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## Important Upcoming Dates

**May 1-5:** Teacher Appreciation Week.

**May 3** (Wednesday): Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

**May 2** (Tuesday): Kindergarten Orientation, 2:50-3:40 p.m.

**May 4** (Thursday): Spring Band Concert, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**May 5** (Friday): PTA meeting, 9:30 a.m., Mantua cafeteria.

**May 10** (Wednesday): Final Restaurant Night of the year  
at Banyan Tree Grill, 5-8 p.m.

**May 13** (Saturday): Raccoon Run.

## Deadlines

**May 12** (Friday) : AAP Level III Screening form due in  
Mantua ES Office by 4:30 p.m.

## Appreciate Your Student's Homeroom Teacher and Specialists Teacher Appreciation Week

This is the perfect opportunity to show our teachers just how much we appreciate all their hard work and dedication. 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 recognition!

- **Monday, 5/1** – 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, 5/2** – Bring in a card (handmade or bought) or picture or crafty handmade item.
- **Wednesday, 5/3** – Bring in one sweet treat: one Hershey's Kiss, one homemade cookie, etc.
- **Thursday, 5/4** – Bring in one school supply: Post it notes, a Sharpie, disinfecting wipes, stickers, etc.
- **Friday, 5/5** – Bring in one piece of fruit.

Some room parents may be sending out additional information for your classroom.

## Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

We all know that Mantua faculty and staff are wonderful. To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA will host the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in the library **Wednesday, 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 potato and salad bar for the teachers complete 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, and pies - you bake it, we'll take it!

**Family 2:** Bags of Salad and Salad Dressings.

**Family 3:** Bags of chips.

**3rd Grade:** Sour Cream, Butter, Salsa, Guacamole (or your favorite topping).

**4th Grade:** Cut Fresh Fruit and Berries.

**5th Grade:** Water Bottles or Soda.

**6th Grade:** Bags of Shredded Cheese, Bacon Bits, Diced Onions (or your favorite topping).

...and there is more!!! Did you know that during the May 3rd Teacher Appreciation Luncheon we give each and every teacher a surprise at the luncheon. The PTA provides these surprises that are given out while the teachers enjoy their yummy lunch. But we can't do it without your help!!! 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 Tré Krupnick at [trekrupnick@gmail.com](mailto:trekrupnick@gmail.com) or Lauren Brennan at [laurenobrennan@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenobrennan@yahoo.com). Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, clean up, and to provide a helping hand during the luncheon. Questions or would like to volunteer contact Tré Krupnick [trekrupnick@gmail.com](mailto:trekrupnick@gmail.com).

## AAP Level III Screening

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of academic services for all students. While access to these services are provided to all students at various levels, students must be considered eligible through a school committee to formally access gifted services on a regular basis.

If you wish to refer your child for consideration for Part-time School-Based Services, also known as Level III Services, the deadline for submitting the application form to the Mantua ES office is **4:30pm on Friday, May 12th**. Rising 3rd -6th grade student students who are found eligible for school-based services will receive an enrichment lesson weekly. This lesson will be during the school day, in lieu of other content/homework/assignments which the students will still be responsible for.

Parent notification regarding eligibility for Local Level III Services for the 2017-18 school year will be included in the 2017 end of year report card envelope, sent home with students on the last day of school. More information, and a link to the referral form, is located

at <https://tinyurl.com/z3dkyc4>. If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office.

Please submit any questions about the program or application process to Eva Bousbouras ([Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu)), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher Mantua.

## PTA Monthly Meeting – NEW DATE!!

The PTA's monthly meeting for May has a **new date - Friday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m.** in the school cafeteria. Please come to hear the latest news and happenings at our school. The slate of nominees for next year's PTA Executive Board will be announced at this meeting.

## Spring Fling Thank You

Thank you for a successful Spring Fling! Despite the rain, Mantua parents and students came out to enjoy a fun day playing games, winning prizes and making memories! This is what makes our school community a wonderful place! Thanks so much to these awesome Mantua parents for their tireless efforts in making this such a huge success: Sarah Bogardus, Dawn Keene, Lesley McKnight, Aly Neuhauser, Jennifer Ros, Nicole Willis, and Cindy Ruckno! And, thank you very much to all the many other volunteers that ran the games, sold goodies and those that spent their day helping in any way! All of YOU helped make this year's Spring Fling Fundraiser a successful community event!

