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Important Upcoming Dates

January 27: Band Concert (rescheduled from earlier date)

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

February 12: PTA Meeting

February 16: No School, Presidents' Day

February 18: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

February 21: Talent Show

Mantua Talent Show Information

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 or 703-629-0128. Good luck preparing your acts!

Mantua Spring Fling

The Mantua Spring Fling needs a committee of parent volunteers to help organize and run this event. We need help with the following: Silent Auction Coordinator, Sponsor Solicitations, Ticket Sales, Volunteer Coordinator, Marketplace Coordinator, and Publicity. It will be impossible to hold this event without your help. If you are interested in joining in on the fun or would like more information, please contact [Meri Farling](#). Please help support this wonderful community event that is the 2nd largest fundraiser of the year!

February Box Tops Contest

Start clipping those pink Box Tops again! The next Box Top Contest is coming! During the month of February – starting **Tuesday, February 3rd until Friday, February 27th** – the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired) and not damaged, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your teacher's name. If you have any questions, please contact [Adrienne Sullivan](#). Start collecting now, and submit in February!

Upcoming 4th Grade Human Growth and Development Lesson

The 4th grade will be teaching their one 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.

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.

Middle School Information for Rising 7th Graders

Frost Middle School

www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/student-services/courseselection.html

February 5th: [Parent Orientation](#) at Frost MS. *Special Programs*

meeting is 5:15-6:00 p.m. Main Session is 6:00-7:30 p.m.
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. 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!

Recipe Contest

Like to cook or bake? Enter the Real Food for Kids Recipe Contest for grades 4-8. Recipes must be emailed to RFFK by **January 31st**. See the [Real Food For Kids Website](#) for details. The Grand Prize winner will receive an All Clad pan plus a free private cooking lesson from a

celebrated chef from the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

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 Realtors: Diamond Level

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 Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES’s Community Building Network.