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Important Upcoming Dates

April 6: ~~Spring Picture Day~~ RESCHEDULED (see below)

April 8: Drama Club Presents "Snow Queen", 7:00 p.m.

April 9: Drama Club Presents "Snow Queen", 2:00 p.m.

April 14: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library

April 15: Parent & Teachers Basketball Game, 7:00 p.m., Woodson HS

April 20: AAP Orientation, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 21: 2-Hour Early Release, Dismissal at 2:05 p.m.

April 21: Kindergarten Open House, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

April 22: Teacher Workday, No School for Students

April 27: Heritage & Literacy Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

New Spring Picture Day

Spring pictures, originally scheduled for this week, will now be taken on **Tuesday, May, 10th**. Both class and individual pictures will be taken that day. Look for flyers coming home in Tuesday folders soon.

Spring Fling Thank You!

After a rainy morning, Mother Nature decided to be kind and we had a very successful Spring Fling! Thank so much to these wonderful Mantua parents for their tireless efforts in making this such a huge success: Avril Donat, Aly Neuhauser, Teresa LeMair, Nicole Willis, Julie Middleton, Lori Recher, Marisa Chartier, Cindy Ruckno, Chanda McCarthy, Jennifer Ros, Elena Theobald, Lesley McKnight, Sarah Bogardus, Meri Farling and a special "thank you" to Scott Zucker - you know why! And, thank you to all the many, many other volunteers that ran the games and sold goodies, all of which helped make this year's Spring Fling a fun community event!

Thank you also to all of our sponsors: Cathy Pongmalai-

Frankly Real Estate, Sarah Harrington-Long & Foster Realtor, Rachel Fleming-Keller Williams Realtor, Fairfax Dental, Fun Bot Labs, Faye Henris, and Kevin Tran with Del Ray Smiles for our very own Mantua Barrel Train!

X-STEM Extreme STEM Symposium

USA Science and Engineering Festival X-STEM Extreme STEM Symposium

Date and Time: Thursday, April 14th, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC

This is a wonderful opportunity for 40 Mantua students (including parent volunteers) to listen to top scientists and inspiring engineers. A \$20 per attendee fee is waived as Mantua is an X-STEM school, and your child can avail this opportunity for FREE. As it is a school-approved event, students will receive an excused absence. If you want your child to be a part of the group and to get more information about the sessions they are registered for, please contact mantuaxstem@gmail.com. As attending this event requires some coordination, please respond by **Thursday, April 7th**. First come, first served.

Drama Club Presents "Snow Queen"

Come see Mantua Drama Club's performance of "Snow Queen" on April 8th & 9th. Before there was "Frozen," there was "Snow Queen" by Hans Christian Andersen. And because the Mantua Drama Club is treating us to a second performance for the first time ever in a single school year, you and your children can experience the difference! But plan ahead because this one won't be performed during the school day. Instead, give your children the full theater experience by buying tickets for **Friday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.** or **Saturday's matinee on April 9th at 2:00 p.m.** Buy snacks, get seated, and support the drama club's months of preparation. Need more info? Email [Chrissy Boylan](mailto:Chrissy.Boylan). Tickets sold at the door - Adults: \$8; Children: \$5.

Parent & Teachers Basketball Extravaganza

The Mantua PTA is proud to invite you to join us for Mantua Parents & Teachers vs. Mantua Parents & Teachers Basketball Extravaganza! Come cheer on your favorite teachers and basketball coaches as they battle against each other. The game will be played on **Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at**

Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street in Fairfax. Pre-sale tickets are \$3/person and \$15/family. They will be sold on Thursday, April 14th and Friday, April 15th, 8:30-9:00 a.m. outside of the cafeteria. Tickets at the door will be \$5/person and \$20 family. Don't miss the fun!

6th Grade End of Year Party!

Mantua's 6th grade awards ceremony and party will be held on **Wednesday, June 22nd**. We will need parent volunteers to support this fun event. If you are interested in helping out, please contact [Lori Recher](#) or visit [THIS SITE](#).

Raccoon Run 5K & Mile Fun Run!

Register now for the 16th Annual Raccoon Run at www.raccoonrun.org. GREAT NEWS: the course has been officially certified! CRM Timing Company will be back to electronically time the 5K race. Join Rocky and the Mantua community in support of Life with Cancer on **Saturday, May 7th at 8:00 a.m.** For more information or to volunteer, contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703-966-8304.

Raccoon Run/Glory Days Grill

The Raccoon Run and Glory Days Grill have teamed up to support Life with Cancer with Dining for Dollars. Save your itemized receipts from any Glory Days Grill from **April 7-28** and put them in folder/box in the front office, and Life With Cancer will receive 10% of the bill. Your support is greatly appreciated. See you on race day, May 7th!

Woodson Girls Lacrosse Camp

The Woodson girls lacrosse program is hosting a camp for rising 5th through 9th grade girls the week of **July 11-15** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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 [HERE](#).

Woodson Girls Basketball Camp

Woodson HS Girls Basketball Camp [registration is open](#). All camps take place in the air-conditioned Red Jenkins Gymnasium and our auxiliary gym, as well as the outdoor courts. We are offering two different camps this summer - please see dates and details below:

Day Camp: June 27-July 1, Ages 7-14 | Cost \$180
Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Focus on fundamentals, skill competitions, games, and more. Skits by our players/counselors to focus on the importance of academics and character. Lunch is available each day for purchase, as well snacks and drinks. Each camper goes home with a t-shirt, wristband, and report card.

Elite Skills Camp: July 5-8, Ages 10-14 | Cost \$100

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn the individual skill development model used at Woodson, and run through modified practices with Coach Rastogi and his staff. See what it is like to be a high school basketball player at Woodson, and take your game to the next level with Coach Rastogi's innovative approach to teaching the game. For players who want to play at a higher level, develop their game even further, and have fun in the process. No lunch is served, but we will have drinks and snacks available for purchase. Each camper goes home with a t-shirt, wristband, and report card.

Spring Stream Clean Up

Join the Friends of Accotink Creek to get trash out of our waterways during the Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup. These clean up events help protect, promote, and restore the water quality, natural habitat, and ecological well-being of the Accotink Creek watershed. There are clean up events scheduled in April, including **Saturday, April 9th** at Accotink Creek. Sturdy work shoes, long pants, and long sleeves are recommended. Wading gear also helps, since much of the trash is in the water. Water, bags, and work gloves will be available. For more information, please visit [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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