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Important Upcoming Dates

February 18: Restaurant Night
February 18: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
February 21: Talent Show
February 27: Spring Fling Poster Contest Deadline
February 27: Box Tops Contest Ends

Restaurant Night THIS Wednesday

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. Enjoy!

Talent Show THIS Saturday!

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2014 Mantua Talent Show this coming **Saturday, February 21st at 5:30 p.m.** in the Mantua Gym. Come see 66 of Mantua's Most Talented perform in 43 separate acts! Your Master of Ceremonies will be Mrs. Fernandez. And, admission is only \$3 (performers are free, of course!) Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be available starting at 5:15 p.m., so bring the family for dinner and some talent!

Looking for a way to contribute to this year's Talent Show? Want to earn community service hours or just enjoy some time baking? We are in need of individually-wrapped baked goods to sell at our concessions. Please deliver brownies,

cookies, cupcakes, popcorn, cake pops, etc. to the concessions table in the back of the gym before 5:30 p.m. this Saturday! **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](#). Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the show!

Spring Fling Poster Contest

Enter the Spring Fling Poster Contest. Win money to use at the Spring Fling! Please note that 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded to each of two groups: K-2 grades and 3-6 grades. All submissions are due in the front office no later than **9:10 a.m. on Friday, February 27th**. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

February Box Tops Contest

The February Box Top Contest is on! Start clipping those pink Box Tops again. During the month of February, the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! The contest ends on **Friday, February 27th**. 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, as well as the current by-laws, can be found [HERE](#). The membership will vote on the revisions at our March meeting. If you have any questions, please contact PTA President [Julie Middleton](#).

FLEX Classes

Mantua PTA organizes language classes through FCPS's Foreign Language Experience Program (FLEX.) FLEX is developed especially for elementary school children, who are at the optimal age for learning another language. Students study basic vocabulary and phrases in a fun environment through stories, games, activities, and music. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. The Spring FLEX language classes meet for 10 sessions. The cost is \$159 and includes tuition and materials.

We are excited to offer the classes below. Registration is currently underway. Simply click on the course title to register and pay. Please make sure to select the course taught at Mantua ES.

- [Chinese Level 1 for grades K-3](#)
- [Chinese Level 2 for grades 1-6](#)
- [German Level 1 for grades 1-4](#)
- [Spanish Level 1 for grades 1-4](#)

Email [Susanne Fitch](#), FLEX Coordinator, if you have any questions or if you have suggestions regarding other languages you would like to see taught at Mantua ES through the FLEX program.

Middle School Information for Rising 7th Graders

A reminder that we will be communicating detailed information to families regarding middle school registration as we receive it. This information will be sent home in Tuesday folders and here in the Alert News (abbreviated version.) Please note that these dates are subject to change due to inclement weather, and those changes will also be communicated to you as we receive them. Feel free to contact [Susan Kim](#) (6th grade counselor) if you have any questions and/or concerns specific to your child.

Frost Middle School

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

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

Art Volunteers Needed!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have been supporting us in the art room! We could still use more people throughout the

week to help with cutting clay and paper, mixing paint, and mounting and hanging art work. Please consider signing up if you have not already done so. No experience necessary, just looking for helpful hands. Please sign up [HERE](#) or email [Nathalie Shirley](#) or [Davide Lorenzi](#) with available days and times. Thank You!

Fairfax County Science Fair

The Second Annual Fairfax County Science Fair for Elementary and Middle Schools will take place on **Saturday, May 9th**. Students who are interested in participating and have not yet registered should fill out [THIS FORM](#) to sign up for Mantua's Science Fair. Finalists will be selected from that event to go on to the County Science Fair. Please e-mail mantuasciencefair@gmail.com with any questions.

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!

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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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