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Mantua PTA Alert News February 1, 2011



Snow Make-up Day, Feb. 21

Because of the recent snow days and based on the calendar established by the School Board, Monday, Feb. 21, will now be a makeup day for all Fairfax County Public Schools students. All schools and offices will be open. **Elementary schools will follow a full-day schedule with no early dismissal.** SACC programs will operate on a regular schedule. Schools will be open for community use. For more information about the calendar and makeup days see <http://www.fcps.edu/about/10-11cal.htm>

PTA Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 2

Join the PTA board and school principals to learn about what's happening at your child's school. Valuable news, updates and upcoming events will be discussed. The meeting will be in the library at 7 p.m.

PTA Online Auction Now Open

The Mantua PTA auction is now open. There are many fabulous things to bid on. This includes exciting getaways, tickets to entertainment venues throughout the metro area, restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia, and a wonderful selection of personal services and classes. There also are a number of special faculty-led activities. ALL money raised goes to support our school. Go to the [auction catalog](#) to bid.

Brain Research Workshop

Join Principal Jan-Marie Fernandez and other faculty members to discuss the latest developments in child brain development. Learn how Mantua is incorporating these concepts into the classroom, and what you can do at home to facilitate and increase your child's learning potential. The workshop will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the school library. More details will be sent home in next week's Tuesday

folders.

Super Teacher Nomination

Let your child's teacher know you think they are super. The Virginia PTA and Virginia Lottery are teaming up again this year for the Super Teacher Awards. Please write a short (500 words or less) nomination letter. The deadline is Feb. 14.

The process is easy and can be done completely on-line. Your nomination letter should address the teachers:

- Passion and commitment to the teaching profession;
- Innovation and creativity in the classroom; and
- Efforts to involve parents and families in their student's education

Visit http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/nomination_form.pdf for the complete rules and nomination information. A copy of all nomination letters should be sent to Jan-Marie Fernandez for placement in the teacher's file and for recognition at the teacher appreciation luncheon. Contact Mary Jo Kavjian at kavjianPTA@aol.com with questions.

Important Upcoming Event

Feb. 1-Feb. 15: Mantua PTA online auction

Wed. Feb. 2: PTA Meeting

Mon. Feb. 21: School will be in session. No early release.

Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

The following information will explain the 2011-2012 magnet school application and lottery process for Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences and for Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences.

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences has a broad array of programs to help each student to continually grow and thrive in his or her ability to create, inquire and connect. The school has both classroom teachers and additional specialized educators who focus on the sciences, the arts, and the technology so that these areas are integrated and complement one another as the child learns in all fields. Additionally, some students have the opportunity to participate in the Spanish Immersion program.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences offers an interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional program with an added emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, and technology. Kindergarten and first grade students are assigned to multiage (K/1) classes. A science specialist, a technology resource teacher, and additional art classes provide opportunities for all students to enhance their learning. The arts team includes music, art, and dance teachers. Resource teachers collaborate with classroom teachers to coordinate and integrate learning activities with classroom instruction.

To be eligible to apply, a student must be on or above grade level in language arts and math

and demonstrate positive interpersonal and school behavior. Applications will be screened for eligibility, and a lottery will be conducted in early April.

Applications are available [here](#) on the FCPS site. Parents must complete the appropriate school application and return the form to the PreK-6 Instruction and School Support Office, at Fairfax Ridge. **Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1.**

For questions regarding the Bailey's Elementary School magnet program, please contact Rachel Charlton, assistant principal, at 703-575-6800. For questions about the Hunters Woods Elementary School magnet program, please contact Diane Beers, parent liaison, at 703-262-7405.

For questions regarding the application process, please call the magnet information line, PreK-6 Instruction and School Support Office, Leis Center, at 571-423-4652.

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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