



Mantua PTA Alert News

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Thank you to Mrs. Bousbouras & Mrs. Fernandez

The Advanced Academics presentation on January 6 was a success! There was a large turn-out, and the input we have been receiving from parents who attended has been extremely positive. Mrs. Bousbouras provided an overview of the AA process, and Mrs. Fernandez spoke about how to make the best choices for our children. Among the topics discussed were the number of ways all our students receive enrichment, both in and out of, the AA program, and that students have the opportunity to be identified for accelerated classes (for elementary school and beyond) in more than one manner. Thank you very much for this thoughtful presentation!

Yearbook Orders

This is the **LAST CHANCE** to order your child's YEARBOOK. Orders must be placed before **January 17th** .

Ordering online will save you money and time:

http://shop.jostens.com/yrbk_catalog.asp?cid=238074&pfid=2009120405182138793&mscssid=5MCCWLBSPHTR8KAETPKEVRFADQ7V3HHD If you prefer to pay by check, download

the form at <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/AuctionDonationForm2009-10.pdf>; please note there is a processing fee for orders paid by checks.

Don't miss out on this opportunity. If you are not sure if you already ordered one, send an email to: mantuayearbooks@gmail.com

Earn Points for Mantua While Shopping

Parents if you shop at Bloom why not help your school out? Go online to register your Bloom card number and Mantua will earn points towards equipment and supplies.

<http://www.shopbloom.com>

Mantua's School Code: 01687

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PTA Family Fun Night

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Come to the PTA Family Fun Lego Night on Friday, January 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 in the school cafeteria. Sir Brixalot of Brixalot, Inc. will bring thousands of legos and lead the group in lego building. There is no cost to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you need a language translator, please contact Ken Moles at kenmoles@cox.net. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net.

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Reminder About the 2010 Talent Show!

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Audition Forms for the 2010 Talent Show are DUE Wednesday, January 13th in the PTA mailbox! You can find the audition form online at www.mantuapta.org/documents/2010TalentShowActInformation.pdf. Also be sure to download the Audition Information form and fill it out. Bring the completed Audition Information form to your audition! Auditions will be held Tuesday, January 19th, Wednesday, January 20th and Thursday, January 21st. Callbacks are scheduled for the following Wednesday and Thursday and sound and light checks will occur on either Thursday, February 4th or Friday, February 5th. The show is Saturday, February 6th. We hope to see you at auditions!!!!

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Vietnamese Translator Needed.

[PTA Website Parents Info Center](#)

The Alert News now has translators for Korean, Chinese/Mandarin, and Spanish. We need a volunteer willing to translate into Vietnamese. Please contact Kenmoles@cox.net if you can assist in this effort.

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Human Relations Committee Meeting 2/4/10

The next meeting of the Human Relations Committee will take place on Thursday Feb. 4, 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the Mantua library. All are welcome. For questions, please email Teresa McConnel at Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu

New Proposed PTA Bylaws

Every 5 years the PTA must update its bylaws in order to continue operating. The proposed bylaws draft is available for all PTA members to review [HERE](#), and includes a short list of updates with an explanation for each change. If you have any

questions, please contact Nicole Armstrong at NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com or 703-573-1216.

We will vote to approve the proposed bylaws at the upcoming PTA meeting on February 3rd. We will need at least 20 paid PTA members to attend and vote to approve the bylaws or the PTA cannot continue to provide services to our school and students. Please support your PTA!

FCPA Superintendent Dale Presents FY2011 Budget to School Board

On Thursday, January 7, Dr. Dale released his proposed budget to the School Board. In facing a tremendous budget shortfall, his proposed cuts include FLEX (foreign language at the elementary level), an increase of one student per class, continued salary freezes for employees, the elimination of summer school, and more. He has requested further funds from Fairfax County in an attempt to preserve full-day kindergarten and elementary band and strings. An FCPS news release with further details can be found here:

<http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1332>. Public hearings are scheduled for January 25 and 26 at Luther Jackson MS. Complete information on the FY2011 issue can be found here:

<http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm>.

The Mantua Auction Is Fast Approaching and Needs Your Help!

How? By making a donation to the auction. Need ideas...Here ya go!

- Did you receive a gift you can't use this holiday season? Donate it to the auction!!
- Want to get more bang for your buck? Get a group of friends together, each donate \$5 or \$10, and then pool your money for something special such as a spa treatment, tickets to the Spy Museum, a concert, or electronic device for kids and adults alike!
- Gather a group of men or women to donate 3 hours each of their time to do handy-man jobs or yard work! No talent needed for this donation, just your enthusiasm and willingness to give!
- Do you have a special talent (baking, pottery, artist, seamstress) or home business? This is a great way to showcase your talent or business while supporting our school. You're only limited by your imagination!!

The deadline for donations is Wednesday, January 20th!

To make a donation online, go to

www.mantuapta.org/auction/makedonation.html; on the right side in pink you'll see

the link to for donations!

The Auction starts on Tuesday, February 2nd so please get your donations in soon and get ready to start bidding!

Thank you for your support of our wonderful school and our children's education!

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.

Reminder: Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Fair TONIGHT

Presented by Fairfax County Association for the Gifted

Oakton High School - 2900 Sutton Rd - Vienna, VA

Tuesday, January 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Admission is Free

- Meet representatives from summer enrichment programs
- Visit the exhibits, ask questions, and network with others
- See what your children (K-12) can explore next summer

Camps to be represented include: JHU's Center for Talented Youth, Nysmith, TIC (Tech is Cool), Fairfax Collegiate, Exploring Engineering, Joy of Motion, Camp Flintlock, Math Enrichment by Vern Williams, Shenandoah Performs, Mathtree, Camp Shavuon, Science Camp Watonka, Best Academy, Camp Horizons, GWU Summer Scholars, Camp Rim Rock, GMU's Summer Enrichment Programs, and many more!

In case of inclement weather, check: <http://FCAG.org> for snow date

FCAG's Yahoo discussion group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FCAG>

Contact: secretary@fcag.org

Important Events for January

1/15 PTA Event: Community Spirit "Family Fun Night"

1/17: Final Deadline to Order Yearbooks

1/18 SCHOOL CLOSED: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Holiday

1/23 Cub Scout Pack #1533 "Pinewood Derby"

1/25 Winter Choral Concert

1/28 Second Grading Period Ends

1/29-2/1 SCHOOL CLOSED: Student Holidays

Did You Know...?

36% of Mantua's student families list a language *other* than English as their primary language spoken at home? We currently have 42 languages listed as the primary language spoken at home

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

如果您需要一份中文的曼图亚小学校园新闻周刊，请联系雷晓春女士。电话：703-425-1097 电子信箱：sabrina_lei@yahoo.com

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Si desea recibir una copia de esta informacion en Espanol, porfavor llame Gabriella Numbela a 703-573-6375 or e-mail a ganumbela@hotmail.com.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.MantuaPTA.org

Sincerely,
Mantua Elementary School PTA

