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Important Upcoming Dates

April 14: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
April 15: Parent & Teachers Basketball Game, 7:00 p.m.,
Woodson HS
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: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
April 27: Heritage & Literacy Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PTA Meeting THIS Thursday

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting this **Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. Hear from the school principals and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

Nominating Committee

The Mantua PTA Executive Board is in need of 3 PTA Members to serve on the Nominating Committee to put forth the new slate of Executive Board Members for the 2016-2017 school year. We need to elect this Nominating Committee at our April 14th PTA Meeting (you do not need to be present at this meeting to be a member of the committee, though it is encouraged.) The slate needs to be announced at our May meeting and the membership will vote on the slate at our final meeting in June.

If you would like to be a part of this important committee or have questions, please contact [Julie Middleton](#), PTA President. This is a volunteer commitment that will last approximately 1 month and is not very time consuming (especially if you already know some Mantua parents that would be perfect for the PTA Executive Board!)

Here is the excerpt from our PTA Bylaws about the committee. According to Article VIII, Section 4 of the Mantua PTA Bylaws, the Nominating committee:

- a. There shall be a nominating committee composed of three (3) members who shall be elected by this PTA/PTSA at a regular meeting at least two (2) months prior to the election of officers. The committee shall elect its own chairman.
- b. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at a regular meeting no less than thirty (30) days prior to the election meeting. At the election meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- c. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

Parent & Teachers Basketball Extravaganza THIS Friday

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 this **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!

6th Grade End of Year Party!

Mantua's 6th grade awards ceremony and party will be held on **Wednesday, June 22nd**. We will need parent volunteers to support this fun event. If you are interested in helping out, please contact [Lori Recher](#) or visit [THIS SITE](#)

Raccoon Run 5K & Mile Fun Run AND Glory Days Grill

Register now at www.raccoonrun.org for the **Saturday, May 7th** Mile Fun Run and 5K race. The race begins at 8:00 a.m. Dine at Glory Days Grill, and support Life with Cancer. Turn in itemized receipts to office between April 7-28 from any Glory Days location. LWC will receive 10% of the bill.

The Pledge Program has kicked off so invite your friends and family to support your participation in the race. Remember the class with the most participants wins a pizza/ice cream

class party! Questions or to volunteer, contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703-966-8304.

Normal Teen Behavior vs. Warning Signs: Will You Recognize the Difference?

Fewer than half of teens with major depression and even fewer with substance abuse problems actually receive treatment. It can be difficult to differentiate between typical teenage behavior and problems and the symptoms of unhealthy levels of stress, drug or alcohol abuse, or serious emotional difficulties. Come improve your understanding of when your teen/soon-to-be teen might require professional help and learn what to do next. Come to Woodson High School (Cavalier Hall) on **Tuesday, April 26th, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** to hear and ask questions of child and adolescent experts: local psychologist, Dr. Claudette Pilger, and Dominion Hospital (a mental health care facility) psychiatrist, Dr Temitope Oyegbile. More information can be found [HERE](#)

Thank You Spring Fling Sponsors

Thanks so much to these wonderful local businesses for supporting this year's Mantua Spring Fling. It was a huge success!



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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