



Mantua PTA Alert News

February 5, 2013



Save the Date - Mantua Spring Carnival!

Mantua Spring Carnival on Saturday, March 16th, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. More info coming soon!



Please Complete the Mantua PTA Website Survey

The Mantua PTA is now looking at new website service providers and needs to ensure that the quality you have all come to expect from our website is maintained. Therefore, we need to get an accurate understanding of the website use. We need the entire Mantua community to complete [THIS SURVEY](#) no later than **Friday, February 8th**. Thanks for your help!

February School Dance!

Love is in the air! Gather your sweethearts and join the Mantua PTA for a Family Fun Valentine's Day Hip Hop Sock Hop Dance on Friday, February 15th from 7:00

to 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Music and dance instruction will be provided by Everything Entertainment! There is no cost to attend. Put on your dancing shoes and come with the family for a fun-filled evening. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

This Month's PTA Meeting: Friday, February 15th

The February PTA meeting is during the day! Please join us on Friday, **February 15th** at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria to hear from the school administration and upcoming PTA events and programs. Parking might be a bit tough that morning as the meeting conflicts with Colonial Day, but don't let that stop you! For those 4th grade parents who are volunteering their time in the morning, come to the meeting for a few minutes before helping in the classroom!

PTA Seeking New Webmaster

The Mantua PTA website is definitely one of the best out there. Why is it so well done? The hard work of John Nicholas and Nicole Armstrong is why! The husband and wife team has put together an exceptional website as well as a fair amount of functionality behind it. However, as all students and parents move on from Mantua such will be the case next year for John and Nicole. Although they are irreplaceable, we need to try and prepare now for a smooth transition to a new webmaster. If you might be interested in learning more about being our webmaster, please contact PTA President [Lesley Kowalski](#).

Colonial Day Information for 4th Graders

Attention 4th Grade Families: Mantua Colonial Day is coming on Friday, **February**

15th! This is a big and very fun event for our 4th graders. In order to allow our children to experience multiple activities and an authentic lunch, we need lots of volunteers. Please consider how you can help - we need many helping hands! Please click on the link below to sign up. Contact [Julie Middleton](#) with any questions about volunteering. (Contact your child's teacher if you have questions about the day itself.) Please [SIGN UP](#) early so we know we are covered!

Information for Parents of Rising 7th Graders

It's time to start preparing for middle school. There will be two events at Mantua to help you with your preparations:

Parent Coffee - Thursday, February 7th, 8:15-9:00 a.m. Meet with Mantua School Counselors and Middle School Representatives. You can also view course registration materials, get important information on upcoming dates, and view a short electives video.

Middle School Information Session - Wednesday, February 27th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Come view a short presentation on how to best help your child with the middle school transition. Parents will have the opportunity to talk with current middle school parents as well as school representatives to answer any questions.

Please RSVP to Mantua Counselor [Allison Warren](#) if you are able to attend.

UPCOMING MEETING: Potential Boundary Changes to Mantua-Frost-Woodson Pyramid

Please contact PTA President [Lesley Kowalski](#) if you would like to attend or participate in these meetings, as these boundary changes could have a profound

impact on our current pyramid makeup of Mantua-Frost-Woodson. These meetings are open to everyone, but it would be helpful if the PTA can have a sense of who is attending.

The School Board took action at its January 24th meeting to approve the following schools in the Fairfax-Lanier Boundary Study: Chantilly High, Fairfax High, Falls Church High, Oakton High, Robinson Secondary, Woodson High, Franklin Middle, Frost Middle, Jackson Middle, Lanier Middle, and Rocky Run Middle.

The public is invited to participate in community dialogue meetings to discuss scenarios for the movement of students to relieve overcrowding at Fairfax High and Lanier Middle. These meetings will be identical in format and information presented. All meetings will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

February 19th - Oakton High School, Cafeteria, 2900 Sutton Road, Oakton (snow date is March 7th)

February 20th - Lanier Middle School, Cafeteria, 3801 Jermantown Road (snow date is February 27th)

February 26th - Woodson High School, Cafeteria, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax (snow date is March 6th)

For more information, to sign up for the meetings, and to submit your questions and comments, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/fairfaxlanier/index.shtml>.

Winter Box Tops Contest

The Winter Box Tops Contest 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. Contact [Sandy Spector](#) with any questions.

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.

Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Feb 7 - Rising 7th Grade Parents Coffee, 8:15-9:00 a.m.

Fri. Feb 15 - PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. Feb 15 - Colonial Day for 4th Grade

Fri. Feb 15 - Hip Hop Sock Hop School Dance, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Fri. Feb 15 - Box Tops Contest Ends

Mon. Feb 18 - School Closed for Presidents' Day Holiday

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.

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](#)

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

