



Mantua PTA Alert News

January 29, 2013



Please Complete the Mantua PTA Website Survey

The Mantua PTA is now looking at new website service providers and needs to ensure that the quality you have all come to expect from our website is maintained. Therefore, we need to get an accurate understanding of the website use. We need the entire Mantua community to complete [THIS SURVEY](#) no later than **Friday, February 8th**. Thanks for your help!

Mantua's Got Talent!

And, you can have a front row seat! The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2013 Mantua Talent Show, which will be held on Saturday, February 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Mantua Gym (doors open at 5:00 p.m.) Admission is \$3.00 (free for performers!), and your Master of Ceremonies will be Mrs. Fernandez! Don't miss over 60 acts and 90 Mantua students singing, dancing, playing instruments, performing comedy, and doing magic! We hope you can make it!

We need lots of help to make the show a success! To volunteer, please sign up at VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/nsDGmc> and pick an activity. See you there!

PTA Seeking New Webmaster

The Mantua PTA website is definitely one of the best out there. Why is it so well done? The hard work of John Nicholas and Nicole Armstrong is why! The husband

and wife team has put together an exceptional website as well as a fair amount of functionality behind it. However, as all students and parents move on from Mantua such will be the case next year for John and Nicole. Although they are irreplaceable, we need to try and prepare now for a smooth transition to a new webmaster. If you might be interested in learning more about being our webmaster, please contact PTA President [Lesley Kowalski](#).

Colonial Day Information for 4th Graders

Attention 4th Grade Families: Mantua Colonial Day is coming on Friday, **February 15th!** This is a big and very fun event for our fourth graders. In order to allow our children to experience multiple activities and an authentic lunch, we need lots of volunteers. Please consider how you can help - we need cornbread baked and many helping hands! Please click on the link below to sign up. Contact [Julie Middleton](#) with any questions about volunteering (contact your child's teacher if you have questions about the day itself). Please [SIGN UP](#) early so we know we are covered!

Information for Parents of Rising 7th Graders

It's time to start preparing for middle school. There will be two events at Mantua to help you with your preparations:

Parent Coffee - Thursday, **February 7th**, 8:15-9:00 a.m. Meet with Mantua School Counselors and Middle School Representatives. You can also view course registration materials, get important information on upcoming dates, and view a short electives video.

Middle School Information Session - Wednesday, **February 27th**, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Come view a short presentation on how to best help your child with the middle school transition. Parents will have the opportunity to talk with current middle school parents as well as school representatives to answer any questions.

Please RSVP to Mantua Counselor [Allison Warren](#) if you are able to attend.

Message from Miss Watkins, Art Teacher

Miss Watkins invites students and parents to visit the Mantua Art Blackboard site.

Sign in at <http://fcps.blackboard.com/> and follow the tab to Miss Watkins' classes to learn what your students are doing in art class each quarter and to get helpful information to better understand the art progress report scores.

The art room needs donations of glass baby food jars that have been washed in the dishwasher. Lids are not needed.

Winter Box Tops Contest Information

The Winter Box Tops Contest started Monday, January 14th and ends Friday, February 15th. Our goal is to raise \$1,500. Send in Box Tops Labels and Labels for Education labels in a plastic zip bag with the teacher's name and grade on it. Labels should be dropped in the collection box in the front lobby. Please do not send in expired labels. A special prize will be awarded for the class bringing in the most labels. Look by the collection box to find out which class is in the lead.

A list of participating products can be found on: www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. Ask your neighbors, co-workers, and local businesses to help you collect. Contact [Sandy Spector](#) with any questions.

Advanced Academics Level IV Center Referral Form

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 for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is Friday, **February 8th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral form can be found [HERE](#). Please submit any questions to [Eva Bousbouras](#), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

Citizenship Essay Contest for 6th Graders

Attention 6th Graders: The Virginia PTA is sponsoring a Citizenship Essay Contest for grades 6th-12th. The 2012-13 theme is "Proud to Be An American." This essay project allows students to express their views and opinions on "Character or Citizenship". The Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children-tomorrow's leaders. Use this [LINK](#) to access the application for the essay contest.

Please submit your essay application (you must use the one in the above link) to the Mantua PTA mailbox **NO LATER THAN: Wednesday, January 30th**. We will forward your essays to the Northern Virginia PTA for judging. If you have any questions, please contact [Julie Middleton](#), PTA Secretary.

Important Upcoming Events

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

Thurs. Jan 31 - Deadline for Ordering Yearbooks at Lower Price

Sat. Feb 2: Talent Show, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs. Feb 7 - Rising 7th Grade Parents Coffee, 8:15-9:00 a.m.

Fri. Feb 15 - PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. Feb 15 - Colonial Day for 4th Grade

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.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

