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Important Upcoming Dates

February 14th-28th: Sharing is Caring Book Drive

Deadlines

February 22 (Wednesday): Last day to submit Box Tops.
February 27-March 27: Magnet School Registration.

Box Tops Collection Contest

Please help us reach our collection goal! The classroom turning in the most **Box Tops by February 22**, will win a pizza party. Pink Box Tops can be found on participating products like General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker baking mixes, Ziploc and Hefty bags, Scott paper products, and more. Clip the Box Tops and attach them to the collection sheet or send them to school with your child in a Ziploc bag. Be sure to label them with your child's name and the name of his/her teacher. Box Tops can be given to their teacher, or placed in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. Need more fun and more opportunities to earn Box Tops? Check out the Box Top website at www.btfe.com, and you could win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua! Questions, email Amber Reynolds aarmagost@hotmail.com.

Fairfax County Science & Engineering Fair

This year's Fairfax County Science & Engineering (FCSE) Fair will take place on **Saturday May 13, 2017** at George Mason University. <https://www.fcsefair.com>

The FCSE fair will accept projects in the areas of Life and Earth Sciences, Physical Science and Engineering. The divisions are:

Division I (grades 1-3)

Division II (grades 4-5)

Division III (grades 6-8)

Students are encouraged to begin working on their projects now so that sufficient time is allowed for planning, data gathering, and final presentation of results. Students are expected to keep a journal documenting the progress of their investigation. Please make sure students know this before they get started.

Rules & Guidelines (43 pages) are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/h2nloxx>

The FCSE fair has several requirements in advance of project start and submission this year, including a checklist, research plan/project summary, and an approval form. The FCSE fair will be following the rules of Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF); more information about Intel ISEF is available at: <http://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef>.

If there are more interested students than available slots allotted to Mantua (which we will find out in early April), we will schedule an in-school science fair, tentatively Wednesday April 19.

Please email mantuasciencefair@gmail.com if your child is interested in participating in the science fair. Please include:

- Child's name:
- Child's grade:
- Child's teacher:
- Child's interested project area:
- Child's proposed project topic (if known):

Additional paperwork as noted above will be necessary prior to enrolling in the county science fair. All projects should be ready by mid-April.

Lost and Found Reminder

There is a large collection of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, lunch bags, water bottles and other personal belongings in the lost and found. Unfortunately many of these items will never be claimed because they have no name on them. Please be sure to label all personal items with at least your last name before they come to school. If you want to check the lost and

found it is now in the cafeteria.

Magnet School Application and Lottery Information

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend school based information nights to learn about the lottery process, available transportation, and individual school programs. Program information for each school is provided at that school's information night. Registration for the 2017-18 school year will open on **February 27, 2017** and will close on **March 27, 2017**. For additional information visit:

<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/elementary-magnet-school-lottery>

- Hunters Woods Elementary, Cafeteria. February 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM)
- Bailey's Primary, Cafeteria. February 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM)
- Bailey's Upper, Cafeteria. February 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM)

Sharing is Caring Book Drive

Please donate to the [Sharing is Caring Book Drive](#) that benefits children in our community and others near and far. We are looking for gently used children's books. Collecting from **February 14th-28th**. Drop-off bin in the Library.

Girls' Raccoon Runners

Raccoon Runners will be starting the spring program March 20. It is an 8-week program that meets every Monday and Wednesday before school from 8:00-9:00. We run, stretch, play games and have a lot of fun. We want these girls to grow stronger both physically and mentally. Please sign up via the Mantua PTA web site (www.mantuapta.org). Registration will be open until **March 6**.

FREE Safe and Secure Online Seminar

The PTA is excited to present our next Parent Education

Seminar, Safe and Secure Online. Join us for a FREE presentation on **Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm OR Wednesday, March 8 at 9:30 am** in the library. Lars McCarter, a cybersecurity professional and fellow Mantua parent, will present important safety strategies for children's safe use of the internet. This presentation is developed by the Center for Cyber Safety and Education and focuses on teaching parents about the risks of online activity so our children learn to use it in a safe and responsible way. Some of the discussions may not be appropriate for children, so **ADULTS ONLY**, please. No RSVP necessary, choose the presentation time most convenient for you. All Adults welcome! Questions, contact PTA Parent Education coordinator, Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com.

Eco-School Exploratory Committee

We are looking for teachers, administrators and parents to join an Eco-School exploratory committee. Half the schools in FCPS are registered as Eco-Schools. (More on the program can be found here: <http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA.aspx>). We have already implemented many eco-friendly initiatives like school gardens, recycling and bike racks and are ready to develop a more school-wide approach. This exploratory committee would help us implement a plan to move forward and also form a permanent Eco-School committee or "Green Committee" that would be comprised of students, teachers, administrators and parents. Please contact Kati Hesford (kati.hesford@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Update for Rising 7th Grade Parents

Rising 7th grade parents, if you have questions regarding middle school, please contact Ms. Kim (sskim1@fcps.edu), counselor.

To access course catalog and to print out a new registration form, please visit:

FROST MS: <https://tinyurl.com/z8noobb>

LUTHER JACKSON MS: <https://tinyurl.com/hw3wlmo>

If your student is attending middle school other than Frost or Luther Jackson, contact Ms. Kim for questions.

2017 Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2017 Mantua Talent Show! Talent Show will take place in the Gym: **Saturday, March 11, 5:30-9:00 p.m.** Questions, contact Althea

Bryson at akuhn_likai@hotmail.com or 571-830-5320 (call or text) Good luck preparing your acts!

Student Fundraiser/Woodson and Robinson

Fight for Futures, a team of students from Woodson and Robinson, is participating in the Students of the Year Campaign, a six-week fundraising competition in which nominated high school students raise funds to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Chapter. We have selected to work with LLS because blood cancer research can be the gateway to curing other cancers. Do you know that leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer in children under the age of 20? It is time to take a stand. But we cannot do it alone, we need your help.

Our team goal is to raise \$25,000 between January 12th and February 25th. There are a few ways you can support our fundraising efforts:

- 1) Donate via our fundraising page:
<http://events.lls.org/pages/nca/DCSOY2017/tfightforf>
- 2) Share our message & fundraising link with your contacts via email or social media
- 3) Attend our Fun Run at Burke Lake Park on Jan. 29th: Register online at
<http://events.lls.org/pages/nca/DCSOY2017/pfunrun>
- 4) Help us secure a corporate sponsorship (Sponsorships start at \$2500 and sponsors receive Gala benefits)

Thank you for your generosity and support. Your donation truly makes a difference and with your help, we're one step closer to a cure for blood cancers. Questions, email Fight for Futures (fightforfutureslls@gmail.com)

Spring Break Art Camp

April 10-April 13 (Spring Break) 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Nathalie Shirley and Davide Lorenzi, our wonderful Mantua Art Teachers, will direct a Spring Break Art Camp. Only 32 students **Grades 2-6** will be admitted into the program, cost for camp is \$120 per student and each child should bring clothes they don't mind getting dirty, lunch and one snack. Flier was in last week's Tuesday folder. Questions, email nsshirley@fcps.edu.

Bus Delay Notification System

Parents may access the system [here](#) or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

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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