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Important Upcoming Dates

February 17: Colonial Day Info Meeting, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

February 18: Frost Family Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

February 21: Talent Show NEW Auditions Deadline

February 25: Parent Education Workshop, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

February 26: Parent Education Workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

February 26: Box Tops Contest Ends

March 1: Two-Hour Delayed Opening

March 4: Family Fun Lego Night

March 12: Talent Show, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Reminder About Kiss and Ride

For those of you who use Kiss and Ride at the end of the school day, you may have noticed that dismissal is taking longer than usual. This delay is resulting in students who ride buses getting home significantly later than usual. Please remember that buses are scheduled to be at Mantua by 4:00 p.m. Due to the volume of cars, they are stuck in the Kiss and Ride line and not able to get to the bus loop on time.

For afternoon dismissal, we are asking parents **to not arrive in the Kiss and Ride line UNTIL AFTER 4:05 p.m.** Currently, Kiss and Ride traffic on Kirkwood is already blocking the entrance to Horner Court by 3:45 p.m., and buses are not able to pull in the bus loop to load bus riders.

Our hope is that by having buses arrive a few minutes earlier and delaying the time Kiss and Ride cars block Kirkwood, we can have dismissal completed faster for everyone while maintaining a safe environment for all. This can only be accomplished with your cooperation.

In addition, please remember that students should not be

dropped off at Mantua before 9:00 a.m. Thank you in advance for your help!

Talent Show Audition Deadline Extended to February 21st!

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2016 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 submit a video and complete an audition form.

Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Video Auditions and Audition Forms Due: **Sunday, February 21st (NEW DATE!)**
- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: **Thursday, March 10th, 5:30-9:00 p.m.**
- Talent Show in the Gym: **Saturday, March 12th, 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!

Register NOW for Spring Enrichment Classes!

You still have time to register for the Spring Enrichment session! **Registration will close at midnight on February 17th.** Please note that late registration is available February 18th at 9:00 a.m. until February 19th at midnight for an additional \$40.

- Find class descriptions, program info and the registration link [HERE](#)
- Don't wait! Late registrations are only accepted up to 48 hours after open registration closes for an additional \$40 fee

For more information, please contact the Mantua Enrichment Coordinators, [Shannon Murphy](#) and [Liz Schatzman](#).

Raccoon Runners

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls and boys in third through sixth grades. This

program will empower young boys and girls to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen ourselves through various fitness activities as we train for a 5k run. Any student is eligible to participate. There are two teams: one for girls and one for boys. **Please help: the boys team is in need of another coach. If you are interested, please contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com.**

The Raccoon Runners is a six week program that will meet before school. The Girl's team will meet Monday and Wednesday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the gym starting March 30th. The Boy's team will meet on Tuesday and Friday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the gym starting March 29th. Both teams will start the mornings with some sort of physical activity. Exercise will consist of a variety of activities from yoga, boot camp, strength training and flexibility, to 5k conditioning. After our workout and stretch, the students will have a healthy snack while we cover our lesson for the day. There will be a new lesson each time we meet. Lessons will cover a variety of subjects including health and nutrition, safety, hygiene, emotions, team building, self esteem, gratitude, social issues and many others.

At the end of the program, the Raccoon Runners will participate in Mantua's Raccoon Run 5K, Saturday, May 7th. Deadline for registration is **Friday, March 11th**. The registration form can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please read the information found [HERE](#) or contact [Meri Farling](#).

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Colonial Day Informational Meeting

On **Wednesday, February 17th at 4:30 p.m.** in Room 12, there will be an informational meeting about our "new" Colonial Day for parents who can volunteer their time. Colonial Day will take place on Thursday, March 10th. Please let your homeroom teacher know if you want the information but cannot attend the meeting.

It's Pizza-for-Box Tops Month

During the month of February, the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired), cut on cutting line, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your teacher's name. If you have any

questions, please contact [Yoshiko Barzdukas](#). You can submit your Box Tops now. The contest ends on **Friday, February 26th**.

Celebrate Calm Sessions

Our snowed out parent education sessions with Kirk and Casey Martin of Celebrate Calm have been rescheduled! Join us either **Thursday, February 25th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. or Friday, February 26th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** in the Mantua library. No RSVP necessary. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Last Parent Education Opportunity of the Year!

After a 6-year hiatus, Mantua is once again offering the Active Parenting Workshop. Don't miss this in-depth, 3-session class, to be held on **3 consecutive Mondays (February 29, March 7 and March 14) from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Former participants rave about the strategies they learned to improve communication with their kids, use positive discipline, and teach responsibility. Fee is only \$20 to cover the cost of the parent handbook and workbook that is yours to keep. Babysitting and scholarships are available, but spots are limited, so register today! **Registration deadline is February 16th.** Flyers were sent home in the February 2nd Tuesday folder. If you need more information or would like to register, you can contact [Kathy Phillips](#) or Mantua counselor [Susan Kim](#).

2016 Frost Family Festival

All rising 7th graders and their families are invited to the Frost Family Festival at Frost Middle School! It will be held on **Thursday, February 18th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** School tours, classroom demos, table displays, and other activities will provide an excellent view of middle school life. Principal Eric McCann and his administrative team will be on hand during the evening for questions. Our parent liaisons will also be on hand to assist our Spanish and Korean speaking families. If you plan to eat at the event, please pre-purchase your dinner ticket. One-slice dinners will be \$6.00 each and two-slice dinners will be \$7.00 each. Order forms have gone home in Tuesday Folders. Tickets sold at the door will cost \$1.50 more. **Pre-purchased dinner tickets will be delivered to the students through their current school's office or may be picked up in the will-call line. Please make checks payable to "Frost PTA."** If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Laly Kassa at 703-403-

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