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Important Upcoming Dates

April 4 (Wednesday): Heritage and Literacy Night, 6-8pm.

April 5 (Thursday): PTA Meeting, 7pm, Library.

April 13 (Friday): 2 Hour Early Release.

Heritage & Literacy Night

Heritage & Literacy Night has been rescheduled to

Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Heritage Night 6-7 and Literacy Night 7-8.

Interactive Bulletin Board for Literacy Night

Attention Parents! Join the entire Mantua family in imagining your "someday" ...Over the past several months, all Mantua students have explored the book [Someday by Charlotte Zolotow](#). Every child has imagined their "someday" through words, images, and music. As you walk through the building on Literacy Night, take a minute to enjoy the "somedays" of our students and staff. Before you leave, stop by the table outside of the cafeteria to write your wish for "someday" and post it on the bulletin board. Thank you!

Lost and Found

There is a large collection of coats, sweater, hats, gloves, lunch bags, water bottles and other personal belongings there.

Unfortunately many of these items will never be claimed because there are no names on them. Please make sure all personal belongings are labeled 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. All items left in the lost and found on **April 13, 2018 will be donated to charity.**

Donations Needed for Colonial Day

4th grade teachers are in need of donated colonial day clothing for students. If you have anything you are no longer using, please drop it off at the front office. This is clothing for students. Thank you.

18th Annual Raccoon Run

This 5K Race and Mile Fun Run will be held **Saturday, May 12 at 8am**. Join the race to Celebrate Life and benefit Life with Cancer. Details and registration: www.raccoonrun.org or contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com, 703.966.8304.

Visiting Authors

Attention families! The Mantua Library is hosting two authors in April. Bobbie Pyron is visiting students in grades 3-6 during their specials on April 17th. Order forms, with payment, for her books are due by Wednesday, April 4th. Author Sue Fliess will be visiting K-2 students during their specials on **Tuesday, April 24th**. The order forms, with payment, are due on **Thursday, April 19th**. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Graap (kegraap@fcps.edu) or Kimberly Adams (kmadams@fcps.edu). Sue Fliess Order Form: <http://www.scrawlbooks.com/sue-fliess>

AAP School-Based Level III Services

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of gifted services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for Part-time School-Based Services, the deadline is **Friday, May 11th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. Students eligible for school-based services will receive an enrichment lesson during the Dreambox/Library Block in one of the four core subject areas. The following criteria

will be used to determine eligibility: rising 3rd-6th grade student, Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale, CogAt and NNAT testing, Universal Screener, DRA data, and SOL testing information, if applicable. Notification regarding eligibility will be included with the 4th quarter report card. More information and a link to the referral form is located

https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AAPSchoolBasedServicesReferralForm_o.pdf

If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras (Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

Save the Date!! Spring Fling 2018

Save the Date!!! Mantua Elementary Spring Fling 2018 will be **Saturday, April 21st from 11:00am-3:00pm!!** You don't want to miss this fun family event!

Spring Fling Poster Contest

Enter the Spring Fling Poster Contest!! Contest Rules Eligibility: All Mantua Student Poster Entries Must:

- Be student's own work (one entry per student)
 - Be on poster board measuring 14"x 22" (half of standard 28"x 22" poster board)
 - Include Spring Fling date and time: April 21, from 11 am – 3 pm
 - Have student's name, grade, and teacher on BACK of poster
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded to each of two groups: K – 2nd, and 3rd – 6th grades.

Winners will get "Mantua Moola," which can be used to buy food and drinks at the Spring Fling!! ** Please submit posters to the Poster Contest Box, located in the Front Office. **Deadline 9:10am on Thursday, April 5th, 2018. GOOD LUCK!!**

Spring Fling Silent Auction

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for Mantua's Annual Spring Fling on **April 21, 2018 from 11am-3pm.**

The Auction Committee is seeking exciting donated items for the Silent Auction. We are looking for vacation or beach house stays, sports and theater tickets, nice restaurant gift cards, and other special items. All proceeds benefit the school! Stay tuned for more exciting Spring Fling Details to come... Please contact your

silent auction chair Jennifer Ros, Jennifer.m.ros@gmail.com.

Spring Fling Cake Walk

Do you like to bake? Do you have a student who likes to bake? Or, do you just do lots of grocery shopping, and are willing to grab something delicious to donate? Please consider sending in something for the Mantua Elementary cake walk! Remember, it doesn't take much for a great prize....1 cake, 6 cupcakes, a plate of cookies/baked goods. We can't have a Cake Walk without your help!

You can drop off your donations on

- Friday, 4/20 from 8:30-9:30am at Kiss & Ride
- Friday, 4/20 from 3:45-6:30pm in the Cafeteria
- Saturday, 4/21 from 9:30-11:00am in the Gym

This is always one of the Spring Fling's most popular games, and it is fun for all ages!

Spring Fling Volunteer Sign Up!

Mantua Spring Fling Needs Volunteers!!! Spring Fling April 21, 2018 11am-3pm As with any of our PTA events, we cannot have a successful Spring Fling 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 use the link to sign up!](#)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4dadaa2aa0fb6-spring>

Important Immunization Requirement: Do You Have a Student Entering Sixth Grade Next Year?

