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Important Upcoming Dates

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 18 (Tuesday): Next Alert News to be published.

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

April 20-21 (Thurs- Sat): Aladdin at Jackson Middle School.

April 27 (Thursday): AAP Orientation. Details will be sent home with students in their Tues. folder, 7-8 p.m.

Deadlines

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!](#)

Spring Fling Silent Auction

The Spring Fling is fast approaching and with it the Silent Auction! Our wonderful staff at Mantua has put together an amazing list of items and experiences for you and your kids to bid on! Will you be a winner?! We have pizza parties and movie dates, miniature golf outings and cooking classes, high tea and craft lessons! Or maybe a party is more your style... you could sign up to make jewelry, decorate cake pops, dine on amazing burgers or learn to knit! Look out for more details in the next Alert News and on the Mantua PTA Facebook page! If you'd like to donate an item for the auction or have an idea for a sign on party, please 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

Eco-Tip of the Week

Congrats to Ms. Sullivan, our 5th grade teacher who has won the 2017 Hog Island Environmental Teacher Scholarship for designing the best plan for bringing conservation education to students outdoors. The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia annually awards this scholarship and allows winners to participate in a week-long hands-on camp on Hog Island, Maine. Michele will learn more about the role of citizen scientists, explore different teaching methods about conservation, and visit the restored Atlantic Puffin and Tern colony on Eastern Egg Rock. Visit www.audubonva.org to find out more about this organization, upcoming local events, workshops, and how you and your kids can get involved to

advocate conservation and restoration of our natural ecosystems.

Aladdin at Luther Jackson Middle School

You are invited to come on a magic carpet ride in Agrabah! Will a street rat get his wish and become a prince? Or will the evil Jafar become the Sultan of Agrabah? April 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. matinee on Saturday April 22 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets in advance \$5 can be ordered from the LJMS Office and will be available at "Will Call". Tickets at the door \$6.

Questions? E-mail: smjones3@fcps.edu

Parent Education Session: Curious about Executive Functioning?

April Parent Education Session: Curious about Executive Functioning? Does your child struggle to organize, monitor their own behavior, multitask, engage in group dynamics, finish work on time, ask for help, solve novel problems or develop strategies for problems? Come to our informal parent education session on **Friday, April 28, 9:30-10:30 am** in the library to discuss executive functioning information and strategies with Anna Bukont, Mantua School Psychologist, and Laura Thieman, Mantua Social Worker. **ALL ARE INVITED, NO RSVP NECESSARY.** Questions? contact Mantua PTA Parent Education Coordinator, Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com

Medical Mission 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!

17th Annual Raccoon Run

SIGN UP TODAY for the 17th annual Raccoon 5K race and

Mile Fun Run on Saturday, May 13 at 8am. All proceeds benefit Life with Cancer. Register 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>.

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

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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