



# ALERT NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**April 26** (Wednesday): Spring Picture Day.

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

**April 28** (Friday): Executive Functioning, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**May 1-5**: Teacher Appreciation Week.

**May 2** (Tuesday): Kindergarten Orientation, 2:50-3:40 p.m.

**May 4** (Thursday): Spring Band Concert, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**May 5** (Friday): PTA meeting, 9:30 a.m., Mantua Cafeteria.

## Deadlines

## Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, April 26th** in the gym.

There will be a class picture taken as well as an individual one.

For spring pictures, the photography company will send a picture packet home to each family, you keep the ones you want and pay for them and return the rest to the front office.

The class picture DOES need to be paid for in advance (cost is \$10) envelopes were sent home in last week's Tuesday folder.

## PTA Monthly Meeting – NEW DATE!!

The PTA's monthly meeting for May has a **new date - Friday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m.** in the school cafeteria. Please come to hear the latest news and happenings at our school. The slate of nominees for next year's PTA Executive Board will be announced

at this meeting.

## Appreciate Your Student's Homeroom Teacher and Specialists Teacher Appreciation Week

This is the perfect opportunity to show our teachers just how much we appreciate all their hard work and dedication. Over the years, it has become a tradition at Mantua to do a “little something” each day for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week (SHHH, it's a surprise.) Each thing is totally voluntary; you can do none, some, or all!

Also, don't forget our wonderful specialists – PE, Art, Music, Italian, IA's, Reading Teachers, etc. We have so many wonderful staff members at Mantua that are deserving of recognition!

- **Monday, 5/1** – Bring in ONE flower (not one bouquet, one flower.) You can buy this flower, but you can also send in something from your garden.
- **Tuesday, 5/2** – Bring in a card (handmade or bought) or picture or crafty handmade item.
- **Wednesday, 5/3** – Bring in one sweet treat: one Hershey's Kiss, one homemade cookie, etc.
- **Thursday, 5/4** – Bring in one school supply: Post it notes, a Sharpie, disinfecting wipes, stickers, etc.
- **Friday, 5/5** – Bring in one piece of fruit.

Some room parents may be sending out additional information for your classroom.

## Spring Fling Thank You

Thank you for a successful Spring Fling! Despite the rain, Mantua parents and students came out to enjoy a fun day playing games, winning prizes and making memories! This is what makes our school community a wonderful place! Thanks so much to these awesome Mantua parents for their tireless efforts in making this such a huge success: Sarah Bogardus, Dawn Keene, Lesley McKnight, Aly Neuhauser, Jennifer Ros, Nicole Willis, and Cindy Ruckno! And, thank you very much to all the many other volunteers that ran the games, sold goodies and those that spent their day helping in any way! All of YOU helped make this year's Spring Fling Fundraiser a successful community event!

Thank you to all of our sponsors:

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Thank you!

Chanda McCarthy

Mantua PTA, VP

of Fundraising

## Final Box Top Contest

The last Box Top Contest for the school year **will end on May 24th**. The class turning in the most Box Tops will be given a special classroom treat and the honor of proudly displaying the Box Top trophy in their classroom for the remainder of the school year. This is a fun and easy way to support the PTA. Thanks for clipping!

## Eco-Tip of the Week

- Mantua Recycles! The student-led Eco Recycling team from Ms. Sullivan's class has been working to implement a recycling program in the cafeteria, this program has been running for a few weeks and has been made possible with the tremendous support from our custodians, cafeteria assistants, teachers and students. Please consider recycling at home and engaging students on the importance of recycling. We need everyone's support to make this a successful program! Watch this short video at this link to learn more about the recycling process (Part of Mantua's recycling ends up here):

<https://www.americandisposal.com/recycling>

- May 4 is Annual Bird MWEE (Meaningful Watershed Education Experience) Field Day. 5th Graders will enjoy hands-on learning in their own schoolyard habitat. Students will rotate through three stations: birding with binoculars, bird habitat, and watershed health. Helping students make the connection to the importance of stream ecology is Crook Branch, a tributary of Accotink Creek which is directly south of the Mantua playground. Our citizen scientists will benefit from this hands-on experience as they engage with nature in their own schoolyard to learn about their environment and conservation.
- April 29th is the People's Climate March. The People's

Climate Movement began in Sept 2014 on the eve of the UN Climate Summit when 400,000 people marched in New York City calling for climate action. It was the largest climate march in history and brought together hundreds of organizations focused on climate change. On April 29, organizations and people from all parts of the country will unite on the streets of Washington, D.C., to bring attention to meaningful climate action. For more information visit: <https://peoplesclimate.org/>

- On May 16th, catch a screening of *The Anthropologist*, a film that follows George Mason University environmental anthropology professor Susan Crate and her daughter as they travel the world to learn about the effects of climate change. The May 16th showing is at the Angelika Film Center in Merrifield's Mosaic District at 7:00 pm. Crate will be present for Q&A. Tickets available at: <https://vasierraclub.ticketspice.com/theanthropologist>

## 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 a.m.** 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](mailto:kathyphysics@hotmail.com)

## 17th Annual Raccoon Run

17th RACCOON RUN -- Saturday, May 13th REGISTER BY the APRIL 28th to be guaranteed a TEE! [www.raccoonrun.org](http://www.raccoonrun.org). Remember the class with the most participants wins a pizza/icecream party!!! AND Teachers count double. Questions, contact Jennifer Lewis Cooper, 703.966.8304, [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com)

## High School Musical, Jr.

Don't miss the singing, the dancing, and the fun as the Frost Drama Kids put on Disney's High School Musical, Jr. You'll recognize several illustrious Mantua alums among the cast

members. Performance dates are Thursday, May 4, at 2:45 pm, and Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, at 7:00 pm, in the Frost Middle School cafeteria (4101 Pickett Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032). Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults at the door. Admission is half-price for rising 7th graders who sign up for the Frost Fan Club. Please join us for some family fun! (If you would like to help support after-school theater arts at Frost by making a donation or buying an advertisement in the program, please contact Killian Kelly at [killiankelly2025@gmail.com](mailto:killiankelly2025@gmail.com).)

## 5th -9th Grade Girls Lacrosse Camp

WOODSON GIRLS LACROSSE CAMP: JULY 17-21 The Woodson girls lacrosse program is hosting a **camp for rising 5th through 9th grade girls the week of July 17 through 21 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am**. This is a great opportunity for girls to try lacrosse for the first time or improve their game. The camp will be led by the Woodson Varsity coaching staff and players. Online registration can be found at <http://www.wtwcamps.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>.

## 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.

## 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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