



April 26, 2016 | Issue No. 32

In This Issue

[Important Dates](#)
[Heritage & Literacy Night](#)
[Teacher Appreciation Teacher Luncheon](#)
[Teacher Appreciation Gifts](#)
[Picture Day](#)
[Restaurant Night](#)
[SOL Schedule](#)
[6th Grade Info!](#)
[Raccoon Run](#)
[Mantua Homes Tour](#)
[Homes Tour Volunteers](#)

Quick Links:

[Not Receiving the AlertNews?](#)
[Update Your MP Info](#)
[MP Invitation Request](#)
[MantuaPTA.org](#)

Compiled by:
[Amy Halstead,](#)
[AlertNews Editor](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

April 27: Heritage & Literacy Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
May 2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 4: 6th Grade Class Picture Day
May 5: Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
May 7: Raccoon Run, 8:00 a.m.
May 10: Picture Day
May 11: Restaurant Night, Elevation Burger
May 13: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
May 15: Mantua Homes Tour, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
May 17: SOLs Begin (see [complete schedule](#) below)
May 19: Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.
May 30: School Closed, Memorial Day

Heritage & Literacy Night

On **Wednesday, April 27th**, Mantua Elementary School invites everyone to Heritage & Literacy Night.

Heritage Night will be held in the gym from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to come by and see/visit with families and schoolmates who make up the many cultural heritages at Mantua. It's a grand opportunity to learn about the customs and traditions of many of our families.

Literacy Night will be held in all the classrooms from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** This is a family happening—you're invited to visit your child's classroom and have him/her show you firsthand all they have been doing throughout the school year.

Technology - Upstairs Laptop Lab, Room 52: Ms. Dunfee will be showcasing the FCPS technology programs and tools students can use at home.

We hope to see you THIS Wednesday evening!

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2nd-6th

Teacher Appreciation Week is **May 2nd-6th!** 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](#).

Teacher Appreciation Fiesta!

We all know that Mantua faculty and staff are wonderful. To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA will host the annual Teacher Appreciation Fiesta in the library on **Tuesday, May 3rd** throughout the school day. The staff will enjoy delicious food courtesy of the grateful Mantua parents. This year we will be hosting a nacho salad bar for the teachers complete with everything it takes to make a yummy nacho salad with all the fixings.

To do this we will need LOTS OF HELP! Please consider providing the food items assigned to your child's grade or family as follows:

Family 1: Desserts! Cookies, brownies, cakes & pies - you bake

it, we'll take it!

Family 2: Bags of salad and salad dressings

Family 3: Bags of Tortilla Chips

3rd Grade: Sour Cream, Salsa and Guacamole

4th Grade: Cut fresh fruit and berries

5th Grade: Water bottles

6th Grade: Bags of shredded cheese

Please check your child's Tuesday Folder for more details on this very special event!

Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, clean up, and to provide a helping hand during the luncheon. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to be a volunteer, please contact the PTA Hospitality co-chairs, [Meri Farling](#) or [Tre' Krupnick](#).

Teacher Appreciation Gifts

Did you know that during the May 3rd Teacher Appreciation Luncheon a few lucky teachers will have an opportunity to win some wonderful door prizes? The PTA provides the prizes that are given out during a drawing that is held while the teachers enjoy their yummy lunch.

If you are interested in contributing a door prize, there are many ways to participate. If you have a home-based business and would like to donate a few products, please contact the hospitality chair people. We are also hoping to get \$5 and \$10 gift cards from area shops and restaurants donated. There will be a box marked "Gift Cards" in the office, and you can simply drop your contribution off at any time before the luncheon. If you have a hobby, perhaps you would like to donate one of your creations. Our teachers will LOVE any gift that is donated. As always, these prizes are a donation and there is no participation required. If you have any questions, please contact either [Meri Farling](#) or [Tre' Krupnick](#).

Spring Picture Day

Spring Pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, May 10th**. Both class pictures and individual pictures will be taken. We are in need of some volunteers to help get the students in line and ready for their photos. One parent is needed in the morning, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and two parents are needed in the afternoon, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Volunteers receive a coupon to be used towards their portrait package. To sign up to help, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#). Flyers will be coming home in Tuesday folders soon.

