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Important Upcoming Dates

March 7: Spring Enrichment Classes Begin

March 10: Colonial Day for 4th Grade

March 11: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria (**NEW DATE!**)

March 12: Talent Show, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

March 21-28: School Closed, Spring Break

April 2: Spring Fling, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

PTA Meeting THIS Friday

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting this **Friday, March 11th at 9:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Hear from the school principals and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

Spring Fling is Almost Here/Volunteers Needed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Grab the whole family on **Saturday, April 2nd 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!

THIS EVENT TAKES MANY VOLUNTEERS TO RUN SMOOTHLY. Do you have **ONE HOUR** to give to help make this huge event a success? Please visit the volunteer sign up site [HERE](#). Sign up early to get the job of your choice! **Do you have a teenager in need of Community Service hours? The Mantua Spring Fling is happy to have responsible teenagers sign up to volunteer for this**

event!

Thank you for volunteering! Email [Chanda McCarthy](#) with any questions.

FLEX (Foreign Language Experience) Winter Classes

Mantua PTA organizes language classes through FCPS's Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) program. FLEX is developed especially for elementary school children, who are at the optimal age for learning another language. Students are encouraged to study basic vocabulary and phrases through stories, games, activities, and music.

Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. The Winter Session begins in March and continues for 10 weeks. The tuition cost is \$159 and includes materials and instruction.

This spring we are excited to offer the classes below. Click on the course title to register, and please make sure to select the course taught at Mantua. Registration is currently underway.

[German Level 1](#) for grades 2-6

[Spanish Level 1](#) for grades 1-4

For links to the classes, you can also visit the [Mantua PTA site](#). Have questions? Contact [Susanne Fitch](#).

Spring Enrichment Classes Begin

This is a reminder that classes begin this week. For class-specific information such as room assignment and session dates, please refer to our [Enrichment Website](#). There is a tab on the home page that will direct you to the room assignment page. If you select the tab to display the class schedule, you can select your child's class and see information about the session dates.

If your child will be absent from their scheduled enrichment class, please notify the instructor and the front office at BkHinton@fcps.edu. Contact information for each provider can also be found on the enrichment website.

Enjoy the classes, and please email [Liz Schatzman](#) or [Shannon Murphy](#) with any questions.

Yearbook Coordinator Needed

If you have a creative mind and want to make a lasting impact at Mantua, then chairing Yearbook is for you! The current Yearbook chair is looking for 1-2 people to shadow her and learn the ropes of creating and selling the yearbook. It is incredibly fun and rewarding! Please email Lori Prendergast at mantuayearbooks@gmail.com for more information!

Colonial Day Help Needed

Attention all 4th grade parents! Colonial Day will be on **Thursday, March 10th**, and we are looking for parents to help support our effort in giving students a real life experience of the Virginian colonists! We need many volunteers to make the day a success and have many volunteer times and opportunities available for you. We also need items donated for the lunch and activities.

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

Click [HERE](#) to donate needed items!

Please feel free to contact Ms. Garneski with questions about the items needed or what volunteering would require. Thank you for your help!

PTA Reflections Exciting News!

Anne Brady has won the Outstanding Interpretation (1st) place award in the Primary Photography Division, Kalyani Srivastava has won the Outstanding Interpretation (1st) place award in the Primary Musical Composition Category, and Keira Cheng has won the Award of Excellence (2nd) place award in the Intermediate Musical Composition Category. These 3 Mantua students will be recognized at the PTA County Awards Ceremony on April 1st. Additionally, Kalyani's "Let Your Imagination Fly, and Try and Try and Try" won the Award for Outstanding Interpretation of Theme (1st Place) for the Northern Virginia District and has been advanced to Richmond for the Virginia state Reflections competition! We are very excited for Kalyani! Congratulations to these talented Mantua students!

Science Olympiad

Mantua's Division B Science Olympiad team participated in the Fairfax Regional Tournament on Saturday, February 27th. Sixth-graders Abhram Srivastava, Akash Jagdeesh, Arjun Jagdeesh, Ashwin Rajesh, Clara McAllister, Hari Naicker, Luke Eister, Prashanth Kumaran, Ted Tran, and Suruthikha Vijay participated in the event. Congratulations to Clara McAllister and Suruthikha Vijay for medaling in first place for

Scrambler, to Luke Eister and Ted Tran for medaling in fourth place for Food Science, and to everyone who did their best. The team has qualified for the state tournament, which will be held on April 16th at UVA.

The team has open spaces in two events: Disease Detectives (Population Growth), and Road Scholars. If you have (or know) a Mantua ES sixth grader who is interested in participating, or if you have questions, then please contact us at mantuascienceolympiad@gmail.com or respond to the Facebook post on Mantua PTA's page.

Raccoon Runners

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls and boys in third through sixth grades. This program will empower young boys and girls to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen ourselves through various fitness activities as we train for a 5k run. Any student is eligible to participate. There are two teams: one for girls and one for boys. **Please help: the boys team is in need of another coach. If you are interested, please contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com.**

The Raccoon Runners is a six week program that will meet before school. The Girl's team will meet Monday and Wednesday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the gym starting March 30th. The Boy's team will meet on Tuesday and Friday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the gym starting March 29th. Both teams will start the mornings with some sort of physical activity. Exercise will consist of a variety of activities from yoga, boot camp, strength training and flexibility, to 5k conditioning. After our workout and stretch, the students will have a healthy snack while we cover our lesson for the day. There will be a new lesson each time we meet. Lessons will cover a variety of subjects including health and nutrition, safety, hygiene, emotions, team building, self esteem, gratitude, social issues and many others.

At the end of the program, the Raccoon Runners will participate in Mantua's Raccoon Run 5K, Saturday, May 7th. Deadline for registration is **Friday, March 11th**. The registration form can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please read the information found [HERE](#) or contact [Meri Farling](#).

Frost Bingo Night is March 11th

Get ready to Bingo the night away at Frost Bingo Night, Friday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. You do not want to miss this event! Join your fellow Frost families for laughter and FUN:

- prizes - iPad mini, Beats headphones
- food
- desserts
- raffles - Gift cards, Coach Wootten Basketball Camp
- spirit wear available for sale

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. to pick up Bingo cards and meals. Students/children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-order your Bingo cards (\$10 adult, \$7 student and staff), meals (\$5 - Chick fil A sandwich meal or a pizza meal), and raffle tickets (\$1 each or 8 for \$5) on-line [HERE](#).

There are 9 games per card, and we will be playing 9 games between 7:00-9:00 p.m. You may also pick up and drop off Bingo pre-order forms and check payment in the Frost office.

PRE-ORDERS will end Wednesday, March 9th. Items may also be purchased at the door on Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Bingo cards \$12 adult, \$10 student and staff; and meals \$7. Food will be available until gone. If you are counting on dinner, please PRE-ORDER.

Thanks to Critter Concierge, David Hughes Orthodontics, Twins Ace Hardware for their generous donations supporting Bingo Night.

Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

Registration has begun for Pinecrest School's summer camp sessions. This summer, the camp will be held close to Mantua at two locations on Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. The camp, for rising preschool-6th graders, is half-day classes with both before- and after-care available as well as a supervised lunch period for families who need all day care. Look at the wide variety of classes to choose from at [THIS SITE](#).

Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky and to Local Business Supporters!

Thanks to all who made a "Friends of Rocky" Donation – the PTA appreciates your support!

Sriram Peri: Diamond Level

Thanks to local businesses who made a donation, as well - the PTA appreciates your support!

Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster: Platinum Level

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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