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## Important Upcoming Dates

January 14: Band Concert

January 15: 4th Grade Human Growth & Development Parent Meeting

January 16: Family Fun Skate Night

January 19: School Closed, MLK, Jr. Holiday

January 20: Restaurant Night at Chipotle

January 22: Strings Concert at Woodson HS

January 29: 2-Hour Early Release

January 30-February 2: No School, Student Holidays

February 5: Parent Orientation at Frost MS

February 8: Talent Show Video Audition and Form Due

## Note About Transportation

Attention Parents: if your child has a different mode of transportation home from school on Wednesdays, please **RESEND** this information to [mantuaesattendance@fcps.edu](mailto:mantuaesattendance@fcps.edu) or directly to Mrs. Fowlkes in the front office at [lafowlkes@fcps.edu](mailto:lafowlkes@fcps.edu). In the confusion of last Tuesday's school day, the original forms were distributed to the students instead of copies being made from them. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you!

## Family Fun Skate Night

Join the Mantua PTA for a family fun night of ice skating on **Friday, January 16th from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.** at Fairfax Ice Arena. You don't want to miss this winter event! There is no cost to attend but for those who ice skate there is an admission fee of \$5.50 paid at the door. Be sure to mention the Mantua Elementary School PTA for this discounted fee. Rental skates are available for an additional \$4.00. Please come dressed for cool temperatures: jacket, pants, hat, and gloves are suggested along with a bike helmet for beginners.

While there, take a break from the ice and visit the PTA hospitality table for a complimentary cup of hot chocolate while supplies last. Plan to attend! Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

## Upcoming 4th Grade Human Growth and Development Lesson

The 4th grade will be teaching their 1 hour Human Growth and Development lesson on Thursday, January 29th. The students will be separated by gender and taught by their grade level teachers and 5th grade male teachers. All students will be included in this lesson unless an opt-out form has been submitted to the school by January 26th. Additional opt-out forms can be picked-up in the main office or requested from your child's teacher. A parent meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 15th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** in the library for parents to preview the materials and talk with school staff about the program.

## Restaurant Night at Chipotle

Come in from the cold and join Mantua family and friends for a dinner out south of the border. The Mantua PTA is hosting a restaurant night on **Tuesday, January 20th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Chipotle Mexican Grill in the Pickett Shopping Center on Main Street. Come and dine on burritos, burrito bowls, crispy tacos, soft tacos, salads, and chips and guacamole. There is even a kid's meal available for the younger guests. It's all delicious and another crowd pleaser! Visit [chipotle.com](http://chipotle.com) for more menu details. Dine in or take out. Be sure to mention the Mantua PTA at the time of purchase, and 50% of the evening's proceeds will go to the Mantua PTA. Buen provecho!

## Mantua Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2015 Mantua Talent Show! Do you play an instrument, sing, or dance? Do you like to perform magic? Do you want to demonstrate your martial arts prowess? Then, why not try out for this year's show?

Just head over to the [Talent Show Web Site](#) for instructions on how to enter and to find the audition forms.

Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Video Auditions and Audition Forms Due: **Sunday, February 8th**

- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: **Wednesday, February 18th, 5:30-9:00 p.m.**
- Talent Show in the Gym: **Saturday, February 21st, 5:30-9:00 p.m.**

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Talent Show, please sign up [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ted Donat at [tdonat@gmail.com](mailto:tdonat@gmail.com) or 703-629-0128. Good luck preparing your acts!

## Seeking Members for PTA By-Laws Committee

Each PTA is required to review and revise, if necessary, its by-laws every five years. These by-laws guide the way the Mantua PTA conducts its business. The Mantua PTA by-laws are due for renewal in 2015. The membership will vote on the revisions at our March meeting. If you would like to volunteer for this committee and/or you have suggested revisions to the by-laws, please email Julie Middleton, PTA President at [mantuaptaprez@gmail.com](mailto:mantuaptaprez@gmail.com).

## Middle School Information for Rising 7th Graders

It is that time of the year! We are currently in the process of middle school registration and transition activities. We will be communicating detailed information out to families as we receive it. This information will be sent home in Tuesday folders and here on the Alert News in an abbreviated version. Please note that these dates are subject to change due to inclement weather, and those changes will also be communicated to you as we receive them. Feel free to contact [Susan Kim](#), 6th grade counselor if you have any questions and/or concerns specific to your child.

### Frost Middle School

[www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/student-services/course-selection.html](http://www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/student-services/course-selection.html)

February 5th: Parent Orientation at Frost MS

February 11th: Math Sequence and Course Selection at Frost

February 19th: Frost Family Festival at Frost MS

### Luther Jackson Middle School

February 23rd: Parent Curriculum Night at Jackson MS

## Advanced Academics Level IV Referral Form – Due February 3rd

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 (grades 2-6) for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is **Tuesday, February 3rd** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information including a link to the referral form is located at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/index.shtml>. If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to [Eva Bousbouras](#), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

## Virginia Super Teacher

Do YOU Know a Super Teacher? Does your child's teacher go above and beyond classroom duty to inspire students? Does she lead them to new understanding and knowledge breakthroughs? Does he motivate them to reach higher and achieve their potential? Answering "yes" to any of these questions means your child may know the most amazing of all super heroes - a Virginia Lottery Super Teacher. Help us identify and recognize these education heroes! Between now and February 13th, nominate your child's Super Teacher at [www.vasuperteacher.com](http://www.vasuperteacher.com). Out of the nominees, eight Virginia educators will be selected in 2015 as Super Teachers, winning \$2,000 from the Virginia Lottery and \$2,000 in classroom supplies from The Supply Room Companies. In addition to the wonderful classroom supplies and cash prizes, this year, one school out of all the nominations will be randomly selected to win a \$1,000 in supplies from The Supply Room Companies. Let's show our outstanding teachers how super-thankful we are for their hard work. Please copy your submission and email a copy to [Mrs. Fernandez](#) so the teacher can be recognized here at Mantua as well. Nominate a Super Teacher today!

## Woodson High School Musical Revue

Coming soon: Woodson High School's blockbuster musical revue, DESSERT ON BROADWAY! Enjoy a showcase of song and dance, as Woodson choral students display their impressive talents. Indulge in dessert and coffee at your elegant table in a posh cabaret setting complete with dazzling skyline view!

Location: W.T. Woodson High School, Cavalier Hall  
Show Times: Thursday, Jan. 29, 7:00 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30,



7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 31, 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Special preview showing for students and teachers on  
Wednesday Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. for only \$5!

Doors open 30 minutes before show time. Arrive early for  
dessert and beverages! To order your tickets, visit  
[www.woodsonchorus.org](http://www.woodsonchorus.org) or contact  
[kathrynharms@yahoo.com](mailto:kathrynharms@yahoo.com).

## Thank You to Friends of Rocky!

Thanks to all who made a “Friends of Rocky” Donation – the  
PTA appreciates your support!

**Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long and Foster  
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## Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach  
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translated into their native language, our volunteers are here  
to help!

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