



Mantua PTA Alert News

February 12, 2013



February School Dance THIS Friday

Love is in the air! Gather your sweethearts and join the Mantua PTA for a Family Fun Valentine's Day Hip Hop Sock Hop Dance on Friday, **February 15th** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Music and dance instruction will be provided by Everything Entertainment! There is no cost to attend. Put on your dancing shoes and come with the family for a fun-filled evening. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

PTA Meeting THIS Friday Morning

The February PTA meeting is during the day. Please join us on Friday, **February 15th** at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria to hear from the school administration and to learn about upcoming PTA events and programs. Parking might be a bit tough that morning as the meeting conflicts with Colonial Day, but don't let that stop you! For those 4th grade parents who are volunteering their time in the morning, come to the meeting for a few minutes before helping in the classroom.

The Mantua Spring Carnival is Coming!

The Future's So Bright at Mantua! Join us for the Spring Carnival on Saturday, **March 16th**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wristbands will allow UNLIMITED play at all of the game booths, except the Rock Climbing Wall and Dunk Tank. Come to

the Carnival and enjoy the Cakewalk, enter to win a fantastic prize in the Raffle, and play games for all skill levels. See how high your family can climb the rock wall, or test their pitching arms at dunking teachers and principals in the dunk tank. With an expanded rock wall, a Kiddie Zone for children under 7, and prizes awarded at the game booths, there will be something for everyone!

Same low price for wristbands this year! Children 4 and under are free; children 5 and older are \$15 each, with a \$50 family cap at the time of purchase. Look for your order form in the **March 12th** Tuesday Folder.

For more information, please visit www.MantuaPTA.org/Events/Carnival. Be sure to mark your calendar now - you won't want to miss the Mantua Spring Carnival!



Winter Box Tops Contest Ends THIS Friday

The Winter Box Tops Contest ends this 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.

Counselor's Corner

National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week 2013 - "School Counseling: Liberty and Learning for All" - was celebrated February 4th-8th, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. To learn more about the services School Counselors provide, please visit the [ASCA website](#).

FCPS Summer Camps

Registration is now open for the following Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) summer camps: Institute for the Arts (IFTA), Elementary Institute for the Arts (E-IFTA), STEM Camp, and Tech Adventure Camp. Transportation is included in the tuition for all four camps. Students who register by April 5th will receive a discounted price. General information and links to individual programs and registration are available [ONLINE](#). Students should register for programs based on the grade they are in during the 2012-13 school year.

Information for Parents of Rising 7th Graders

We had a great turnout for the parent coffee in the Library on February 7th. Thanks to everyone who attended! We hope many of you can join us for our evening session at Mantua on February 27th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Frost Parents will be in the Cafeteria; Luther Jackson and Glasgow Parents will be in the Library. Current

Middle School parents and representatives will be available to answer questions about electives, honors vs. regular courses, and how to best prepare your child for the transition. Please RSVP to [Allison Warren](#) if you plan to attend.

More information on Middle School Transitions will be going home in Tuesday folders. Your child will be registered for the appropriate Middle School based on your current address. If you are planning to move, please email 6th Grade Counselor, [Allison Warren](#) so that we can ensure your child is registered appropriately.

Questions about which Middle School your child will attend? Type your address into the [FCPS Boundary Locator](#).

Questions about whether or not your child should sign up for honors in English, History, or Science? For more information, please visit this [WEBSITE](#).

Frost Middle School Dates

Feb. 21 - Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation at Frost, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Parents only)

Feb. 22 - Field Trip to Frost (only for students who will attend Frost)

Mar. 1 - Course Registration Sheets due to homeroom teachers

Aug. 30 - 7th Grade Orientation at Frost Middle School

School Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/>

Luther Jackson Middle School Dates

Feb. 25 - Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation at Luther Jackson, 6:30 p.m.

(Parents only)

Feb. 28 - Field Trip to Luther Jackson (only for students who will attend Luther Jackson)

Mar. 8 - Course Registration Sheets due to homeroom teachers

School Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/LutherJacksonMS/>

Glasgow Middle School Dates

Feb. 13 - Curriculum Night at Glasgow Middle School, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Cafeteria)

Mar. 15 - Course Registration Sheets due to homeroom teachers

June - Date to be determined - Field trip to Glasgow Middle School (only for students who will attend Glasgow)

School Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/GlasgowMS/>

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 4th graders. In order to allow our children to experience multiple activities and an authentic lunch, we need lots of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help that day. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer, there are a few spots open! Simply 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** as soon as possible so we know we are covered!

UPCOMING MEETING: Potential Boundary Changes to Mantua-Frost-Woodson Pyramid

Please contact PTA President [Lesley Kowalski](#) if you would like to attend or participate in these meetings, as these boundary changes could have a profound impact on our current pyramid makeup of Mantua-Frost-Woodson. These meetings are open to everyone, but it would be helpful if the PTA can have a sense of who is attending.

The School Board took action at its January 24th meeting to approve the following schools in the Fairfax-Lanier Boundary Study: Chantilly High, Fairfax High, Falls Church High, Oakton High, Robinson Secondary, Woodson High, Franklin Middle, Frost Middle, Jackson Middle, Lanier Middle, and Rocky Run Middle.

The public is invited to participate in community dialogue meetings to discuss scenarios for the movement of students to relieve overcrowding at Fairfax High and Lanier Middle. These meetings will be identical in format and information presented. All meetings will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

February 19th - Oakton High School, Cafeteria, 2900 Sutton Road, Oakton (snow date is March 7th)

February 20th - Lanier Middle School, Cafeteria, 3801 Jermantown Road (snow date is February 27th)

February 26th - Woodson High School, Cafeteria, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax (snow date is March 6th)

For more information, to sign up for the meetings, and to submit your questions and comments, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/fairfaxlanier/index.shtml>.

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

Fri. Feb 15 - Colonial Day for 4th Grade

Fri. Feb 15 - Hip Hop Sock Hop School Dance, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Fri. Feb 15 - Box Tops Contest Ends

Mon. Feb 18 - School Closed for Presidents' Day Holiday

Wed. Feb 27 - Middle School Information Session, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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](#)

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

