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Important Upcoming Dates

May 1 (Tuesday): 6th Grade Panoramic Picture, 9:30am.

May 3 (Thursday): Spring Band Concert, 7:00pm.

May 7 (Monday): Teacher Appreciation week.

May 11 (Friday): PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Cafeteria.

May 12 (Saturday): Raccoon Run. 5th Annual Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science & Engineering (FCSE) Fair.

6th Grade Panoramic Picture

The 6th grade panoramic picture will be taken on **Tuesday,**

May 1st at 9:30 am.

Envelopes will be coming home in the Tuesday folders on April 24th.

FIRST ISSUE OF THE BANDIT RELEASED, MANTUA'S FIRST DIGITAL NEWSPAPER!

Please inquire your child's homeroom teacher to share the files of the first digital student newspaper, The Bandit! Articles include current events, staff and student highlights, artwork, and even restaurant reviews!

We really hope you enjoy reading it – all the contributors worked really hard on it!

Thank you very much!

Ms. Dunfee, Mrs. Hong, and #TheBanditSquad

Visiting Authors

Attention families! The Mantua Library is hosting two authors in April. Author Sue Fliess will be visiting K-2 students during their specials on **Tuesday, April 24th**. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Graap (kegraap@fcps.edu) or Kimberly Adams (kmadams@fcps.edu).

Spring Fling Sponsors Thank You!!!

Thank you so much to our amazing sponsors who helped make this year's Spring Fling a wonderful success! We truly appreciate your dedication to our community, and school!

Anne & Sarah Harrington/Long and Foster Realtors, Judy Wonus/RE/MAX Realtor, Merrifield Orthodontics, Banaji Pediatric Dental Specialists, Rachel Fleming/KELLER Williams Realtor, Faye Henris ReMax Allegiance, Mia Brennan/Rodan and Fields, Cathy Pongmalai Realtor, Del Ray Smiles, and Dr. Kevin Tran, JL Tree Service. We also send a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help make the Spring Fling such a success! If you donated a cake for the cake walk, helped out with a game, served pizza, or made a donation for the Silent Auction, we could not have done this without you! Thank you to the Spring Fling Committee for all your hard work these past few weeks. We are so lucky to have a team of such dedicated, and hard working parents. Terri Radziewski (VP of Fundraising), Chanda McCarthy, Lisa Libby, Paige Rushing, Jenn Ros, Dawn Keene, Leslie McKnight, Aly Neuhauser, Ali Ackermann, Cindy Ruckno, Jody Agnew, and all of our wonderful PTA Officers, Mantua Staff, and many more, THANK YOU!!

Mantua Science Olympiad Team (Div. B) Success

Congratulations to the Mantua Science Olympiad Division B team for their hard work and achievements in the VA Science Olympiad State Tournament at UVA on April 14, 2018. The team medaled in the following events:

- Roller Coaster - 2nd place
 - Towers - 5th place
- Indoor Bottle Rocket - 6th place

Team members included: Kevin Benoy, Suchir Chikkava, Ben

Hall, Adithya Haresamudram, Enzo Hiu, Sahil Kapadia, Daniel Kim, Abhigna Koochana, Lawrence McAllister, Sameera Pasham, Pradeep Ravi, and Anny Williams. Many thanks to the Team Coach (Serena Chan), the Teacher Sponsor (Mrs. Sullivan), and the support of the team parents.

AAP School–Based Level III Services

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of gifted services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for Part-time School-Based Services, the deadline is **Friday, May 11th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. Students eligible for school-based services will receive an enrichment lesson during the Dreambox/Library Block in one of the four core subject areas. The following criteria will be used to determine eligibility: rising 3rd-6th grade student, Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale, CogAt and NNAT testing, Universal Screener, DRA data, and SOL testing information, if applicable. Notification regarding eligibility will be included with the 4th quarter report card. More information and a link to the referral form is located

https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/AAPSchoolBasedServicesReferralForm_o.pdf

If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras (Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

18th Annual Raccoon Run

RACCOON RUN-- REGISTER NOW: Last week (APRIL 27) to be guaranteed a TEE!! <https://raccoonrun.org> Race Day is MAY 12, 8am FUN RUN, and 830 5K Race! Students: thank you for collecting pledges to help Life with Cancer and rallying your classmates to participate so your class will be have the most participants--AND win a pizza/ice cream party!! Aren't able to run but would like to help-- volunteer at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ca4ab23aof94-raccoon>

Questions: contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com
703.426.2490

Important Immunization

Requirement: Do You Have a Student Entering Sixth Grade Next Year?

