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Important Upcoming Dates

April 29: Spring Picture Day

May 1: Family Fun Lego Night, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week ([see details below](#))

May 8: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

May 9: Raccoon Run

May 11-June 5: SOL Testing

May 18: Meeting for Rising Kindergarteners, 2:00 p.m.

June 7: Mantua Homes Tour

MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu

For your convenience, the Mantua office has consolidated all transportation, dismissal, and attendance requests to one email address this year. It is suggested that you continue to copy the student's teacher on all notifications. If you use the [MantuaESAttendance email](#), please do not email individual office staff members. The address is now on the [school webpage](#) next to the attendance phone number (703-645-6363.)

Please keep in mind that all transportation changes must be received by 1:00 p.m., and if your student is going home with someone, then notification must be received from both families.

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is **THIS Wednesday, April 29th** in the gym. Individual pictures will be taken as well as class pictures. We are in need of volunteers to help with Picture Day! To sign up, please click [HERE](#).

Family Fun LEGO Night

Join the PTA this **Friday, May 1st from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria for the annual Family Fun Lego Night! Brian Meny of Brixalot will provide millions of Lego pieces and lead the group in building projects. There is no cost to attend. Children attending the event must be accompanied by an adult. It will be a fun evening! Make plans to come.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 4th–8th

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th-8th! It is the perfect opportunity to show our teachers just how much we appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to the class. Over the years, it has become a tradition at Mantua to do a “little something” each day for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week (SHHH, it's a surprise.) Each thing is totally voluntary; you can do none, some, or all!

Also, don't forget our wonderful specialists – PE, Art, Music, Italian, IA's, Reading Teachers, etc. We have so many wonderful staff members at Mantua that are deserving of some recognition!

- **Monday** – Bring in ONE flower (not one bouquet, one flower.) You can buy this flower, but you can also send in something from your garden.
- **Tuesday** – Bring in a card (handmade or bought) or picture or crafty handmade item.
- **Wednesday** – Bring in one sweet treat: one Hershey's Kiss, one homemade cookie, etc.
- **Thursday** – Bring in one school supply: Post it notes, a Sharpie, disinfecting wipes, stickers, etc.
- **Friday** - Bring in one piece of fruit.

Some room parents may be sending out additional information for your classroom. If you have questions, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

Raccoon Run on May 9th

Join Rocky the Raccoon, the Kids Care Club, and the Mantua Community for this great event supporting a great cause, Life with Cancer. Sign up by April 28th to be guaranteed a cool t-shirt! Remember the class with the most participants wins a free Pizza/Ice Cream Party – and teachers count double!

For more information, visit www.raccoonrun.org or contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703.966.8304.

SOL Schedule

May 11– 3rd Grade Reading, part 1
May 12– 3rd Grade Reading, part 2
May 13 – 4th Grade Reading
May 15 – 5th Grade Reading

May 19 – 6th Grade Reading
May 20 – 5th Grade Science
May 22 – 4th grade Math

May 27 – 6th Grade Math
May 28 – 3rd Grade Math, part 1
May 29 – 3rd Grade Math, part 2

June 1 – 5th Grade Math
June 2 – 4th Grade Virginia History

Kindergarten Open House

Mantua will hold its Kindergarten Open House for parents AND rising kindergarteners on **Monday, May 18th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** All students registering for kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year must be 5 years old by September 30, 2015. Please stop by the school office to register your child between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. before May 15th. For more information, call the Mantua front office at 703-645-6300.

Mantua Homes Tour

The 2nd Annual Mantua Homes Tour is coming! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 7th, 12:00-4:00 p.m.** Support the PTA while getting great ideas for your spring projects! Online registration will open May 1st - Look for all registration options and information in future Alert News issues.

Staff-Parent Basketball Game

Thank you to everyone who attended the Staff-Parent Basketball Game! It was such a fun event with the Parent Team pulling out a 43-41 win in overtime. Thanks to all of the teachers and parents who played - and, a special thank you to Brian Collins and Dan Lash for organizing the event.

Woodson HS Flea Market and Spring Festival

Woodson Cav Cruise is hosting a Flea Market and Festival on **May 16th, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** Set up your yard sale or flea market. Sell your original creations - photography, art,

jewelry, clothing, etc. Whatever you want to sell, this is the perfect venue. Registrations will be accepted until May 9th unless sold out before that date. Discounts available if interested in reserving multiple spaces. There will be food trucks, entertainment, a car wash, many fun activities, and a 5k run. Proceeds from vendor registrations support Cav Cruise, Woodson's all-night Graduation party. For more information, visit www.woodsonptso.org/cavalier-cruise.html.

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.