



# Mantua PTA Alert News

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## Advanced Academics Presentation at PTA Meeting this Wed. 1/6

Do you have questions about how the Advanced Academics (formerly Gifted & Talented) program works? Are you wondering if the program is a good match for your child? What about other opportunities in your child's future? Principal Fernandez and AA Resource Teacher, Eva Bousbouras, will give a short presentation at 6:30pm, with a Q&A session afterwards. Our regular PTA meeting will begin at 7pm. All members are welcome. FREE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE! Please contact Monica Cameron to confirm spots for your children at [monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net) or 703-359-4298.

## Don't Forget to Check Lost and Found

It's not too late! Make a resolution to check out the Lost and Found to see if your family is missing a coat, sweatshirt, or lunchbox. Items will be collected for donation next week.

## PTA Family Fun Night

Come to the PTA Family Fun Lego Night on Friday, January 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 in the school cafeteria. Sir Brixalot of Brixalot, Inc. will bring thousands of legos and lead the group in lego building. There is no cost to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you need a language translator, please contact Ken Moles at [kenmoles@cox.net](mailto:kenmoles@cox.net). If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net).

## New Proposed PTA Bylaws

Every 5 years the PTA must update its bylaws in order to continue operating. The proposed bylaws draft is available for all PTA members to review [HERE](#), and includes a short list of updates with an explanation for each change. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Armstrong at [NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com](mailto:NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com) or 703-573-1216.

We will vote to approve the proposed bylaws at the upcoming PTA meeting on February 3rd. *We will need at least 20 paid PTA members to attend and vote to approve the bylaws or the PTA cannot continue to provide services to our school and students. Please support your PTA!*

### Needed: 6th Grade Graduation Party Volunteers

Yes, the party is months away but it's not too early to start planning the celebration. "Many hands make light work." Therefore, we have broken up the party organization into the following manageable categories and are looking for one or two individuals to "head" up each of the following areas: decorations, food, drinks, activities, setup and cleanup. Please contact Carole Thomas at [caroleandjay@aol.com](mailto:caroleandjay@aol.com) to volunteer to coordinate a specific area or to fill in where needed most.

### A "win-win" way to support our school PLUS give yourself a tax write-off

The PTA requested our principals and teaching staff put together a "wish list" of items they need for the classrooms and teacher support areas. The idea is to reserve precious school funds for staffing in the classroom and have parents and outside companies help with the "wish list" where they can. You (or your company) can simply write a check with a note detailing what you wish to contribute towards. The list is on the PTA website here:

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/MantuaWishList09-10.pdf>

You will get a letter in return for tax purposes. Please contact Becky Powers, front office Manager, with any questions.

### Advanced Academics Referral Form, due Feb 5th (Grades 2-6)

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of advanced academic services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school/district committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is February 5th for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral form is located at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>. 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.

### Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Fair Next Tuesday

Presented by Fairfax County Association for the Gifted

*Oakton High School - 2900 Sutton Rd - Vienna, VA*

*Tuesday, January 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m.*

*Admission is Free*

- Meet representatives from summer enrichment programs
- Visit the exhibits, ask questions, and network with others
- See what your children (K-12) can explore next summer

Camps to be represented include: JHU's Center for Talented Youth, Nysmith, TIC (Tech is Cool), Fairfax Collegiate, Exploring Engineering, Joy of Motion, Camp Flintlock, Math Enrichment by Vern Williams, Shenandoah Performs, Mathtree, Camp Shavuon, Science Camp Watonka, Best Academy, Camp Horizons, GWU Summer Scholars, Camp Rim Rock, GMU's Summer Enrichment Programs, and many more!

**In case of inclement weather, check: <http://FCAG.org> for snow date**

FCAG's Yahoo discussion group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FCAG>

Contact: [secretary@fcag.org](mailto:secretary@fcag.org)

### Important Events for January

1/6 PTA: Monthly Meeting

1/15 PTA Event: Community Spirit "Family Fun Night"

1/17: Final Deadline to Order Yearbooks

1/18 SCHOOL CLOSED: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Holiday

1/23 Cub Scout Pack #1533 "Pinewood Derby"

1/25 Winter Choral Concert

1/28 Second Grading Period Ends

1/29-2/1 SCHOOL CLOSED: Student Holidays

### Did You Know...?

Did you know that every year in the United States, the average student throws away 65 pounds of packaging, which includes sandwich bags, plastic water bottles, and juice boxes? Let's start packing our lunches with reusable food containers, reusable beverage bottles, and reusable napkins! Make a resolution for waste-free lunches in 2010, and make a difference.

## Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

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For more information, please visit our website:

[www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org)

Sincerely,  
Mantua Elementary School PTA

