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## Important Upcoming Dates

**\* Please note: some of these are NEW dates**

February 2: 4th Grade Human Growth & Development  
Preview Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Library  
February 3: Frost MS Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation  
February 3: LJMS Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation  
February 4: 2-Hour Early Release, School Ends at 2:05 p.m.  
February 5: School Closed, Student Holiday  
February 10: Enrichment Registration Begins, 8:00 a.m.  
February 11: Volunteer Recruitment Reception, 6:00 p.m.  
February 11: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library  
February 12: Talent Show Auditions Deadline  
February 12: Family Fun Valentine's Dance, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
February 15: School Closed, Presidents' Day  
February 18: Frost Family Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
February 23: Restaurant Night at Chipotle  
February 25: Parent Education Workshop, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
February 26: Parent Education Workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

## 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](mailto:tdonat@gmail.com) or 703-629-0128. Good luck preparing your acts!

## Spring Enrichment Classes Registration Begins Soon!

Registration for the Spring 2016 Session will take place beginning on **Wednesday, February 10th at 8:00 a.m. and ending at midnight on February 17th**. Late is registration available February 18-19 for an additional \$40.

- Find class descriptions, program info and the registration link [HERE](#)
- Mark your calendar — late registrations are only accepted up to 48 hours after open registration closes for an additional \$40 fee
- Watch your email and backpack mail for future announcements

For more information or if you have suggestions for the program, please contact the Mantua Enrichment Coordinators, [Shannon Murphy](#) and [Liz Schatzman](#).

## Volunteer Recruitment Reception

The Mantua PTA Board is hosting a volunteer recruitment reception prior to our next PTA meeting on **February 11th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** We still need volunteers for this school year and we have a lot of volunteer openings for next school year. Our biggest need *right now* is for volunteers to help plan and implement our annual Spring Fling on April 2nd. If you are at all curious about the opportunities, please come! The PTA has some great programs, but they are only possible with the help and dedication of our parents. For more info, contact [Julie Middleton](#).

## 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 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Library.** 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.

## Box Tops Contest Begins!

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! 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). Let the contest begin!

## Celebrate Calm Has Been Rescheduled!

Our snowed out parent education sessions with Kirk and Casey Martin of Celebrate Calm have been rescheduled! Join us either **Thursday, February 25th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** or **Friday, February 26th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** in the Mantua library. No RSVP necessary. More information can be found [HERE](#).

## 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](#).

## Mantua PTA Homes Tour Set for May 15th

Nothing like being stuck at home for a few days to make you think of all the things you would like to change about your home! The Mantua PTA Homes Tour is coming on **Sunday, May 15th**. In order to make the tour another success we need your help and input. Do you know someone who has done something great to their home? Do you have a contractor that

you love? This event is a lot of fun and is a great way to raise funds for the PTA and meet more of your neighbors. Contact Sharon Schechtel with your ideas and suggestions at [mantuahomes@verizon.net](mailto:mantuahomes@verizon.net).

## 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. As always, membership is appreciated!

[www.fcag.org/membership.shtml](http://www.fcag.org/membership.shtml)

## Attention All 6th Graders

#firsthack 2.0 is an introductory, FREE computer coding event for 6th-8th grade students, sponsored by AOL. It will be held this year on **Saturday, February 27th from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** at the AOL campus, 22000 AOL Way, Sterling. No experience necessary! The students will be paired with a high-school mentor and will receive guidance and support from idea conception and design to development and presentation. The day includes a keynote address from the TJHSST principal, Dr. Evan Glazer, and other activities from computer industry giants like Google and AOL. The event is FREE, but registration is required. Visit [www.firsthack.org](http://www.firsthack.org) to register.

## 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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## Translators

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