



Mantua PTA Alert News January 15, 2013



Restaurant Night at Baja Fresh

Join us for a PTA Family Fun Night Out at Baja Fresh on Thursday, **January 24th** from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Pan Am Shopping Center on Nutley Street. Dine in or carry out and enjoy an assortment of Mexican favorites. Menu items include burritos, tacos, taquitos, quesadillas, fajitas, nachos, salad, and soup. Everything is fresh and delicious. The event flyers will be sent home in Tuesday folders. Please present yours at the time of purchase for 15% of the evening's proceeds to go to the Mantua Elementary School PTA. Buen provecho!

Kids Care Club Collecting Donations for Humane Society

The Kids Care Club will be collecting donations for the Humane Society of Fairfax County. Boxes will be placed throughout the school starting on Friday, **January 18th**. The following items are needed: towels, blankets, dog and cat toys, rawhide and chew treats, large plastic or metal bowls, dog collars and leashes, dog and cat beds, electric clippers, D batteries, trash bags, and clumping litter. A more complete list will be attached to each box. Thank you in advance for your donations. Please contact [Amy Smith](#) with any questions.

Winter Box Tops Contest Begins!

The Winter Box Tops Contest started Monday, **January 14th** and ends Friday,

February 15th. Our goal is to raise \$1,500. Send in Box Tops Labels and Labels for Education labels in a plastic zip bag with the teacher's name and grade on it. Labels should be dropped in the collection box in the front lobby. Please do not send in expired labels. A special prize will be awarded for the class bringing in the most labels. Look by the collection box to find out which class is in the lead.

A list of participating products can be found on: www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. Ask your neighbors, co-workers, and local businesses to help you collect. For any questions contact [Sandy Spector](#).

Tips for Winter Weather and Flu Season

As many families deal with the flu this season, please talk to your children about handwashing at school to help fight off germs.

In addition, this is the time of year when students may choose to wear layers of clothing to school. Please consider writing your child's name in his/her coats, sweatshirts, and hats. Any items in the school's Lost and Found with names written in them will be returned quickly to students.

Counselor's Corner

Upcoming Workshops: The 8th Annual Special Education Conference will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. It will be held at Hayfield Secondary School from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/conference/>.

January - National Mentoring Month: January 17th is Thank Your Mentor Day.

Here at Mantua, we have a very successful mentoring program. At Mantua, staff members volunteer to be matched with a student and the relationship is focused on developing the child's strengths and capabilities. Has anyone reached out to help you in the past either formally or informally (a coach, staff member, teacher, or co-worker)? If so, this is a great month to get in touch with them to say "Thanks!" For more information on National Mentoring Month, visit:

<http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org/>.

Advanced Academics Level IV Center Referral Form

*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/district committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is Friday, **February 8th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral form can be found [HERE](#). Please submit any questions to [Eva Bousbouras](#), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.*

Citizenship Essay Contest for 6th Graders

Attention 6th Graders: The Virginia PTA is sponsoring a Citizenship Essay Contest for grades 6th-12th. The 2012-13 theme is "Proud to Be An American." This essay project allows students to express their views and opinions on "Character or Citizenship". The Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children-tomorrow's leaders. Use this [LINK](#) to access the application for the essay contest.

Please submit your essay application (you must use the one in the above link) to the Mantua PTA mailbox NO LATER THAN: Wednesday, January 30th. We will forward your essays to the Northern Virginia PTA for judging. If you have any questions, please contact [Julie Middleton](#), PTA Secretary.

Important Upcoming Events

Mon. Jan 21: School Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Thurs. Jan 24: Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. Jan 24: Restaurant Night

Mon. Jan 28 - Tues. Jan 29: School Closed for Teacher Workdays

Super Teacher Award

The Virginia PTA is again partnering with Virginia Lottery to promote and recognize the Super Teacher award with nominations due January 7th-February 15th. Eight teachers from around the state will be recognized in the spring. Click [HERE](#) for more information about nominations and awards.

Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Camp Fair

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAg) will hold its annual Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Camp Fair at Oakton High School on Wednesday, January 23rd from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. FCAg is open to everyone whether or not they are in AAP.

Meet representatives from summer enrichment programs, visit exhibits, ask questions, and see what your children in K-12 can explore next summer. Academic Programs include music, chess, drama, computers, robotics, language immersion,

math, science, engineering, and test prep. Enrichment Camps include TIC (Tech Is Cool), Fairfax Collegiate, Math Enrichment Services, Traveling Players Ensemble, Writopia, FCPS Institute for the Arts, Congressional Day Camp, iD Tech Camp, Potomac School, Concordia Language Villages, Interlochen Arts Camp, Madeira School Summer Camps, A Class Act: Acting for Kids, and More! For more information, visit www.FCAG.org. Oakton High School is located at 2900 Sutton Road in Vienna.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

