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Important Upcoming Dates

- February 27: Spring Fling Poster Contest Deadline
- February 27: Box Tops Contest Ends
- March 6: Family Fun Lego Night
- March 13: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- March 16: School Closed, Student Holiday
- [March 21: SPRING FLING](#)**
- March 23/24: Raccoon Runners Program Begins
- April 11: Talent Show - NEW DATE

Family Fun Lego Night

The PTA will host a family fun Lego night on **Friday, March 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Bring your whole family to this fun event! Brian Meny of Brixalot will bring millions of Lego and Duplo pieces and lead the group in a variety of building projects. There is no fee to attend. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Don't miss this fun evening! Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

Last Week for Yearbook Discount Price

This is your last week to buy a yearbook for your child at a discount price. Go to [THIS SITE](#) to order yours today!

Talent Show Rescheduled

The Mantua Talent Show was postponed this past weekend due to inclement weather and school closure. The show will now be held on **Saturday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m.**, with the dress rehearsal taking place on Wednesday, April 8th at 5:30 p.m. Parents of confirmed acts, please make sure you email [Ted Donat](#), letting him know whether or not your child is

still able to participate.

In the meantime, auditions have been reopened for anyone who missed out on the first round. Video auditions can be submitted through March 15th. If your child is interested in auditioning, please visit [THIS SITE](#). Thank you!

Mantua Spring Fling is Coming!

The Mantua Spring Fling will be held on **Saturday, March 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Grab the whole family, and come to the school for more fun than you can imagine! There will be gigantic inflatable amusements, carnival activities, games, and prizes for everyone as well as local food vendors, a marketplace, and a silent auction featuring prizes from all your favorite teachers and Mantua staff. Don't miss this fun-filled afternoon and a great way to support your school! Visit the [Spring Fling Web Site](#) for more information and for updates between now and March 21st.

Volunteer at Spring Fling

This event takes many volunteers to run smoothly. Do you have one hour to give to help make this huge event a success? Please visit the volunteer sign up site [HERE](#). Sign up early to get the job of your choice! Thank you for volunteering!

Spring Fling Poster Contest

Enter the Spring Fling Poster Contest. Win money to use at the Spring Fling! Please note that 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded to each of two groups: K-2 grades and 3-6 grades. All submissions are due in the front office no later than **9:10 a.m. on Friday, February 27th**. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Spring Fling Jewelry, Hostess Gift, and Craft/Hobby Sale

Have you ever received jewelry or a hostess gift that you already have or can't use? Do you have left over beads, bits and pieces of craft stuff or a model rocket or such? How about donating it to the Spring Fling Sale? All the proceeds go to the school's PTA. The sale takes place during the school's Spring Fling on **Saturday, March 21st**. Donations will be accepted until Friday March 20th. If you have any questions, contact Karen Gaughan at 703-698-5779 or allgone@cox.net.

February Box Tops Contest

The February Box Top Contest is on! Start clipping those pink

Box Tops again. During the month of February, the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! The contest ends on **Friday, February 27th**. Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired) and not damaged, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your teacher's name. Last fall, Mantua students submitted over 18,000 Box Tops and earned the school over \$1,800! Let's do it again. Every Box Top counts. If you have any questions, please contact [Adrienne Sullivan](#).

Raccoon Runners

Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls and boys in 3rd-6th grades. This program will empower young boys and girls to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition, and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen ourselves through various fitness activities as we train for a 5K run. Any student is eligible to participate.

The Raccoon Runners is a six- week program that will meet before school. **The Girls team will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-8:50 a.m. in the gym starting on Monday, March 23rd. The Boys team will meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-8:50 a.m. in the gym starting Tuesday, March 24th.** Both teams will start the mornings with some sort of physical activity. Exercise will consist of a variety of activities, such as yoga, boot camp, strength training and flexibility, and 5K conditioning. After our workout and stretch, the students will have a healthy snack while we cover our lesson for the day. There will be a new lesson each time we meet. Lessons will cover a variety of subjects including health and nutrition, safety, hygiene, emotions, team building, self-esteem, gratitude, and social issues.

The season will end on **May 9th** with both teams participating in Mantua's Raccoon Run. You can find information about the Raccoon Runners program and a permission slip [HERE](#). Please contact [Meri Farling](#) with questions.

FLEX Classes

Mantua PTA organizes language classes through FCPS's Foreign Language Experience Program (FLEX.) FLEX is developed especially for elementary school children, who are at the optimal age for learning another language. Students study basic vocabulary and phrases in a fun environment

through stories, games, activities, and music. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. The Spring FLEX language classes meet for 10 sessions. The cost is \$159 and includes tuition and materials.

We are excited to offer the classes below. Registration is currently underway. Simply click on the course title to register and pay. Please make sure to select the course taught at Mantua ES.

- [Chinese Level 1 for grades K-3](#)
- [Chinese Level 2 for grades 1-6](#)
- [German Level 1 for grades 1-4](#)
- [Spanish Level 1 for grades 1-4](#)

Email [Susanne Fitch](#), FLEX Coordinator, if you have any questions or if you have suggestions regarding other languages you would like to see taught at Mantua ES through the FLEX program.

Fairfax County Science Fair

The Second Annual Fairfax County Science Fair for Elementary and Middle Schools will take place on **Saturday, May 9th**. Students who are interested in participating and have not yet registered should fill out [THIS FORM](#) to sign up for Mantua's Science Fair. Finalists will be selected from that event to go on to the County Science Fair. Please e-mail mantuasciencefair@gmail.com with any questions.

Division B Science Olympiad Results

Mantua's Division B Science Olympiad team participated in the Fairfax Regional Tournament on Saturday, February 14th. Sixth-graders Akash Seenuthoju, Aadhav Kugarajah, Maggie Clarke, Tavo Duvall, Rohit Venkatesan, Ritvik Annadi, Alexandra Cooper and fifth graders Abhiram Srivastava, Hari Naicker, Suruthikha Vijay, and Ashwin Rajesh participated in the event. Congratulations to Tavo Duvall and Rohit Venkatesan for medaling in fourth place for Air Trajectory and in first place for their Wheeled Vehicle!) If your rising 3rd through 6th grader wishes to take part in Science Olympiad next year, please contact mantuaolympiaddiva@gmail.com.

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!

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Email Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.