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Important Upcoming Dates

May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week ([see details below](#))

May 8: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

May 9: Raccoon Run

May 11-June 5: SOL Testing

May 11: 6th Grade Party Interest Meeting

May 18: Kindergarten Orientation, 2:00 p.m.

June 7: Mantua Homes Tour

June 18: 6th Grade Party

PTA Meeting THIS Friday

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting on **Friday, May 8th at 9:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Hear from Principal Mrs. Fernandez and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

Teacher Appreciation Week May 4th-8th

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th-8th! It is the perfect opportunity to show our teachers just how much we appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to the class. 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 some recognition!

- **Monday** – 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** – Bring in a card (handmade or bought) or picture or crafty handmade item.
- **Wednesday** – Bring in one sweet treat: one Hershey's Kiss, one homemade cookie, etc.
- **Thursday** – Bring in one school supply: Post it notes, a Sharpie, disinfecting wipes, stickers, etc.
- **Friday** - Bring in one piece of fruit.

Some room parents may be sending out additional information for your classroom. If you have questions, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

Raccoon Run THIS Saturday

Join Rocky the Raccoon, the Kids Care Club, and the Mantua Community for this great event supporting a great cause, Life with Cancer. Remember the class with the most participants wins a free Pizza/Ice Cream Party, and teachers count double!

For more information, visit www.raccoonrun.org or contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703.966.8304.

Online Registration for the 2nd Annual Mantua Homes Tour is Now Open!

Online registration for the Mantua Homes Tour on **Sunday, June 7th** is now open. Click [HERE](#) to register. Place your order on or before May 29th for a discounted price of \$15 per ticket. Ticket price after May 29th will be \$20. Support the PTA, and get great ideas for your spring projects!

SOL Schedule

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Virginia Standards of Learning Tests beginning next week. It will be very helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during this time period. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude. The SOL schedule is as follows:

- May 11– 3rd Grade Reading, part 1
- May 12– 3rd Grade Reading, part 2
- May 13 – 4th Grade Reading
- May 15 – 5th Grade Reading

May 19 – 6th Grade Reading

May 20 – 5th Grade Science

May 22 – 4th grade Math

May 26 - 5th Grade Math*

May 27 – 6th Grade Math

May 28 – 3rd Grade Math, part 1

May 29 – 3rd Grade Math, part 2

June 2 – 4th Grade Virginia History

* This is a change from the date previously listed. Find more information below.

5th Grade Math SOL Date Change

Please make note that the date for the 5th grade Math SOL has changed. This is due to the ability for the students to take an expedited retake if their SOL score is in the 375-399 range. Prior to a student begin given a retake we are required to offer remediation for up to 7 days. Moving the 5th grade Math SOL to an earlier date will allow for remediation to take place and the retake to happen prior to the SOL expedited retakes window closing.

Sixth Grade Party!

If you are interested in helping with the 6th Grade Party, please attend an interest meeting on Monday, May 11th. There will be a morning meeting and an evening meeting. Please contact [Mia Brennan](#) for more information on meeting details and/or if you're unable to attend one of the interest meetings but would still like to help.

Kindergarten Orientation

Mantua will hold its Kindergarten Orientation for parents AND rising kindergarteners on **Monday, May 18th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** All students registering for kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year must be 5 years old by September 30, 2015. Please stop by the school office to register your child between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. before May 15th. For more information, call the Mantua front office at 703-645-6300.

Mantua Shines at Division A Science Olympiad

Mantua 3rd-5th graders took part in the County Division A Science Olympiad on April 25th. The participants were 3rd graders Abhigna Koochana, Lawrence McAllister, Rashi Adhikari, Sahil Kapadia, Sameera Pasham, Sean Rade, Suchir Chikkava, Tristan Kooc and Vyochana Mamillapalli; 4th

graders Amelia Ehlers, Aryan Rajput, Diya Selvan, Ellen Wang Andera, Lilie Puck-Karam, Saina Shibili, Samanvitha Dammalapati, Sai Shriya Seenuthoju, and Sri Vaishnavi Kommireddy; 5th graders Akash Jagdeesh, Arjun Jagdeesh, Clara McAllister, Luke Eister, and Ted Tran.

Special congratulations to the winners in the following events:

- *Bannister's Backyard* - 3rd - Amelia Ehlers and Saina Shibili
- *DaVinci's Muscles* - 5th - Akash and Arjun Jagdeesh
- *Descartes Decisions* - 10th - SaiShriya Seenuthoju and Samanvitha Dammalapati
- *Galileo's Goals* - 8th - Luke Eister and Sean Rade
- *Killander's Kicks* - 3rd - Ellen Wang-Andera and Tristan Kooc
- *Perseus Puzzles* - 3rd - Akash and Arjun Jagdeesh, Clara McAllister, SaiShriya Seenuthoju, and Saina Shibili
- *Sikorsky's Sky* - 2nd - Sahil Kapadia and Suchir Chikkava
- *Wegner's Drift* - 2nd - Luke Eister and Sean Rade; 5th - Akash and Arjun Jagdeesh
- *Zapotec Zingers* - 9th - SaiShriya Seenuthoju and SriVaishnavi Komireddy

If your rising 3rd-6th grader is interested in Science Olympiad, e-mail mantuaolympiaddiva@gmail.com.

FCPS Community Conversation on Teen Stress

On **Saturday, May 9th**, FCPS will hold the 2nd Annual Community Conversation on Teen Stress: Fostering Wellness and Resiliency. Teens, parents, coaches, educators, mental health providers, and community and faith-based organizations that work with teens are invited to participate. This event will take place at Hayfield Secondary School. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/summit/index.shtml>.

Woodson HS Flea Market and Spring Festival

Woodson Cav Cruise is hosting a Flea Market and Festival on **May 16th, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** Set up your yard sale or flea market. Sell your original creations - photography, art, jewelry, clothing, etc. Whatever you want to sell, this is the perfect venue. Registrations will be accepted until May 9th

unless sold out before that date. Discounts available if interested in reserving multiple spaces. There will be food trucks, entertainment, a car wash, many fun activities, and a 5k run. Proceeds from vendor registrations support Cav Cruise, Woodson's all-night Graduation party. For more information, visit www.woodsonptso.org/cavalier-cruise.html.

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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