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Important Upcoming Dates

February 12: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
February 12: Talent Show Audition NEW Deadline
February 13: Family Fun Valentine's Day Dance
February 16: No School, Presidents' Day
February 18: Restaurant Night
February 18: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
February 21: Talent Show
February 27: Box Tops Contest Ends

PTA Meeting THIS Thursday

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting on **Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. Hear from Principal Mrs. Fernandez and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

Family Fun Valentine's Day Dance

Love is in the air at Mantua! The PTA has planned a Valentine's Day dance for **Friday, February 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria. It will be a fun event for all ages! Come with your sweethearts and dance the night away to the greatest hits. Music and dance instruction will be provided by Everything Entertainment. There is no cost to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

Restaurant Night on February 18th

Join Mantua friends and families on **Wednesday, February 18th from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at Panda Express in Merrifield at 3071 Gatehouse Plaza to celebrate Chinese New Year! Come and dine on a variety of chicken, beef and seafood entrees, side dishes of chow mein, fried rice, mixed vegetables and rice, and appetizers of egg rolls, spring rolls, and

potstickers. See more menu details at Pandaexpress.com. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. Please remember to present the event flyer at the time of purchase for 20% of the evening's proceeds to go to the Mantua PTA. An event flyer can be found in your child's Tuesday folder.

Mantua Talent Show Information

*****The deadline for submitting video auditions for the Talent Show has been extended to **Thursday, February 12th!*******

Just head over to the [Talent Show Web Site](#) for instructions on how to enter and to find the audition forms. Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Video Auditions and Audition Forms Due: Thursday, February 12th
- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: Wednesday, February 18th, 5:30-9:00 p.m.
- Talent Show in the Gym: Saturday, February 21st, 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.

February Box Tops Contest

The February Box Top Contest is on! Start clipping those pink Box Tops again. During the month of February, from Tuesday, February 3rd until Friday, February 27th, the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired) and not damaged, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your teacher's name. Last fall, Mantua students submitted over 18,000 Box Tops and earned the school over \$1,800! Let's do it again. Every Box Top counts. If you have any questions, please contact [Adrienne Sullivan](#).

Suggested By-Laws Revisions

Each PTA is required to review and revise, if necessary, its by-laws every five years. These by-laws guide the way the Mantua PTA conducts its business. The Mantua PTA by-laws are due for renewal in 2015. The draft by-laws changes will be posted to our website in mid-February and the membership will vote on the revisions at our March meeting. The current Mantua PTA by-laws can be found [HERE](#). If you have suggested revisions, please contact PTA President [Julie Middleton](#).

Middle School Information for

Rising 7th Graders

Frost Middle School

www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/studentservices/courseselection.html

February 11th: Math Sequence and Course Selection at Frost

February 19th: Frost Family Festival at Frost MS

February 19th: Frost Counselor visit 6th graders at Mantua
(snow date: February 20th)

February 25th: Students visit Frost MS

March 2nd: Course selection sheets due to Ms. Kim

Luther Jackson Middle School

<http://www.fcps.edu/LutherJacksonMS/studentServices.html>

February 19th: Luther Jackson Counselor visit 6th graders at
Mantua (snow date: February 20th)

February 23rd: Parent Curriculum Night at Luther Jackson

February 26th: Students visit Luther Jackson MS

March 2nd: Course selection sheets due to Ms. Kim

MATHCOUNTS Competition

Mantua Elementary's 6th graders were represented in the Northern Virginia Regional MATHCOUNTS competition this past Saturday, February 7th by the following selected students: Kelly Mao, Jason Xu, Aadhav Kugarajah, Jack Child, Ritvik Annadi, Nolan Theeke, Jason Phan, Alex Cooper, Akash Teegapuram, and Jennifer Wu. The full results won't be available for a few weeks, but **Akash was Mantua's top scorer**, and the kids had a great time competing with the Fairfax Chapter which consists of approximately 300 students. Thank you to Eli Lifland and Abhishek Bhargava for coaching the team, to Ken Lifland for chaperoning the meetings and competition, and to the kids and their parents for participating and supporting the team.

Virginia Super Teacher

Do YOU Know a Super Teacher? Does your child's teacher go above and beyond classroom duty to inspire students? Does she lead them to new understanding and knowledge breakthroughs? Does he motivate them to reach higher and achieve their potential? Answering "yes" to any of these questions means your child may know the most amazing of all super heroes - a Virginia Lottery Super Teacher. Help us identify and recognize these education heroes! Between now and **February 13th**, nominate your child's Super Teacher at www.vasuperteacher.com. Out of the nominees, eight

Virginia educators will be selected in 2015 as Super Teachers, winning \$2,000 from the Virginia Lottery and \$2,000 in classroom supplies from The Supply Room Companies. In addition to the wonderful classroom supplies and cash prizes, this year, one school out of all the nominations will be randomly selected to win a \$1,000 in supplies from The Supply Room Companies. Let's show our outstanding teachers how super-thankful we are for their hard work. Please copy your submission and email to [Mrs. Fernandez](mailto:Mrs.Fernandez) so the teacher can be recognized here at Mantua as well. Nominate a Super Teacher today!

Get Your Bingo Night Tickets at Frost Family Festival

Did you know that tickets to Frost's annual Bingo Night will be on sale at the Frost Family Festival? Bingo Night will take place on **Friday, March 20th**, and all rising 7th graders and their families are invited and encouraged to come and join in the fun! Sponsored by the Frost PTA, this family friendly event is a hit every year due to various prizes from local places such as Five Below, Game Stop, Bowl America, Flippin' Pizza, and University Mall and Cinema Art Theaters.

So, bring your checkbook to the **Frost Family Festival on Thursday, February 19th**, and pre-order your tickets from our friendly PTA volunteers. The concession stand will be open at 6:30 p.m. and pizza and Chick-fil-A will be sold before Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. See you on Friday, March 20th from 7:00-9:00 for B-I-N-G-O!

Thank You to Friends of Rocky!

Thanks to all who made a "Friends of Rocky" Donation – the PTA appreciates your support!

Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long and Foster Realtors: Diamond Level

Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua ES family to feel included and connected—should families need to have a document translated into their native language, our volunteers are here to help!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to

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Email Shoshi Kalderon at shoshi.kalderon@yahoo.com if you have any questions about or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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