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Important Upcoming Dates

January 28: 4th Grade Human Growth & Development Preview Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Cafeteria

January 28: Frost MS Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation

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

February 3: LJMS Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation

February 12: Talent Show Auditions Deadline

Please note that due to the record amount of snowfall received, FCPS operations may be impacted for several days. Check www.fcps.edu for information about school closures and event cancellations.

PTA Family Fun Skating Night

Join the PTA for a Family Fun Ice Skating Night on **Friday, January 29th from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Fairfax Ice Arena. It's a fun winter activity for the whole family! Plan to come and skate with Mantua friends. Admission fee to skate is \$5.50. Ice skate rental is \$4.00. Dress for cool temperatures and remember the mittens! Beginners should bring a bike helmet. Take some time during the event to visit the PTA hospitality table for a complimentary cup of hot chocolate while supplies last. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions. We'll see you there!

Mantua Talent Show Information

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2016 Mantua Talent Show! Do you play an instrument, sing, or dance? Do you like to perform magic? Do you want to demonstrate your martial arts prowess? Then, why not try out for this year's show?

Just head over to the [Talent Show Web Site](#) for instructions on how to enter and to submit a video and complete an audition form.

Here are the important dates and times you need to know:

- Video Auditions and Audition Forms Due: **Friday, February 12th**
- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: **Thursday, March 10th, 5:30-9:00 p.m.**
- Talent Show in the Gym: **Saturday, March 12th, 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. Good luck preparing your acts!

Fourth Grade FLE Information

The 4th Grade Human Growth and Development lesson will take place on February 12th from 11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Human Growth and Development Parent Information Night will be on **January 28th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in the Cafeteria. All students will receive the lesson, in gender separate groups, unless an opt-out form is returned to the school prior to February 12th. For any questions please contact your child's teacher.

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 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. Start collecting now, and submit in February!

Last Parent Education Opportunity of the Year!

After a 6-year hiatus, Mantua is once again offering the Active Parenting Workshop. Don't miss this in-depth, 3-session class, to be held on **3 consecutive Mondays (February 29, March 7 and March 14) from 7:00 -9:00 p.m.** Former participants rave about the strategies they learned to improve communication with their kids, use positive discipline, and teach responsibility. Fee is only \$20 to cover the cost of the parent handbook and workbook that is yours to keep. Babysitting and scholarships are available, but spots are limited, so register today! **Registration deadline is February 16th.** Flyers will come home in the February 2nd Tuesday folder, or you can contact [Kathy Phillips](#) or Mantua counselor [Susan Kim](#).

FCAG Evening of Music

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) is hosting The Beauty of Music: Reaching for the Stars. Come enjoy an evening of music and conversation about music education. What are the benefits to studying music? Should we do private lessons? How much should kids practice to be good? How far can a student get with music? Should I do strings, orchestra, band or chorus? Will music change the way my child thinks and learns? Panelists include award winning musicians and teachers, Marjorie Lee (piano), Dennis Stokes (band), and some young musicians, who will share short pieces reflecting their enormous talent. The Beauty of Music will be held **Tuesday, February 2nd** at Luther Jackson Middle School, 7:00-8:15 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

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!

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