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Important Upcoming Dates

March 30 (Thursday): 4th Grade Colonial Day.

March 31 (Friday): Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 7 p.m. Mantua Drama Club in Gym.

April 1 (Saturday): Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 2:00 p.m. Mantua Drama Club in Gym. Robinson MS, Kids Night Out, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Robinson MS, Kids Night Out, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

April 5 (Wednesday): Screenagers: Growing up in the digital age, Woodson, 7pm.

April 7 (Friday): 2 Hour Early Release.

April 10-14: Spring Break, No Classes.

April 17 (Monday): Student Holiday, No Classes.

Deadlines

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Join GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS Charlie Bucket, Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde, Veruca Salt and Mike Teevee as they explore Willy Wonka's own Chocolate Factory in Mantua Elementary School Drama Club's performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! The Oompa Loompas and our Narrators will guide you through this wonderfully wacky world of candy, wild rides and fun. Join us on opening night, **Friday, March 31 at 7p.m.**, or our matinee performance on

[Annoucnement](#)

April 1, at 2 p.m. Tickets on sale at the door and concessions available inside.

Eco-Tip of the Week

The Price of Convenience-Plastic water bottles are inexpensive, disposable and convenient, but they use a lot of fossil fuels to make and transport, and pollute the environment. Tons of plastic waste are dumped into the ocean, break down and release toxic chemicals and particles. These chemicals are absorbed by small marine life and eventually work their way up the food supply. Send your child to school with a reusable bottle so they can fill it up as needed from water fountains or sinks. Encourage your family to use reusable water bottles and make it a habit of taking them with you whenever you go out. Make a family pledge to not use plastic water bottles for 30 days, and see how much you can save. A plastic water bottle costs 1,000 times more than tap water and it takes 700 years for bottles to decompose. Watch www.plasticoceans.org a film on the impacts of plastics on our oceans.

Spring Fling Save the Date

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Grab the whole family on Saturday, **April 22nd 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! (go to Mantuapta.org to see our amazing list of Sponsors!)

[Poster Contest...Check your Tuesday Folders for Details!](#)

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! Items bought to improve our school this year have been, ten laptops for the reading room, dehumidifiers to improve classroom air, smart board rails to hand smart bards in classrooms and more.

More [information in flier](#). 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).

Mantua Spring Fling Needs Volunteers!!!

As with any of our PTA events, we cannot have a successful Spring Fling (**April 22**) without the help from PARENT volunteers! Can you please volunteer to help for just one hour? There are many fun jobs to choose from!

Cotton Candy “Swirler”!

Inflatable “Watcher”!

Dunk Tank “Water Catcher” ...not to be confused with dunk tank victim!

...And many more!

Please visit Sign Up Genius <https://tinyurl.com/k39lwwq> to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

Questions, contact Cindy Rucknocruckno@yahoo.com

Medical Misson Trip Needs Stuffed Animals

Hello everyone! My name is Emma Bazemore and on **April 22** and I will be heading to the Dominican Republic on a medical mission trip. On this trip, some of the children we will be serving will need medical care and surgery. I am collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to take with me, that will be given to the children that we will serve on the trip.

A donation box is set up by the front office at school.

Please consider donating a furry friend, or lots of them!

Raccoon Run

Reccocon Run 5K race and Mile Fun Run on **May 13, 8am** to benefit Inova Fairfax Life with Cancer. Sponsored by the Kids Care Club, this year marks the 17th annual race in memory of Mantua Teacher, Roberta Romano. Please join her daughter, Alexa, a HS English Teacher and Mantua ES Alum, and the rest of the Mantua school community for this great event. Find out more and register NOW at www.raccoonrun.org.

Questions, contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, 703.966.8304, jalcooper@aol.com

FCPS Summer Program

Girls summer camp for ages 8 - 14, July 10-14, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. For registration go here <https://tinyurl.com/lf8972h>.

Providence Players Presents "To Kill A Mockingbird"

One of Mantua's Drama kids is making his community theater debut this weekend. Congratulations to this season's Michael from Peter Pan, now in "To Kill A Mockingbird" at Providence Players in Falls Church as Charles Baker Harris (Dill), Caden Mitchell (and his brother Champe, who also performed in Peter Pan as Mr. Darling/Chief Tiger Bamboo, and who you may see as he is an understudy). Opening Night is **March 24 and runs through April 8**. More information at: <https://providenceplayers.thundertix.com>

Virginia State Destination Imagination Tournament

Three of Mantua's 6th graders are advancing to the [Virginia State Destination Imagination Tournament](#) on April 8. Champe Mitchell, Amruta Rajeev and Niharika Chandra are part of team "Mischief Unmanaged," and they took 3rd place in the Scientific:Top Secret Challenge at the Regional Tournament a couple of weeks ago.

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

Robinson MS Kids Night Out

Robinson's Student Government Association (SGA). Have planned their sixth annual Kid's Night Out fundraiser for **Saturday, April 1st** at Robinson from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per kid+\$5 for pizza. Robinson SGA will be organizing super fun activities on Coffey Stadium Field (various sports and fun games). Questions email, Ava Alonso robinsonkno@aol.com.

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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