantua the week of **May 6th-10th**. More information will be sent home soon!

6th Graders: Order T-Shirt NOW!

The 6th Grade Award Ceremony will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday, **June 14th**. Families are invited to join us in the gym for this important celebration. Once the ceremony is over, parent volunteers will change the gym from a ceremony setting to a beach-themed party room! The 6th graders will enjoy many fun activities with their friends.

In the meantime, the PTA is collecting \$20 from each student to cover the cost of the party and the specially-designed t-shirt. The 6th grade t-shirt is a special Mantua tradition! Students wear their t-shirts on their Gettysburg field trip and for other end-of-the-year celebrations. Each student's signature will be printed on the back of the shirt.

Please send your [ORDER FORM](#) and payment of \$20 in cash or a check made payable to the

Mantua PTA as soon as possible. The deadline to order has been extended to THIS Wednesday, **April 24th**. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Fernandez.

If you have any questions, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#) or [Meri Farling](#). Thank you!

Raccoon Run: Register Today!

The Raccoon Run is almost here! You must register by **Friday, April 26th** to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Register at the Raccoon Run [WEBSITE!](#)

The Mantua Kids Care Club/Woodson Young Hearts 13th annual Raccoon 5K and 1-mile Fun Run will be held on Saturday, **May 11th**. The Fun Run begins at 8:00 a.m., and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. Join in the fun - the class with the most participants (teachers count double) will win a pizza and ice cream celebration! All proceeds benefit Life with Cancer. For more information contact [Jennifer Lewis-Cooper](#) or [Amy Smith](#).

Family Fun Night: Ice Skating at Fairfax Ice Arena

Mantua PTA will host a Family Fun Ice Skating Night at Fairfax Ice Arena on Friday, **May 3rd** from 4:45 to 6:00 pm. All are invited. There is no fee to attend. For everyone ice skating, there is a \$5.50 fee collected at the door to use the ice. Ice skate rental is available for \$3.00.

Mantua PTA has hired a skating buddy to instruct 30 beginners. Two 15-minute sessions (5:00 to 5:15 and 5:15 to 5:30) will be offered with 15 skaters in each session. There will be a sign up sheet for the lesson available in the Mantua hospitality room located behind the lesson desk. The hospitality room will be available for all Mantua families and friends to meet.

Remember to dress for cool temperatures. Jacket, pants and gloves are suggested. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions. Family Fun Ice Skate Night will be a whole lot of fun. Don't hesitate to join us!

Interested in Being a Member of the PTA Board?

If you are considering being on the PTA board for the 2013-14 school year, it is requested, but not required, for you to notify a member of our nominating committee (Monica Cameron at 703-359-4298 or monica.cameron@cox.net or Sandy Spector at 703-273-5544 or sandy.spector@gmail.com) prior to the **May 9th PTA meeting** so the nominees can be announced. Voting will take place at our June PTA meeting.

Do not hesitate to contact a nominating committee member to learn more about the PTA board

positions and their responsibilities.

Check for Missing Items in the Lost & Found

Is your child missing a sweatshirt or jacket? The school's Lost and Found is filled with 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.

Counselor's Corner

It Takes a Village: Connecting Families to School and Community Resources

We're the Answer, FCPS Cluster IV, and Fairfax County are co-sponsoring interactive workshops where African American students and parents can learn about connecting to Fairfax County Public Schools and community resources by:

- * Preparing for success in math and science focused schools
- * Increasing student success through Standards of Learning (SOL) resources and testing
- * Providing resources and supports for students with special needs
- * Educating parents and students about bullying and school violence prevention and intervention

When: Saturday, May 11th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Mount Vernon High School

To register for the summit, transportation assistance, and/or supervised child care for 3-12 year olds, please call 703-704-6700, TTY 711.

Fairfax County Kinship Families

All grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends or relatives who are raising a child for another family member are invited to a free respite day at Gum Springs Community Center for children ages 3 to 12 living with kinship care providers.

Self-register [HERE](#) or call 703-324-3517; TTY 711.

When: Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ACE Elementary Enrichment Summer Camps

Adult and Community Education (ACE) offers a wide array of summer camp programs for rising first grade through rising seventh grade students. More information about these programs will be provided very soon.

Important Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 25: Family Health and Fitness Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Friday, May 3: Family Fun Night at Fairfax Ice Arena, 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10: Teacher Appreciation Week!

Monday, May 6: Kindergarten Orientation, 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7: Band Performance, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11: Raccoon Run, 8:00 a.m.

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 [THIS SITE](#).

Food Drive

Mantua Brownie Troop 1243 is collecting non-perishable food items from now until Friday **April 26th**. Donation bins are located in the front entrance of the school. All items will be donated to a local food bank, Food for Others.

English Conversation Group Meets at Public Library

The City of Fairfax Public Library has an English Conversation Group that meets every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the library for adult non-native English speakers at all levels. The group provides practice in speaking and listening to the English language. Registration is not required. More information can be found [HERE](#).

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.

如果您需要一份中文的曼图亚小学校园新闻周刊，请联系潘红女士。电话：703-939-3403 电子邮箱：hpan.home@gmail.com.

한국어로번역된뉴스를받아보시기원하시는분은 크리스티씨께연락주세요. 전화 703-865-8065, 이메일 choichristie@yahoo.com.

Si desea recibir una copia de esta informacion en Espanol, porfavor email Ana Castelan a acastelan25@gmail.com.

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

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

Stay informed all year long by visiting our website: www.MantuaPTA.org

Are you on Facebook? Stay informed by joining us: [HERE](#)

Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

