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## Important Upcoming Dates

- January 8: PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- January 13: PTA Restaurant Night
- January 14: Winter Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- January 15: AAP Referral Forms Due
- January 18: No School, MLK, Jr. Birthday
- January 19: No School, Student Holiday
- January 20: Winter Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- January 21: [Frost MS Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation](#)
- January 28: 4th Grade Human Growth & Development Preview Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- January 28: Frost MS Orientation Snow Date
- January 28: Parent Education Workshop, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- January 29: Parent Education Workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- January 29: Family Fun Night, Fairfax Ice Arena

## PTA Meeting THIS Friday

Please join us at this month's PTA meeting this **Friday, January 8th at 9:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Hear from the school principals and get information on upcoming school and PTA activities. We hope to see you there!

## Frost Middle School Rising 7th Grade Orientation for Parents

Sixth grade parents are invited to attend the **Frost Middle School Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation Night on Thursday, January 21st.** The main program from 6:30-7:30 p.m. will include the registration process for 7th grade, core curriculums, and an overview of Frost. There will be presentations for parents who have students who receive services through the Special Education, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and

Advanced Academics Programs from 5:15-5:45 p.m. Elective class teachers will also have displays and be available to answer questions from 5:15-6:15 p.m. These sessions are for parents. Students will have the opportunity to receive this information when Frost counselors visit the elementary schools in January and when students visit Frost in February. We hope you are able to attend this event!

In the case of inclement weather, the Orientation Night will take place on January 28th.

## Advanced Academics Program Level IV Referral Form Due Friday, January 15th (Grades 2-6)

FCPS provides a continuum of gifted 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 **Friday, January 15th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral form is located [HERE](#). If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras, Mantua's Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at [Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu).

## Stop Defiance, Disrespect, and Yelling!

Ready to try some new strategies in the New Year? The Mantua PTA is thrilled to present the next parent education workshop with Kirk and Casey Martin from Celebrate Calm. These dynamic speakers will present strategies for parents with kids from age 2-22. Kirk will demonstrate 10 ways to:

- Get your kids to listen the first time.
- Stop defiance, disrespect, and yelling.
- Stop whining, tantrums, and sibling fights.
- Get kids off video games/screens without a fight.
- Create stress-free mornings, homework time, and bedtime.

Join us in the Mantua Library for EITHER workshop:  
**Thursday, January 28th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. OR**  
**Friday, January 29th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Contact Kathy Phillips at [kathyphysics@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyphysics@hotmail.com) with questions, and watch the Video Clips and learn more [HERE](#)

## Box Tops Contest

Start clipping those pink Box Tops again! The next Box Top Contest is coming! During the month of February - starting Monday, February 1st until Friday, February 26th - the class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a great pizza party! Make sure your Box Tops are in-date (not expired), cut on cutting line, and in a bag CLEARLY marked with your teacher's name. If you have any questions, please contact [Danius@cox.net](mailto:Danius@cox.net). Start collecting now, and submit in February!

## 2016 Summer Enrichment Fair

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted is hosting a Summer Camp and Enrichment Fair on **Wednesday, January 13th, 6:00-8:15 p.m.** at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Rd, Vienna. This event is FREE and open to the public. You can meet representatives from summer programs of all varieties, from adventure day camps to rigorous academic programs at prestigious campuses, on subjects such as STEM, the visual and performing arts, computer technology, game design, environmental science, math enrichment, nature, writing, science, sports, and leadership. Over 30 opportunities will be represented for students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. More information can be found at [www.fcag.org/activities.shtml#summer](http://www.fcag.org/activities.shtml#summer)

## Thank You to Our Friends of Rocky and to Local Business Supporters!

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

**Sriram Peri:** Diamond Level

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