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Important Upcoming Dates

March 22 (Wednesday): Heritage and Literacy Night, 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

March 31 (Friday): 4th Grade Colonial Day.

Deadlines

March 15 (Wednesday): Form for Participation in Heritage Night due.

Due to Winter Storm Warning all [Fairfax County public schools and offices will be closed](#) **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**. The following activities in schools and on school grounds are canceled:

extracurricular activities
 interscholastic contests
 team practices
 field trips

School age child care (SACC) centers are closed.

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Attendance:
 703-645-6363
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Parent Participation at Heritage Night!

We need parents to participate in Heritage Night. The wonderful event will take place on **March 22nd from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** If you have any questions please contact

[Luis Uribe Gamboa](#), Coordinator for Heritage Night, at **703-645-6405**. We can't do this event without you! Please fill out the [participation form](#) and return by Wednesday, March 15.

Eco-Corner News

Exciting news for Mantua Elementary! Mantua has registered to be part of the Eco-Schools USA program, a nationwide program that engages students and educators to integrate sustainable principles throughout their school and curriculum. Kids and grown-ups will work together to achieve environmentally sound practices, enhance academic achievement and foster environmental stewardship. We'll capture and report on savings in the areas of energy, water, waste and our carbon footprint. To learn more about the program, go to

<http://get2green.fcps.edu/ecoschools.html> More information will be forthcoming as we work to establish an Eco-Action Team. If you have interest in getting involved in the early stages of the program, please contact kati.hesford@gmail.com.

Eco-Tip of the Week

Spring cleaning will soon be upon us! When disposing of yard waste, please use paper bags or reusable containers instead of plastic garbage bags. This will ensure that yard waste gets processed as compost or mulch instead of going into the trash. You can also save time and money by either grasscycling (leaving clippings on the lawn to decompose and return nutrients to the soil) or composting. Composting is an easy way to recycle yard waste, as well as food scraps.

SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age

The WT Woodson High School PTSO would like to invite parents and students from our pyramid schools to our presentation of SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7pm** in the Woodson auditorium. Screenagers is a documentary about one of the biggest parenting issues of our time. Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Through poignant, and unexpectedly

funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

SCREENAGERS addresses this pervasive parenting issue head on — depicting teen struggles over social media, video games and internet addiction.

View the trailer here: <http://www.screenagersmovie.com/>.

Tickets are free, but please RSVP

here: <https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-woodson-high-school-ptso-2111>

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa French at melissawtwptso@gmail.com

Parents Wanted for Superintendent Interview Panel

The Fairfax County School Board is searching for a new superintendent to begin employment on July 1. Consultants from the search firm of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates are screening candidates for consideration, and the School Board will begin interviewing candidates in March. The School Board is establishing a stakeholder committee to interview up to three finalists.

The Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA) is asking all parents who currently have children attending Fairfax County public schools to consider applying to assist with the interviews. Interviews will be held in March and April. Those selected to serve on the panel will be given exact dates and times and must be able to commit to all meetings.

Apply to be a superintendent's interview panelist [here](#).

For further information, contact Kimberly Adams at president@fcepta.org.

Collection for Fairfax Animal Shelter

Mantua Fifth Grade Girl Scout Troop 5658 is collecting items to deliver to the Fairfax Animal Shelter when they visit later this month! Please help the shelter and the many animals in

need by donating any of the following items: towels, paper towels, AA and AAA batteries, small dog treats, and quart and gallon-sized ziploc bags. A collection box will be in the front hallway of the school near the display case through **Wednesday March 15th!** Thank you for your support! Questions, email Teresa Lemair at teresalemair@aol.com

Camp Try It

April 10-13, 9 AM-4 PM. Camp Try It is a community outreach camp designed as an introductory program for elementary school girls in grades K-6 who are NOT currently Girl Scouts. Join Camp Try it for four days of new friends, fun, and sunshine! Campers will participate in a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, outdoor skills, songs, games, cooking, science experiments, and more. The camp is held at Braddock Elementary School in Annandale. The fee is \$40 (financial assistance available) and includes bus transportation, activities, supplies, and snacks. For more information, contact Rene Megill at rmegill@gscnc.org or 703-372-4341. Register by [following the link](#) or [fill out the form](#) and submit.



Spring Fling Save the Date

Join us for Mantua's Annual Spring Fling on **April 22, 2017 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

The Auction Committee is seeking exciting donated items for the Silent Auction. Do you have a special Talent? Do you love to Cook? Can you teach a Sports Clinic? Can you teach a Craft? We are looking for vacation or beach house stays, sports and theater tickets, nice restaurant gift cards, and other special items. Also – we invite you to consider hosting a **Sign On Party**. This is an event people can “**sign on**” and pay for at the silent auction (Sign up with friends or individually and meet new people!) Examples of sign on parties are themed dinners, game nights, craft parties and any gathering for

adults that we can charge per person or per couple. **All proceeds benefit the school!**

Stay tuned for more exciting Spring Fling Details to come. Questions contact your silent auction chair Jennifer Ros (Jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com) or spring fling chair Chanda McCarthy (fundraising@mantuapta.org).

2017-18 School Year Calendar

Looking ahead to the 2017-18 school year, be sure to note that the first day of school will be **Monday, August 28**. See the [2017-18 school year calendar](#).

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.

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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