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Important Upcoming Dates

February 14th-28th: Sharing is Caring Book Drive
February 16 (Thursday): Technology Tools to Support Executive Functioning workshop, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Dunn Loring Community Center.
February 20 (Monday): President's Day, SCHOOL CLOSED.

Deadlines

February 8-15: Spring Enrichment Registration.
February 22: Last day to submit Box Tops.
February 27-March 27: Magnet School Registration.

Update for Rising 7th Grade Parents

Rising 7th grade parents, if you have questions regarding middle school, please contact Ms. Kim (sskim1@fcps.edu), counselor.

To access course catalog and to print out a new registration form, please visit:

FROST MS: <https://tinyurl.com/z8noobb>

LUTHER JACKSON MS: <https://tinyurl.com/hw3wlmo>

If your student is attending middle school other than Frost or Luther Jackson, contact Ms. Kim for questions.

Lost and Found Reminder

There is a large collection of coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, lunch bags, water bottles and other personal belongings in the lost and

found. Unfortunately many of these items will never be claimed because they have no name on them. Please be sure to label all personal items 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.

Spring 2017 Enrichment Registration

Spring 2017 Enrichment at Mantua ES is almost here! Classes focus on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM, sports and more! Registration for the Spring session will take place beginning at 8AM on Wednesday, 2/8 and ending at Noon on Wednesday, 2/15. (Late registration begins at 1PM 2/15 and ends at midnight 2/17 for a \$40 fee.) Find all the program information and register at: <https://em-mantua.jumbula.com>. Questions, email Heather Hill and Tara Kelly at enrichment@mantuapta.org.

Magnet School Application and Lottery Information

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend school based information nights to learn about the lottery process, available transportation, and individual school programs. Program information for each school is provided at that school's information night. Registration for the 2017-18 school year will open on **February 27, 2017** and will close on **March 27, 2017**. For additional information visit:

<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/elementary-magnet-school-lottery>

- Hunters Woods Elementary, Cafeteria. February 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM)
- Bailey's Primary, Cafeteria. February 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM)
- Bailey's Upper, Cafeteria. February 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM (snow make-up date: February 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM)

Sharing is Caring Book Drive

Please donate to the Sharing is Caring Book Drive that benefits children in our community and others near and far. We are looking for gently used children's books. Collecting from **February 14th-28th**. Drop-off bin in the Library.

Does Your Child Struggle with Planning and Organizing?

Join us for Technology Tools to Support Executive Functioning! Learn about free technology tools and strategies to help students plan, organize, and manage tasks at this Tech Thursday workshop.

Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services 2334 Gallows Road
Entrance 1 - Room 100 Dunn Loring, Virginia

Girls' Raccoon Runners

Raccoon Runners will be starting the spring program March 20. It is an 8-week program that meets every Monday and Wednesday before school from 8:00-9:00. We run, stretch, play games and have a lot of fun. We want these girls to grow stronger both physically and mentally. Please sign up via the Mantua PTA web site (www.mantuapta.org). Registration will be open until **March 6**.

FREE Safe and Secure Online Seminar

The PTA is excited to present our next Parent Education Seminar, Safe and Secure Online. Join us for a FREE presentation on **Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.**

OR Wednesday, March 8 at 9:30 am in the library. Lars McCarter, a cybersecurity professional and fellow Mantua parent, will present important safety strategies for children's safe use of the internet. This presentation is developed by the Center for Cyber Safety and Education and focuses on teaching parents about the risks of online activity so our children learn to use it in a safe and responsible way. Some of the discussions may not be appropriate for children, so **ADULTS ONLY**, please. No RSVP necessary, choose the presentation time most convenient for you. All Adults welcome! Questions, contact PTA Parent Education coordinator, Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com.

Eco-School Exploratory Committee

We are looking for teachers, administrators and parents to join an Eco-School exploratory committee. Half the schools in

FCPS are registered as Eco-Schools. (More on the program can be found here: <http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA.aspx>). We have already implemented many eco-friendly initiatives like school gardens, recycling and bike racks and are ready to develop a more school-wide approach. This exploratory committee would help us implement a plan to move forward and also form a permanent Eco-School committee or “Green Committee” that would be comprised of students, teachers, administrators and parents. Please contact Kati Hesford (kati.hesford@gmail.com) if you are interested.

2017 Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2017 Mantua Talent Show! Do you play an instrument, sing, or dance? Do you like to perform magic? Do you want to demonstrate your martial arts prowess? Then, why not try out for this year’s show? Just head to: <http://tinyurl.com/mantuatalentshow2017-audition> for instructions on how to enter and to submit a video and complete an audition form. Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Video Auditions and Audition Forms Due: Friday, February 10
- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: Thursday, March 9, 5:30-9:00 p.m.
- Talent Show in the Gym: Saturday, March 11, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

If you have a child in the show, at least one parent needs to [volunteer to help](#). There is a link on the confirmation email after you sign up your child. Questions, contact Althea Bryson at akuhn_ilikai@hotmail.com or 571-830-5320 (call or text) Good luck preparing your acts!

Student Fundraiser/Woodson and Robinson

Fight for Futures, a team of students from Woodson and Robinson, is participating in the Students of the Year Campaign, a six-week fundraising competition in which nominated high school students raise funds to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s National Capital Chapter. We have selected to work with LLS because blood cancer research can be the gateway to curing other cancers. Do you know that leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer in children under the age of 20? It is time to take a stand. But we cannot do it alone, we need your help.

Our team goal is to raise \$25,000 between January 12th and February 25th. There are a few ways you can support our fundraising efforts:

- 1) Donate via our fundraising page:
<http://events.lls.org/pages/nca/DCSOY2017/tfightforf>
- 2) Share our message & fundraising link with your contacts via email or social media
- 3) Attend our Fun Run at Burke Lake Park on Jan. 29th: Register online at
<http://events.lls.org/pages/nca/DCSOY2017/pfunrun>
- 4) Help us secure a corporate sponsorship (Sponsorships start at \$2500 and sponsors receive Gala benefits)

Thank you for your generosity and support. Your donation truly makes a difference and with your help, we're one step closer to a cure for blood cancers. Questions, email Fight for Futures (fightforfutureslls@gmail.com)

Box Tops Collection Contest

Please help us reach our collection goal! The classroom turning in the most **Box Tops by February 22**, will win a pizza party. Pink Box Tops can be found on participating products like General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker baking mixes, Ziploc and Hefty bags, Scott paper products, and more. Clip the Box Tops and attach them to the collection sheet or send them to school with your child in a Ziploc bag. Be sure to label them with your child's name and the name of his/her teacher. Box Tops can be given to their teacher, or placed in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. Need more fun and more opportunities to earn Box Tops? Check out the Box Top website at www.btfe.com, and you could win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua! Questions, email Amber Reynolds aarmagost@hotmail.com.

Spring Break Art Camp

April 10-April 13 (Spring Break) 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Nathalie Shirley and Davide Lorenzi, our wonderful Mantua Art Teachers, will direct a Spring Break Art Camp. Only 32 students **Grades 2-6** will be admitted into the program, cost for camp is \$120 per student and each child should bring clothes they don't mind getting dirty, lunch and one snack. Flier was in last week's Tuesday folder. Questions, email nsshirley@fcps.edu.

Bus Delay Notification System

Parents may access the system [here](#) or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

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 4ourschool.

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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