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# Mantua PTA Alert News

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### Announcing Auditions for The 2012 Mantua Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2012 Mantua Talent Show. The show will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. Can your child play an instrument, sing, dance or perform magic? Then why not have them try out for this year's show? Auditions will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Mantua Gym. If your child would like to audition, follow sign up instructions here: [Audition Sign Up](#). Please note that acts can be no longer than two minutes, and students may only participate in one act - either as an individual or as a group. Contact Ted Donat at [tdonat@gmail.com](mailto:tdonat@gmail.com) with questions.

### The Mantua PTA Auction is Coming!

Mantua's auction committee has been hard at work planning this year's auction, and with your support it is going to be fantastic! The annual online auction is one of the PTA's largest fundraisers. All proceeds go to provide enrichment programs and resources for our students. The class with the most number of donations will win an ice cream party!

More information and a donation form will be sent home this week in your child's Tuesday folder. **EVERYONE** has something to contribute that would make a great auction item! Please read over the information, and consider what you could personally do to contribute, whether it comes from you, a group of your friends, or an item from a neighborhood business. All donations are tax deductible. Many local companies are happy to donate, as it provides advertising for their business and supports their community.

Additional merchant letters and donation forms can be found here:

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/DonationRequestLetter2011-12Fillable.pdf>

(see page 2 on the form).

The auction opens on Feb. 7, so we need donations soon. Think of the auction as you do your holiday shopping - a gift card from your favorite store would bring much-needed funds for our students! With some thought and creativity we can have fun and do a lot of good for our school!

### Human Relations Committee Meeting Dec. 9

The next Human Relations Committee meeting will be Friday Dec. 9, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the Mantua Library. Please contact Teresa McConnel, at [Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu](mailto:Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu), for questions, or to bring up any issue related to human relations at the school.

### Sixth Grade Needs Graduation Party & T-Shirt Coordinators

The sixth grade graduation party may seem a long way off, but it isn't! Planning for this wonderful and memorable event should begin soon! A sixth grade party coordinator is needed to pull the event together. The job has been broken down into sub-chairs for a number of years. Lots of background information is available. In addition, the sixth grade needs a parent to coordinate the sale and ordering of the class t-shirts. Contact Teresa LeMair at [teresalemair@aol.com](mailto:teresalemair@aol.com) if you are interested in either of these positions.

### Parent Education Program

Dr. Katie Hennessy, director for the Center for Cognitive Therapy and Assessment, will present a workshop at Mantua on Helping Children with Anxiety on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Dr. Hennessy will address the increased prevalence of anxiety in children, classic signs of anxiety, ways to help children recognize and manage their anxiety (with an emphasis on cognitive behavior therapy), and techniques parents can use to create a supportive and challenging environment for anxious children. Childcare will be provided! More details will be sent home in your child's Tuesday folder this week. Go [HERE](#) to download the program flier. Contact Margaret Scheele at [Margaret\\_Scheele@yahoo.com](mailto:Margaret_Scheele@yahoo.com) with questions.

### Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Dec. 8: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 23 - Mon. Jan. 2: School Closed for Winter Vacation

### USDA Conducting Nutrition Survey for 5th Graders

The USDA is conducting a nutrition survey to learn about the eating habits of children and adults. Given that only 5 percent of Americans follow the recommended dietary guidelines, the USDA is interested in learning about the factors that prevent and promote compliance with the guidelines. By completing the survey, participants can also help the USDA provide public school students with greater access to nutritious and wholesome foods in school cafeterias.

The nutrition survey will be administered to 5th graders and their parents or caregivers at Sherwood Hall Library in Alexandria on Dec. 10, at 12:30. All surveys are anonymous and will be kept confidential. The survey, which takes less than 2 hours, will be administered to both students and their parents or caregivers.

USDA hopes the survey results will help them provide access to nutritious and wholesome foods in public school cafeterias. Participants will receive a \$25 gift card to Target per participant (\$50 per household). Contact Grace Ha at 301-504-6052, or at [Grace.Ha@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Grace.Ha@ars.usda.gov), for more information or to participate. This will be the only time that this nationwide survey will be conducted in Fairfax County.

### Woodson Band Fruit Sale

Help support Woodson High School Band by participating in its annual fruit sale! The proceeds help support band activities. Orders can be placed for pick-up or delivery in the Fairfax area, or for mail delivery for a Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa gift nationwide.

You can order the fruit online at [www.fruitorder.com](http://www.fruitorder.com) and use the organization ID 171874. You can give credit to your favorite band member, who you can choose when you check out. We would be happy to deliver the fruit order soon after Dec. 15. Contact band member Rachel Major (former Mantua and Frost student) at [devotedx@gmail.com](mailto:devotedx@gmail.com) with questions.

### Woodson Winter Baseball Training Camp

The Woodson Baseball Program will host a Winter Training Camp for ages 7-14 (grades 2-8). The camp will be held on Sundays Jan. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Campers will receive instruction and repetition designed to better prepare them for their Little League/AAU spring tryouts and season.

Woodson's coaching staff, along with several current and former players, will work with each camper. Each session will offer a 6 to 1 (or less) camper to instructor ratio. Campers will receive overall skill development and instruction in hitting, bunting, base running, fielding and throwing mechanics. Registration deadline is Jan. 3. Space is limited, so register early. Contact Coach Chris Warren, 703-217-6629, [Chris.Warren@fcps.edu](mailto:Chris.Warren@fcps.edu), or Michele Adamus, [michele.adamus@verizon.net](mailto:michele.adamus@verizon.net), 703-795-4658 with questions.

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