



Mantua PTA Alert News

February 26, 2013



Family Fun Night: Lego Night is THIS Friday!

Come with your whole family to the Mantua PTA's annual Family Fun Lego Night on Friday, **March 1st** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Brian Meny of Brixalot will return with his millions of Lego and Duplo pieces to lead the group in building projects. There is no cost to attend. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

Mantua Carnival Cake Decorating Contest

Enter the Mantua Carnival's Cake Decorating Contest! Great prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in three age categories: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, and Grade 7-adult. Judging begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, **March 15th**. Contest cakes can be dropped off at Kiss & Ride on Friday, March 15th from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. or in the school cafeteria from 3:50 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please remember that cakes must reflect this year's "The Future's So Bright" theme, and should be decorated by children, not parents. The type of cake must be labeled (i.e. yellow cake with chocolate frosting.) **Please note** that many of our students have food allergies. If you are able to bring a list of ingredients with the cake, it would be greatly appreciated. Finally, all contest cakes will be used for the Carnival's Cakewalk. Sorry, cakes and plates cannot be returned.

Please feel free to contact [Lesley McKnight](#), the Cakewalk and Decorating Contest Committee Chair, with any questions, and good luck!



More information about the Mantua Carnival can be found [HERE!](#)

Mantua Carnival Booth Banner Contest: New Banner Choices!

Due to the popularity of the Carnival Booth Banner Contest we have added additional banner choices to the online sign up. Please visit this [WEBSITE](#) by Thursday, **February 28th** to sign up. For more information on the contest, visit the [Carnival Website](#) and click on the Booth Banner Contest link. Please contact [Michelle Collins](#) with questions.



Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle!

Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle is back! Information about the raffle prizes and ticket sales was sent home in last week's Tuesday folders. Raffle prizes include an iPad Mini, hundreds of dollars in gift cards, \$500 cash, and many more! **NEW PRIZES JUST ADDED:** a Yamaha Portable Keyboard and a Sony DCR-SX85 Handy Cam, both donated by Clay and Kathie Kime of ReMax Preferred Properties.

There are also prizes just for selling tickets. The first ticket-selling prize drawing will be held **this Friday** on GMM! Click on the links here for more [raffle information](#) and an [order form](#). Questions can be directed to [Meri Farling](#).

Mantua Raccoon Runners: Registration Open

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-6th grades. This program, sponsored by the Mantua PTA, will empower young 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 girl in grades 3-6 is eligible to participate.

At the end of the program, the Raccoon Runners will participate in the Raccoon Run, a fundraiser to support Life With Cancer, on Saturday, **May 11th**. Please click on the following links for the [registration form](#) and a more [detailed explanation](#) of the program.

The **registration fee is \$50**, and checks can be made payable to *Mantua PTA*. The deadline for

registration is Monday, **March 4th**. The first 30 spaces will be filled with fall *Girls On The Run* participants and then there will be a lottery for the remaining spaces. If you have any questions, please contact [Meri Farling](#).

Save the Date: Literacy/Heritage Night

Literacy/Heritage Night has been moved to Thursday, **April 18th**. Please be sure to update your calendars so you can join us.

Counselor's Corner: Parent Workshops and Spirit Week

How to Best Help Your Child with the Transition to Middle School

February 27th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Frost parents in the Mantua Cafeteria; Luther Jackson parents in the Library)

- * Hear tips and advice from Middle School Representatives and current parents.
- * Meet key staff members at your child's Middle School and get your questions answered.

Please RSVP to [Allison Warren](#) if you plan to attend.

FCDFS Parenting Education Programs

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services, Parenting Education Programs is enrolling families for several upcoming parenting classes. These programs are special in that both parents and children attend the classes although children are taught in different classrooms than parents. Classes are for Fairfax County residents; meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m.; are free; and include dinner and child care. Classes meet once a week for 12, 13, or 21 weeks depending on the curriculum. For more information, please contact Krissa Slone in Community Partnerships at 703-324-7745 or krissa.slone@fairfaxcounty.gov.

- * Parents with Children 13 sessions, 5-11 years old, offered in English and Spanish

Parents and children learn to increase their empathy, discover new ways to encourage appropriate behaviors, build self-concept and self-esteem, and learn how to have fun as a family.

- * Parents with Children African-American Focus 13 sessions, 5-11 years old, offered in English

Parents and children learn to increase their empathy, discover new ways to encourage appropriate behaviors, build self-concept and self-esteem, and learn how to have fun as a family. This curriculum also emphasizes how African-American history affects the current life

process for African-Americans and includes topics such as the slave experience, transcending oppression and acculturation, spirituality, and accessing resources.

Spirit Days: February 25 - March 1

To commemorate "Read Across America" and Dr. Seuss' birthday, Mantua SCA is planning a week of special days. We hope that students, staff and teachers will have fun participating in the celebration.

Monday, February 25th: If I Ran the Zoo - Bring your favorite stuffed animal

Tuesday, February 26th: The Sleep Book - Wear your pajamas

Wednesday, February 27th: Wacky Wednesday - Wear mismatched outfits

Thursday, February 28th: Cat in the Hat - Wear your favorite hat

Friday, March 1st: My Many Colored Days - Dress in many colors as you can wear

SOL Testing Dates

Please note this year's schedule for SOL Testing:

March

12 & 14 - **5th Grade Writing**

May

13 - **5th Grade Science**

14 - **3rd Grade Reading, part 1**

15 - **3rd Grade Reading, part 2**

16 - **6th Grade Reading**

17 - **4th Grade Reading**

20 - **3rd Grade Science**

21 - **5th Grade Reading**

22 - **4th Grade Social Studies**

23 - **6th Grade Math (all 6th graders)**

24 - **3rd Grade Social Studies**

29 - **5th Grade Math (all 5th graders)**

30 - 4th Grade Math

31 - 3rd Grade Math

June

3 - 6th Grade US History

Important Dates for Parents of Rising 7th Graders

Frost Middle School Dates

Feb. 27 - Parent Workshop at Mantua - How to Best Help Your Child with the Transition

Mar. 1 - Course Registration Sheets due to homeroom teachers

Mar. 21 - Frost Family Festival

Aug. 30 - 7th Grade Orientation at Frost Middle School

School Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/>

Luther Jackson Middle School Dates

Feb. 27 - Parent Workshop at Mantua - How to Best Help Your Child with the Transition

Feb. 28 - Field Trip to Luther Jackson (only for students who will attend Luther Jackson)

Mar. 8 - Course Registration Sheets due to homeroom teachers

School Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/LutherJacksonMS/>

Important Upcoming Events

Mon. Feb 25-Fri. Mar 1 - Dr. Seuss Read Across America Spirit Week

Tues. Feb 26 - Family Storytelling Night, Mantua Library, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wed. Feb 27 - Middle School Information Session, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thurs. Feb 28 - Carnival Poster Contest Registration Deadline

Fri. Mar 1 - Lego Night, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Mon. Mar 4 - Raccoon Run Registration Deadline

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

