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## Important Upcoming Dates

March 1: School Closed, Presidential Primary Election Day

March 2-4: Dr. Seuss Special Days ([see below](#))

March 4: Candy Gram Orders Due

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

March 10: Colonial Day for 4th Grade

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

April 2: Spring Fling, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

## Lego Night THIS Friday

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!

## Read Across America Week

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.

- Wednesday, March 2: Dress Up as Your Favorite Dr. Seuss Character
- Thursday, March 3: Show Off Your Mustache (like [The Lorax](#))
- Friday, March 4: Pajama Day ([I Am Not Going to Get Up Today!](#))

## SCA Candy Grams

Candy Gram orders are due **Friday, March 4th!** If you need more order forms, please see [Ms. Kim](#). Candy Grams will be delivered before Spring Break!

## 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!

## Chat n Chew Book Club Coordinator for Next Year!

Do you have a rising 3rd-6th grader that loves reading? Do you want to foster a life-long love of reading in other kids? If so, the Chat n Chew Book Club Coordinator is the perfect role for you. Please contact [Lisa Libby](#) for more information. Thanks for volunteering so our Mantua Elementary community can thrive!

## FLEX (Foreign Language Experience) Winter Classes

Mantua PTA organizes language classes through FCPS's Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) program. FLEX is developed especially for elementary school children, who are at the optimal age for learning another language. Students are encouraged to study basic vocabulary and phrases through stories, games, activities, and music.

Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. The Winter Session begins in March and continues for 10 weeks. The tuition cost is \$159 and includes materials and instruction.

This spring we are excited to offer the classes below. Click on the course title to register, and please make sure to select the course taught at Mantua. Registration is currently underway.

[German Level 1](#) for grades 2-6

[Spanish Level 1](#) for grades 1-4

For links to the classes, you can also visit the [Mantua PTA](#)

[site](#). Have questions? Contact [Susanne Fitch](#).

## Mantua Spring Fling is Coming!

The Mantua Spring Fling will be held on **Saturday, April 2nd from 11:00 a.m.-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! Look for more information coming soon!

## Colonial Day Help Needed

Attention all 4th grade parents! Colonial Day will be on **Thursday, March 10th**, and we are looking for parents to help support our effort in giving students a real life experience of the Virginian colonists! We need many volunteers to make the day a success and have many volunteer times and opportunities available for you. We also need items donated for the lunch and activities.

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

Click [HERE](#) to donate needed items!

Please feel free to contact Ms. Garneski with questions about the items needed or what volunteering would require. Thank you for your help!

## 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](#).

## Frost Bingo Night is March 11th

Get ready to Bingo the night away at Frost Bingo Night, Friday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. You do not want to miss this event! Join your fellow Frost families for laughter and FUN:

- prizes - iPad mini, Beats headphones
- food
- desserts
- raffles - Gift cards, Coach Wootten Basketball Camp
- spirit wear available for sale

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. to pick up Bingo cards and meals. Students/children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Pre-order** your Bingo cards (\$10 adult, \$7 student and staff), meals (\$5 - Chick fil A sandwich meal or a pizza meal), and raffle tickets (\$1 each or 8 for \$5) on-line [HERE](#).

There are 9 games per card, and we will be playing 9 games between 7:00-9:00 p.m. You may also pick up and drop off Bingo pre-order forms and check payment in the Frost office.

PRE-ORDERS will end Wednesday, March 9th. Items may also be purchased at the door on Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Bingo cards \$12 adult, \$10 student and staff; and meals \$7. Food will be available until gone. If you are counting on dinner, please PRE-ORDER.

Thanks to Critter Concierge, David Hughes Orthodontics,

Twins Ace Hardware for their generous donations supporting Bingo Night.

## 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

## 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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