



## Mantua PTA Alert News December 8, 2009

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### Winter Break Closings

The Mantua Office will be closed during Winter Break 12/24 - 1/1.  
Don't forget that school closes two hours early on the 23rd, at 1:35!

### Advanced Academics Referral Form, due Feb 5th (Grades 2-6)

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of advanced academic 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 February 5th for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral form is located at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>. If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras (Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

### Talent Show - February 6, 2010!

Want a great way to burn off all the holiday calories? Work on your ACT for the 2010 Talent Show, presented by the Mantua PTA! Audition forms are going home today in the Tuesday folders and can be found online on the Mantua PTA website. Be sure to fill out your form and turn it in to the PTA Mailbox by January 13th. Auditions will be held January 19th through the 21st with callbacks scheduled for the following Wednesday and Thursday. Sound and light checks will occur on either February 4th or February 5th and the show is Saturday, February 6th at 5:30 PM.

And be sure to download the Act Information sheet prior to auditions. Have it filled out and ready to turn in with a CD of your music (if applicable) at auditions. Questions? Contact Jeri Gloege at [jeri.gloege@gmail.com](mailto:jeri.gloege@gmail.com).

## Quick Links

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Be a part of something wonderful and start working on your act for the 2010 Talent Show!

## Box Tops for Education: Earn Cash for our School!

It's easy!

Just clip the Box Tops logo from many of your every day household items. Each logo is worth 10 cents for Mantua! Just turn them in at your convenience to the designated box located by the PTA information table. Participating brands include General Mills cereals, Hefty, Pillsbury, Ziplock, Huggies, Betty Crocker, many fruit snacks/roll ups, Kleenex, Scott, Cottonelle and many more!

## Girl Scouts Collecting for The Pajama Program

6th Grade Girl Scout Troop 4908 is collecting pajamas for THE PAJAMA PROGRAM! Check this organization out at [pajamaprogram.org](http://pajamaprogram.org). This is a 501(c)(3) charity that provides new pajamas and new books to needy children in foster homes who are waiting to be adopted. We would appreciate your contribution of a new, unwrapped pair of PJs for a boy or a girl ages infant to 17 years old. Contributions will be accepted until Friday December 18th. You can drop your PJs in the front lobby of the school in a box labeled PAJAMA PROGRAM - TROOP 4908. Thank You So Much!

## School Board Member to Discuss Budget Tonight, 12/8, at 7:15 pm

The Mantua ES parent community has been invited to join the Woodson PTSO meeting at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, 8 December, in the school library. Braddock School Board member Tessie Wilson will be presenting FCPS budget issues for next year.

Please park in front and come in Door #2, take a little dogleg to the right, then come down the A hall. The library is on the left.

## Brownies are Still Collecting for Donation Baskets

Brownie Troop 2416 has extended the collection period for the Welcome Baby Baskets. Healthy Families and Early Head Start Home Visiting Programs give the baskets to needy families. Please consider donating the following items:

laundry basket  
infant outfits  
diaper wipes  
diaper cream  
burping cloths  
baby washcloths and towels  
baby swaddling blankets  
digital thermometer  
infant nail clippers and mitts

You can deposit your donations in the basket at the front of the school. Thank you!

## Did You Know...?

Did you know Mantua ES has a Social Worker that helps those in need? Her name is Melinda Hill, MSW, LCSW. She is the first point of contact within our school for families that need assistance with food, clothing, housing, transportation, medical, dental, employment and many other needs. Ms. Hill is available Monday, Tuesday and some Fridays. She can be reached via telephone by calling the main number of the school at 703-645-6300. If families prefer to contact Fairfax County Coordinated Services directly, their phone is (703) 222-0880 and their hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:30.

## Important Events for December

12/1 Special Education Information for Parents  
12/2 PTA: Monthly Meeting  
12/17 Winter Strings Concert  
12/23 Winter Sing-a-Long, 9:30am  
12/23 2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE: Student Holiday  
12/24 - 1/1 SCHOOL CLOSED: Winter Vacation

## Community Events

### St. Matthew's Pre-Holiday Babysitting Event

The Jr. High Youth and their parents will be holding a St. Matthew's Pre-Holiday Babysitting Event on Saturday, December 12, 9AM to 1 PM in Room 115, for friends of St. Matthew's who could use a few hours to go Holiday shopping, decorate their home, etc. Children must be potty-trained. We and your children will do Christmas crafts, play games and have great fun while you work on your Holiday preparations. Please provide a snack and lunch for your child. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per hour; the funds will support the JP Mission Project. Please call Lynn Swanson at 703-992-6465 or email [lynn.swanson@cox.net](mailto:lynn.swanson@cox.net) to make reservations. Space is limited.

### Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).  
Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

For more information, please visit our website:

[www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org)

Sincerely,  
Mantua Elementary School PTA