If yes, he or she may need a booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis). Sixth grade students cannot begin school in August without documentation of the Tdap booster. Parents or guardians should ask their private healthcare provider, or the health department, to review their child's immunization record if they are unsure if their child has received the Tdap booster.

Students who have received a Tdap booster between the ages of seven and eleven do not need another dose. Documentation must be provided to the school student information assistant (SIA) or registrar as soon as possible.

[Learn more about the Tdap booster.](#)

Woodson 5K Run/ Walk

Woodson High School is organizing a 5K on **Saturday, May 5th**. Proceeds benefit the charity Forever Home, a no kill animal shelter in Fairfax County. For more information and to register [please see flier](#).

Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science and Engineering Fair

The 5th Annual Fairfax County Elementary and Middle School Science & Engineering (FCSE) Fair will take place on Saturday **May 12, 2018** at George Mason University.

<https://www.fcsefair.com> The FCSE fair will accept projects in the areas of Life & Earth Sciences and Physical Sciences & Engineering.

The divisions are:

Division I (grades 1-3)

Division II (grades 4-5)

Division III (grades 6-8)

Students are encouraged to begin working on their projects now so that sufficient time is allowed for planning, data gathering, and final presentation of results. Students are expected to keep a journal documenting the progress of their investigation. Students must prepare a trifold poster board of their project for the fair.

Rules & Guidelines here:

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d54dde_7bfe491853294c92b4c088bo54153cfc.pdf

The FCSE fair has several requirements in advance of project start and submission this year, including a checklist, research plan/project summary, and an approval form. The FCSE fair will be following the rules of Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF); more information available at: <http://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef>. If there are more interested students than available slots allotted to Mantua (which we will find out in early April), we will have to decide which projects will go to the fair based on scientific merit. Please email mantuasciencefair@gmail.com if your child is interested in participating in the science fair.

Please indicate:

- Child's name, grade, teacher
- Child's interested project area
- Child's proposed project topic (if known)
- Additional paperwork as noted above will be necessary prior to enrolling in the county science fair.

Project registration typically occurs in late March-early April.

Woodson High School Relay for Life

Come help Woodson High School fight cancer at its fun-filled overnight event this June 2nd-3rd at Woodson's football stadium from 5pm-5am! There will be games, movies, food, musical performances, survivor speakers and so much more! Join or create a team online and start fundraising towards admission into the event: \$10 to stay until 11pm, \$100 to stay overnight! Funds go towards services for cancer patients. Any questions? Email woodsonrelayforlife@gmail.com or click the website link below for more info #whodoyourelayfor relayforlife.org/woodsonhsva

Absences, Tardies, Early Dismissals and Transportation Changes.

Any absences or planned tardies should be **reported by 9:30 am**. Robo calls for unexplained absences start at 10:00 am.

Please email MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu and copy the classroom teacher. If you don't have email call the attendance line at (703) 645-6363 but email is preferred for clarity purposes. Please include the date of the absence or change of

transportation, the student's name, teacher and what the change or absence is.

Example: Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2009.

Yearbook Sales

The 2017-2018 Yearbook is available for purchase.

<http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1139775/Mantua-Elementary-School/>

Parent Information Relating to Special Education

[All these opportunities](#) are FREE unless noted.

In most cases you must register if registration information is provided.

When other events become available they will be posted at:

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/upcoming-community-events/>

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Plans; Make Arrangements Now in Case of an Unforeseen Schedule Change

Cold and wintry weather is on its way! Due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, it may be necessary to close schools for the entire day, to open schools late, or to close early.

Parents are urged to make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedule changes are made (and to provide for the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances). Children should know where to go if a parent will not be home.

FCPS has several schedules set up to deal with inclement weather; these are put into effect when conditions threaten the safety of students and staff members:

- Keep schools closed.
- Open two hours late.

- Close two hours early.

When Fairfax County Public Schools has a schedule change (closing or delay) due to inclement weather or other emergencies, [the information is communicated in several ways as soon as the decision is made.](#)

Note: The official [@FCPSnews Twitter](#) account (with blue check mark) is generally the first and fastest mode of communication during emergency weather closings. Other communication channels will be updated as quickly as possible including email, text, website, other social media, and news stations. Please be aware, due to the large volume of emails sent, there will likely to be a lag between the time a FCPS Twitter alert is posted and receipt of an email in your inbox.

Video: Learn How Inclement Weather Closing Decisions Are Made

Ever wonder how FCPS administrators decide to close or delay school due to inclement weather? [Watch this video for an explanation and answers to some common questions.](#)

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 eScrip before beginning your shopping and these organizations will donate to our school.

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 cbn@mantuapta.org 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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