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## Important Upcoming Dates

February 25: Parent Education Workshop, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

February 26: Parent Education Workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

February 26: Box Tops Contest Ends

March 1: School Closed, Presidential Primary Election Day

March 4: Family Fun Lego Night, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

March 11: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria (**NEW DATE!**)

March 12: Talent Show, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

March 21-28: School Closed, Spring Break

## Family Fun Lego Night

Join the PTA for Lego Night on **Friday, March 4th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria. It's a family fun night you don't want to miss! Brian Meny of Brixalot will bring millions of lego brix and lead the group in building projects. There is no cost to attend. All children participating must be accompanied to by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions. We'll see you there!

## Talent Show Coordinator Shadow Needed Now!

Do you have a gift for directing? Are you someone that wants to see the arts continue to grow at Mantua? Do you have a passion for music, drama, poetry, and dance? If so the Talent Show Coordinator is the perfect role for you. Please contact [Lisa Libby](#) for more information. Thanks for volunteering so our Mantua Elementary community can thrive!

## The Spring Fling Needs You!

Please consider volunteering for the most anticipated school fundraiser of the year - the Spring Fling! We still need key people to shadow our veteran volunteers to continue this

wonderful community event coming up on **Saturday, April 2nd**. If you are interested in joining in on the fun or would like more information, please contact [Chanda McCarthy](#). Thank you for your support!

## Raccoon Runners

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls and boys in third through sixth 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. There are two teams: one for girls and one for boys. **Please help: the boys team is in need of another coach. If you are interested, please contact Meri Farling at [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com).**

The Raccoon Runners is a six week program that will meet before school. The Girl's team will meet Monday and Wednesday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the gym starting March 30th. The Boy's team will meet on Tuesday and Friday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the gym starting March 29th. Both teams will start the mornings with some sort of physical activity. Exercise will consist of a variety of activities from yoga, boot camp, strength training and flexibility, to 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, social issues and many others.

At the end of the program, the Raccoon Runners will participate in Mantua's Raccoon Run 5K, Saturday, May 7th. Deadline for registration is **Friday, March 11th**. The registration form can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please read the information found [HERE](#) or contact [Meri Farling](#).

## Box Tops Contest ENDS Friday!

During the month of February, the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired), cut on cutting line, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your teacher's name. If you have any questions, please contact [Yoshiko Barzdukas](#). You can

submit your Box Tops now. The contest ends this **Friday, February 26th.**

## Celebrate Calm THIS Week

Our long-awaited parent education seminar, Celebrate Calm, will be presented on **Thursday, February 25th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. or Friday, February 26th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Both sessions will be held in the library and no RSVP is needed. Bring a friend and come hear Kirk and Casey Martin demonstrate 10 practical ways to get your kids to listen the first time; stop defiance, disrespect and yelling; get kids off video games/screens without a fight; and create stress-free mornings, homework time and bedtime. More information can be found [HERE](#) or contact Mantua PTA Parent Education Coordinator [Kathy Phillips](#).

## Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky and to Local Business Supporters!

Thanks to all who made a “Friends of Rocky” Donation – the PTA appreciates your support!

**Sriram Peri:** Diamond Level

Thanks to local businesses who made a donation, as well - the PTA appreciates your support!

**Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster:** Platinum Level

**Cathy Pongmalai, Realtor:** Gold Level

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## 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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