



# Mantua PTA Alert News

## January 3, 2013



### January PTA Meeting

Welcome back to school! This month's PTA meeting will be held in the school library on Thursday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. Come hear what is new at Mantua from the principal and PTA board. We will discuss upcoming school events. Child care will be provided during the PTA meeting.

### Bus and Kiss & Ride Passes

Mantua has a pass system established for when your student is not going home from school by the usual method. This system has been set up to safeguard your children. Please send an email to [Barbara Hinton](#) so that she can issue the appropriate pass. The school needs notice by 11:00 a.m. on Mondays and by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays-Fridays. If your student is going home with a friend, notice will be needed from both families.

It is also helpful to let the office know early in the day if your student is being picked up early. Many students have varied schedules, and it can be time consuming to track them down when you arrive. Please feel free to copy the teacher on any emails you send. For any questions, contact [Barbara Hinton](#).

### Announcing: Tryouts for the 2013 Mantua Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2013 Mantua Talent Show. The show will

be held on Saturday, February 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Mantua Gym. Tryouts will be held on Monday, January 14th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 15th from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Mantua Cafeteria. If your child would like to try out, sign up [HERE](#).

All acts will be accepted as long as they are less than two minutes in length and are appropriate for the age level of the audience. Tryouts are intended to confirm that the acts meet these criteria. Please note that students may only participate in one act - either as an individual or as a group.

If you have questions, contact Ted Donat at [tdonat@gmail.com](mailto:tdonat@gmail.com) or (703) 629-0128.

### Strings Winter Concert

It is almost time for the winter Strings Concert! The concert will be held on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mantua gymnasium. Information will be sent home soon with students in strings detailing the concert.

### Science Fair Club: Registration is Open!

Online registration for the Science Fair Club is now open for children in grades 3-6. The Club will meet on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. from January 9th to April 10th. Participating students will design and experiment with a science fair project to be displayed on Science Fun Night in April. Registration is limited to 20 children and will proceed on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents who are interested should read [THIS FAQ document](#) and submit their child's information using the

[online registration form](#) no later than January 4th.

## Elementary Magnet School Lottery

Fairfax County Public Schools will begin accepting applications for its elementary magnet school programs for Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences for students who, during the 2013-14 school year, will enter grades K-4 and for Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences for students who will enter grades K-6 during the 2013-14 school year. More information, including dates of upcoming Information Nights, can be found [HERE](#).

## Counselor's Corner

Please visit [PBS.org](http://PBS.org) to learn how to talk with your kids about the news. You can develop strategies for discussing today's headlines with your children, and learn how to calm their fears and stimulate their minds.

## Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Jan 10: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mon. Jan 21: School Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Thurs. Jan 24: Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. Jan 24: Restaurant Night

Mon. Jan 28 - Tues. Jan 29: School Closed for Teacher Workdays

## Super Teacher Award

The Virginia PTA is again partnering with Virginia Lottery to promote and recognize the Super Teacher award with nominations due January 7th-February 15th. Eight teachers from around the state will be recognized in the spring. Click [HERE](#) for more information about nominations and awards.

## Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Camp Fair

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted will hold its annual Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Camp Fair at Oakton High School on Wednesday, January 23rd from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Children are welcome.

Meet representatives from summer enrichment programs, visit exhibits, ask questions, and see what your children in K-12 can explore next summer. Academic Programs include music, chess, drama, computers, robotics, language immersion, math, science, engineering, and test prep. Enrichment Camps include TIC (Tech Is Cool), Fairfax Collegiate, Math Enrichment Services, Traveling Players Ensemble, Writopia, FCPS Institute for the Arts, Congressional Day Camp, iD Tech Camp, Potomac School, Concordia Language Villages, Interlochen Arts Camp, Madeira School Summer Camps, A Class Act: Acting for Kids, and More! For more information, visit [www.FCAG.org](http://www.FCAG.org). Oakton High School is located at 2900 Sutton Road in Vienna.

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Mantua Elementary School PTA