If yes, he or she may need a booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis). Sixth grade students cannot begin school in August without documentation of the Tdap booster. Parents or guardians should ask their private healthcare provider, or the health department, to review their child's immunization record if they are unsure if their child has received the Tdap booster.

Students who have received a Tdap booster between the ages of seven and eleven do not need another dose. Documentation must be provided to the school student information assistant (SIA) or registrar as soon as possible.

[Learn more about the Tdap booster.](#)

Woodson 5K Run/ Walk

Woodson High School is organizing a 5K on **Saturday, May 5th**. Proceeds benefit the charity Forever Home, a no kill animal shelter in Fairfax County. For more information and to register [please see flier](#).

Kindergarten Registration and Open House

Register your rising kindergartner in the front office on or before Friday, April 13, between 8:30am-4:30pm. Don't forget Mantua Open House for kindergartners and parents April 16, 2-3pm. Requirements and forms available [here](#).

Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science and Engineering Fair

The 5th Annual Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science & Engineering (FCSE) Fair will take place on Saturday **May 12, 2018** at George Mason University.

<https://www.fcsefair.com> The FCSE fair will accept projects in the areas of Life & Earth Sciences and Physical Sciences & 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. Students must prepare a trifold poster board of their project for the fair.

Rules & Guidelines here:

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d54dde_7bfe491853294c92b4c088b054153cfc.pdf

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 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 have to decide which projects will go to the fair based on scientific merit. Please email mantuasciencefair@gmail.com if your child is interested in participating in the science fair.

Please indicate:

- Child's name, grade, 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.

Project registration typically occurs in late March-early April.

Woodson High School Relay for Life

Come help Woodson High School fight cancer at its fun-filled overnight event this June 2nd-3rd at Woodson's football stadium from 5pm-5am! There will be games, movies, food, musical performances, survivor speakers and so much more! Join or create a team online and start fundraising towards admission into the event: \$10 to stay until 11pm, \$100 to stay overnight! Funds go towards services for cancer patients. Any questions? Email woodsonrelayforlife@gmail.com or click the website link below for more info #whodoyourelayfor relayforlife.org/woodsonhsva

Absences, Tardies, Early Dismissals and Transportation Changes.

Any absences or planned tardies should be **reported by 9:30 am**. Robo calls for unexplained absences start at 10:00 am.

Please email MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu and copy the classroom teacher. If you don't have email call the attendance line at (703) 645-6363 but email is preferred for clarity purposes. Please include the date of the absence or change of transportation, the student's name, teacher and what the change or absence is.

Example: Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2099.

MCA Contest – What it Means to Live in Mantua

The Mantua Community Directory, published by Mantua Civic Association, is sponsoring a contest! Students are invited to send original artwork on the theme of "Community" and What it Means to Live in Mantua." Winning designs will be published in next year's Directory, and one winner's artwork MAY be chosen for the Directory cover. Original 2-dimensional work must be submitted in either 6" x 9" or 9" x 12" vertical (portrait) format. A HighRes scan is the best method for submitting work. We will also accept original art or a good color copy. Deadline for submission is **April 2, 2018**. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in two divisions, K-6 and 7-12. Contact Jim Oppenheimer (treasurer@mantua.org) or Loren Brandman (brandman@acm.org) for further details.

Yearbook Sales

The 2017-2018 Yearbook is available for purchase.

<http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1139775/Mantua-Elementary-School/>

Parent Information Relating to Special Education

[All these opportunities](#) are FREE unless noted.

In most cases you must register if registration information is provided.

When other events become available they will be posted at:

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/upcoming-community-events/>

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Plans; Make Arrangements Now in Case of an Unforeseen Schedule Change

Cold and wintry weather is on its way! Due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, it may be necessary to close schools for the entire day, to open schools late, or to close early.

Parents are urged to make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedule changes are made (and to provide for the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances). Children should know where to go if a parent will not be home.

FCPS has several schedules set up to deal with inclement weather; these are put into effect when conditions threaten the safety of students and staff members:

- Keep schools closed.
- Open two hours late.
- Close two hours early.

When Fairfax County Public Schools has a schedule change (closing or delay) due to inclement weather or other emergencies, [the information is communicated in several ways as soon as the decision is made.](#)

Note: The official [@FCPSnews Twitter](#) account (with blue check mark) is generally the first and fastest mode of communication during emergency weather closings. Other communication channels will be updated as quickly as possible including email, text, website, other social media, and news stations. Please be aware, due to the large volume of emails sent, there will likely to be a lag between the time a FCPS Twitter alert is posted and receipt of an email in your inbox.

Video: Learn How Inclement Weather Closing Decisions Are Made

Ever wonder how FCPS administrators decide to close or delay school due to inclement weather? [Watch this video for an explanation and answers to some common questions.](#)

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 eScrip before beginning your shopping and these organizations will donate to our school.

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!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية كفال على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.
- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: hannaz74@gmail.com или ViktarZ@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktar Zhardzetski.
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Email Lisa Libby at cbn@mantuapta.org 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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