Restaurant Night

Join us for our next Restaurant Night on **Wednesday, May 11th** at Elevation Burger in Pickett Shopping Center from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** It will be a fun and delicious way to help raise funds for our school! Bring in **THIS FLYER** or mention Mantua Elementary school when ordering and we will earn 10% back from all proceeds. Thank you for supporting our kids and school!

SOL Schedule

Below you will see the list of SOL testing for 2016. Please make every effort to have your students here during these dates, rested and ready.

May 17 – 5th Grade Reading SOL
May 18 – 4th Grade Reading SOL
May 19 – 3rd Grade Reading SOL part 1
May 20 – 3rd Grade Reading SOL part 2

May 24 – 4th Grade Math SOL
May 25 – 5th Grade Math SOL
May 27 – 6th Grade Reading SOL

May 31 – 5th Grade Science SOL
June 1 – 3rd Grade Math SOL
June 3 – 6th Grade Math SOL

June 7 – 4th Grade VA Studies SOL

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**.

In addition, we are collecting \$20 from each student to cover the cost of the party and t-shirt. The 6th grade t-shirt is a speciation tradition at mantua. Students wear their shirts on the field trip to Gettysburg and for other end of the year celebrations. **Orders are due by May 6th.** If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Fernandez.

Raccoon Run 5K on May 7th

Register by April 28th at **www.raccoonrun.org** for the **Saturday, May 7th** race to be guaranteed a tee! Come join Rocky and the Raccoon Runners for all the fun. The Fun Run

begins at 8:00 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 8:30 a.m. with electronic timing on the newly certified course through Mantua. It is all for a great cause - *Life with Cancer*. Remember, the class with the most participants wins a free pizza/ice cream party (your teacher counts double.) So sign up today! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703-966-8304.

Mantua Homes Tour

Please join us for the 3rd Annual Mantua Homes Tour on **Sunday May 15th, 12:00-4:00 p.m.!** Take a self-guided tour of Mantua homes, full of wonderful renovations and decorating ideas. Tickets may be purchased on or before April 30th for the discounted price of \$15 each. After April 30th tickets prices will increase to \$20.

To purchase tickets please click [HERE](#). If you have questions, please contact mantuahomes@verizon.net.

The Mantua Homes Tour Needs Your Help!

In order to run a successful tour we need lots of help. Just 1-2 hours of your time on Sunday, May 15th will help us get the job done. Please take a moment to sign up. It's an easy gig and a lot of fun! Please click [HERE](#) to sign up. Contact [Sharon Schechtel](#) with any questions.

Science Olympiad

Mantua's Division B Science Olympiad team participated in the Virginia Science Olympiad - State Level Tournament on Saturday, April 16th at University of Virginia. Sixth-graders Abhiram Srivastava, Akash Jagdeesh, Arjun Jagdeesh, Ashwin Rajesh, Clara McAllister, Hari Naicker, Luke Eister, Micaela Wells, Prashanth Kumaran, Ted Tran, and Suruthikha Vijay represented our school. Congratulations to Clara McAllister and Suruthikha Vijay for medaling in sixth place for Scrambler and to everyone who did their best.

Keeping Your Kids Safe in Today's Digital World

You are invited to attend this presentation at Woodson High School on **Tuesday, May 17th** to learn ways to help your family address the top online dangers your children will face. This presentation is intended for adults only as it will cover adult themes, issues, and content unsuitable for children and

teens. The presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. with an optional discussion of popular social media sites and apps at 6:00 p.m.

The Lion King at LJMS

You are invited on to be part of the circle of life as Luther Jackson Middle School presents The Lion King. There will be a special elementary school show time at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th**. Talk with and have your picture taken on stage with your favorite character. Tickets go on sale at the door 1/2 hour before the show and are only \$5.00. Can't make it Saturday afternoon? The Lion King will also be playing **May 5th, 6th, and 7th at 7:30 p.m.** Evening show tickets are \$7.00. The run time of the show is about 1 hour 30 minutes.

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 • كفالة 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 Viktor Zhardzetski.
- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요(lisa.a.libby@gmail.com.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Lisa Libby.
- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at lisa.a.libby@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

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.

