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Important Upcoming Dates

March 21-25: School Closed, Spring Break

March 28: Student Holiday, Office Open

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

April 6: Spring Picture Day

April 14: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library

April 15: Parent & Teachers Basketball Game, 7:00 p.m.

April 20: AAP Orientation, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 21: 2-Hour Early Release, Dismissal at 2:05 p.m.

April 21: Kindergarten Open House, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

April 22: Student Holiday, School Closed

April 27: Heritage & Literacy Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Spring Break is Next Week

Please note that spring break for FCPS is **March 21st-25th**. The school office will be closed that entire week. There is also a student holiday on **March 28th**.

Spring Fling is Almost Here/Volunteers Needed!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Grab the whole family on **Saturday, April 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for our annual SPRING FLING! Head to the school for a day of gigantic inflatable amusements, carnival activities, and games and prizes for everyone. Don't miss the local food vendors, market place, and silent auction featuring prizes from all your favorite teachers and Mantua staff. Join us for this fun-filled afternoon which is also a great way to support our school!

THIS EVENT TAKES MANY VOLUNTEERS TO RUN SMOOTHLY. Do you have ONE HOUR to give to help make this huge event a success? Please visit the volunteer sign up

site [HERE](#). Sign up early to get the job of your choice! **Do you have a teenager in need of Community Service hours? The Mantua Spring Fling is happy to have responsible teenagers sign up to volunteer for this event!**

Thank you for volunteering! Email [Chanda McCarthy](#) with any questions.

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/April.

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.

[Chinese Level 1](#) for grades K-3

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

[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](#).

Parent & Teachers Basketball Extravaganza

The Mantua PTA is proud to invite you to join us for Mantua Parents & Teachers vs. Mantua Parents & Teachers Basketball Extravaganza! Come cheer on your favorite teachers and basketball coaches as they battle against each other. The game will be played on **Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.** at Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street in Fairfax. Pre-sale tickets are \$3/person and \$15/family. They will be sold on Thursday, April 14th and Friday, April 15th, 8:30-9:00 a.m. outside of the cafeteria. Tickets at the door will be \$5/person and \$20 family. Don't miss the fun!

16th Annual Raccoon Run 5K and Mile Fun Run!

Save the date and register now for **Saturday, May 7th at 8:00 a.m.** benefiting [Life with Cancer](#). Go to www.raccoonrun.org for all the details or contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490. See you soon for the Raccoon Run's Sweet Sixteen!

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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Email Lisa Libby at lisa.a.libby@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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