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Important Upcoming Dates

March 6 (Monday): Reminder Spring Enrichment begins.

March 7 (Tuesday): Safe and Secure Online, Seminar, 7 p.m. library.

March 8 (Wednesday): Safe and Secure Online, Seminar, 9:30 a.m. library. Basketball Finals Girls; 3rd and 4th grade 6-7:30, 5th and 6th grade 7:30-9:00 p.m.

March 9 (Thursday): Basketball Finals Boys; 3rd and 4th grade 6-7:30, 5th and 6th grade 7:30-9:00 p.m.

March 11 (Saturday): Talent Show, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Deadlines

March 6 (Monday): Last Day to register for Girls Raccoon Runners.

Spring Enrichment Classes Begin Monday, March 6th

Spring enrichment begins the week of **Monday, March 6th**. Room assignments and class dates can be found at:

<https://em-mantua.jumbula.com/#/spring-2017> by clicking on the individual class link. Please notify the instructor and front office of absences by 1pm and contact us if you have any questions at enrichment@mantuapta.org. Enjoy the classes!

Eco-Corner News

Exciting news for Mantua Elementary! Mantua has registered to be part of the Eco-Schools USA program, a nationwide program that engages students and educators to integrate sustainable principles throughout their school and

curriculum. Kids and grown-ups will work together to achieve environmentally sound practices, enhance academic achievement and foster environmental stewardship. We'll capture and report on savings in the areas of energy, water, waste and our carbon footprint. To learn more about the program, go to

<http://get2green.fcps.edu/ecoschools.html> More information will be forthcoming as we work to establish an Eco-Action Team. If you have interest in getting involved in the early stages of the program, please contact kati.hesford@gmail.com.

Eco-Tip of the Week

Mantua recycles old markers! Did you know that Crayola manufactures up to 465 million markers a year, and most of those end up in landfills after a short amount of use? And that's just one company! Old markers can be turned into diesel fuel. What you can do: **The Kids Care Club and Ms. Hall's class are making collection boxes for each classroom.** In addition to your classroom markers, send in your markers (including highlighters and dry-erase) from home as well. We'll collect the markers and count (and weigh) how many we are saving from going to the landfill.

Collection for Fairfax Animal Shelter

Mantua Fifth Grade Girl Scout Troop 5658 is collecting items to deliver to the Fairfax Animal Shelter when they visit later this month! Please help the shelter and the many animals in need by donating any of the following items: towels, paper towels, AA and AAA batteries, small dog treats, and quart and gallon-sized ziploc bags. A collection box will be in the front hallway of the school near the display case through **Wednesday March 15th!** Thank you for your support! Questions, email Teresa Lemair at teresalemair@aol.com

Fairfax County Science & Engineering Fair

This year's Fairfax County Science & Engineering (FCSE) Fair will take place on **Saturday May 13, 2017** at George Mason University. <https://www.fcsefair.com>

The FCSE fair will accept projects in the areas of Life and Earth Sciences, Physical Science and Engineering. The divisions are:

Division I (grades 1-3)

Division II (grades 4-5)

Division III (grades 6–8)

Students are encouraged to begin working on their projects now so that sufficient time is allowed for planning, data gathering, and final presentation of results. Students are expected to keep a journal documenting the progress of their investigation. Please make sure students know this before they get started.

Rules & Guidelines (43 pages) are available

at: <https://tinyurl.com/h2nloxx>

The FCSE fair has several requirements in advance of project start and submission this year, including a checklist, research plan/project summary, and an approval form. The FCSE fair will be following the rules of Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF); more information about Intel ISEF is available at: <http://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef>.

If there are more interested students than available slots allotted to Mantua (which we will find out in early April), we will schedule an in-school science fair, tentatively Wednesday April 19.

Please email mantuasciencefair@gmail.com if your child is interested in participating in the science fair. Please include:

- Child's name:
- Child's grade:
- Child's teacher:
- Child's interested project area:
- Child's proposed project topic (if known):

Additional paperwork as noted above will be necessary prior to enrolling in the county science fair. All projects should be ready by mid-April.

Science Olympiad Division B Regional Tournament

On February 25th, the team of 15 Mantua 6th graders competed in the Science Olympiad Fairfax regional tournament against 23 other teams. The students competed against other 6th through 9th graders in Division B. Mantua competed in all 21 events, won medals in 3 events, placed 11th out of 17 schools, and scored better than at least one middle school team in all events. Mantua team members are: Adam Longfellow, Amelia Ehlers, Amruta Rajeev, Annie Yupanqui, Ellen Wang Andera, Emily Cui, Evan Gantt, Gavin Clark,

Hanna Kiernan, Henry Orłowski, Mia Brasheaer, Niharika Chandna, Serena Day, Srivaishnavi Kommireddy, and Sydney Cranford. The event medal winners are: Gavin Clark and Evan Gantt for Towers, Ellen Wang Andera and Serena Day for Optics, and Annie Yupanqui and Adam Longfellow for Scramble

Magnet School Application and Lottery Information

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend school based information nights to learn about the lottery process, available transportation, and individual school programs. Program information for each school is provided at that school's information night. Registration for the 2017-18 school year will open on **February 27, 2017** and will close on **March 27, 2017**. For additional information visit:

<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/elementary-magnet-school-lottery>

- Hunters Woods Elementary, Cafeteria. February 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM)
- Bailey's Primary, Cafeteria. February 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM)
- Bailey's Upper, Cafeteria. February 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM)



Spring Fling Save the Date

Join us for Mantua's Annual Spring Fling on **April 22, 2017 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

The Auction Committee is seeking exciting donated items for the Silent Auction. Do you have a special Talent? Do you love to Cook? Can you teach a Sports Clinic? Can you teach a Craft? We are looking for vacation or beach house stays, sports and theater tickets, nice restaurant gift cards, and other special items. Also – we invite you to consider hosting a **Sign On Party**. This is an event people can “**sign on**” and pay for at

the silent auction (Sign up with friends or individually and meet new people!) Examples of sign on parties are themed dinners, game nights, craft parties and any gathering for adults that we can charge per person or per couple. **All**

proceeds benefit the school!

Stay tuned for more exciting Spring Fling Details to come. Questions contact your silent auction chair Jennifer Ros (Jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com) or spring fling chair Chanda McCarthy (fundraising@mantuapta.org).

FREE Safe and Secure Online Seminar

The PTA is excited to present our next Parent Education Seminar, Safe and Secure Online. Join us for a FREE presentation on **Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm OR Wednesday, March 8 at 9:30 am** in the library. Lars McCarter, a cybersecurity professional and fellow Mantua parent, will present important safety strategies for children's safe use of the internet. This presentation is developed by the Center for Cyber Safety and Education and focuses on teaching parents about the risks of online activity so our children learn to use it in a safe and responsible way. Some of the discussions may not be appropriate for children, so **ADULTS ONLY**, please. No RSVP necessary, choose the presentation time most convenient for you. All Adults welcome! Questions, contact PTA Parent Education coordinator, Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com.

2017 Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2017 Mantua Talent Show! Talent Show will take place in the Gym: **Saturday, March 11, 5:30-9:00 p.m.** Questions, contact Althea Bryson at akuhn_ilikai@hotmail.com or 571-830-5320 (call or text) Good luck preparing your acts!

Lost and Found Reminder

There is a large collection of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, lunch bags, water bottles and other personal belongings in the lost and found. Unfortunately many of these items will never be claimed because they have no name on them. Please be sure to label all personal items with at least your last name before they come to school. If you want to check the lost and found it is now in the cafeteria.

Bus Delay Notification System

Parents may access the system [here](#) or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

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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