Thank you to all our sponsors:

Sarah Harrington/Long & Foster Realtor, Judy Wonus/RE/MAX Allegiance, Merrifield Orthodontics, Rachel Fleming/Keller Williams Realtor, Mia Brennan/Rhodan + Fields, Cathy Pongmalai/Frankly Real Estate, Fun Bot Labs, Hudson Orthodontics and our very own rockin' Dad band, Furst Try!

Thank you!

Chanda McCarthy (Mantua PTA, VP of Fundraising)

## Final Restaurant Night!

We hope to see you at the Banyan Tree Grill in the Turnpike Shopping Center (between Peet's and Chipotle) on **Wednesday, May 10, from 5-8 pm** for the last restaurant night fundraiser of the school year. Have a delicious dinner and support the PTA! Just mention you're there for the Mantua PTA fundraiser or show the flyer on your phone! Dine-in, takeout, and online (pick-up but not delivery) orders all apply! <http://banyantreegrill.com/orderonline/>

## Final Box Top Contest

The last Box Top Contest for the school year **will end on May 24th**. The class turning in the most Box Tops will be given a special classroom treat and the honor of proudly displaying the Box Top trophy in their classroom for the remainder of the school year. This is a fun and easy way to support the PTA. Thanks for clipping!

## Eco-Tip of the Week

- Paper receipts - don't recycle! Many paper receipts



contain BPA, which is considered harmful to human health. To prevent them from being incorporated into recycled products, dispose in your trash, or better yet - opt for a digital receipt or none.

- Exhaust from idling cars contributes to global warming, exacerbates asthma, wastes gas and costs money. It's especially harmful near schools, as kids are more vulnerable to the health effects of air pollution. What you can do: Shut off the engine when you'll be stopped for more than 10 seconds. Easy! Next time you are waiting at the Mantua Kiss and Ride -- or anywhere else -- turn off your car and make a difference.

- May 13th, 8:30 am. The 87th Green Breakfast at Brion's Grille, 10621 Braddock Rd. Enjoy a hot buffet while learning about the Plant NOVA Natives Initiative, a joint campaign of non-profit, governmental, and private groups, all working to reverse the decline of native plants and wildlife in northern VA. Its goal is to encourage residents, as well as public and commercial entities, to install native plants as the first step toward creating wildlife habitat and functioning ecosystems on their own properties. No prior registration is required. \$10 at the door for the all-you-can-eat buffet (includes tax and tip). Cash is preferred

- May 7th, 10am-2pm. EarthSangha, a nonprofit public charity is having a Spring Open House & Native Plant Sale at their Wild Plant Nursery. Choose from almost 200 local-ecotype, native plant species and meet some of their local partners in environmental stewardship and conservation.

Visit <http://www.earthsangha.org/wpn> for directions to the nursery.

## 17th Annual Raccoon Run

RACCOON RUN-- only a couple of weeks to go until MAY 13!! Register online at [www.raccoonrun.org](http://www.raccoonrun.org) for the big day. Join Rocky and the Raccoon Run Runners in supporting Life with Cancer. See you on race day at 8:00 a.m. for the mile fun run and 8:30 a.m. for the 5K! Questions, contact Jennifer Lewis Cooper, [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com) 703-426-2490

## High School Musical, Jr.

Don't miss the singing, the dancing, and the fun as the Frost Drama Kids put on Disney's High School Musical, Jr. You'll

recognize several illustrious Mantua alums among the cast members. Performance dates are Thursday, May 4, at 2:45 pm, and Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, at 7:00 pm, in the Frost Middle School cafeteria (4101 Pickett Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032). Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults at the door. Admission is half-price for rising 7th graders who sign up for the Frost Fan Club. Please join us for some family fun! (If you would like to help support after-school theater arts at Frost by making a donation or buying an advertisement in the program, please contact Killian Kelly at [killiankelly2025@gmail.com](mailto:killiankelly2025@gmail.com).)

## 5th -9th Grade Girls Lacrosse Camp

WOODSON GIRLS LACROSSE CAMP: JULY 17-21 The Woodson girls lacrosse program is hosting a **camp for rising 5th through 9th grade girls the week of July 17 through 21 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am**. 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 at <http://www.wtwcamps.com>.

## Woodson Cheer and Dance Camp

Looking for a fun camp for your child(ren) during the week of August 14-18? Sign them up for this wonderful camp for rising grades K-8, run by the Woodson Cheerleaders and Precisionettes. Choose the half-day option for cheer or dance, or the full day option for both! More information and the registration form coming soon.

## 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.

## 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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