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Important Upcoming Dates

- February 5: Parent Orientation at Frost MS
- February 8: Talent Show Video Audition and Form Due
- February 12: PTA Meeting
- February 13: Family Fun Valentine's Day Dance
- February 16: No School, Presidents' Day
- February 18: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
- February 21: Talent Show
- February 27: Box Tops Contest Ends

Important Immunization Requirement: Do You Have a Student Entering Sixth Grade Next Year?

If yes, he or she may need a booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis). Sixth grade students cannot begin school in September without documentation of having had the Tdap booster. Parents or guardians of current fifth graders should check their child's immunization records.

Documentation such as a signed and dated immunization record from the physician, stating that your child has received this immunization must be provided to the school registrar as soon as possible. You may start sending in your documentation now to your school's registrar while your child is still in the fifth grade to ensure that he or she meets this requirement before the first day of school in the fall.

Fairfax County Public Schools tracks compliance with this state requirement and students who do not meet the requirement **before September 8th** will not be able to start school.

Students can receive immunizations required for school at any Fairfax County Health Department immunization clinic. Information about

health department clinic locations and hours can be found [HERE](#).

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!

Family Fun Valentine's Day Dance

Love is in the air at Mantua! The PTA has planned a Valentine's Day dance for **Friday, February 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria. It will be a fun event for all ages! Come with your sweethearts and dance the night away to the greatest hits. Music and dance instruction will be provided by Everything Entertainment. There is no cost to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

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](#). Thank you to Cindy Rukno, Margaret Falardeau, Lori Recher, Aly Neuhauser, and Avril Donat for stepping to help. The PTA could not do this without your help. **We still need volunteers!** Please help support this wonderful community event that is the 2nd largest fundraiser of the year!

February Box Tops Contest

The February Box Top Contest is on! Start clipping those pink Box Tops again. During the month of February, from **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. Last fall, Mantua students submitted over 18,000 Box Tops and earned the school over \$1,800! Let's do it again. Every Box Top counts. If you have any questions, please contact [Adrienne Sullivan](#).

Suggested By-Laws Revisions

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 draft by-laws changes will be posted to our website in mid-February and the membership will vote on the revisions at our March meeting. The current Mantua PTA by-laws can be found [HERE](#). If you have suggested revisions, please contact PTA President [Julie Middleton](#).

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

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 to [Mrs. Fernandez](#) so the teacher can be recognized here at Mantua as well. Nominate a Super Teacher today!

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.