



# ALERT NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

January 11 (Wednesday): Restaurant Night at CAVA, 6-10 p.m..

January 16 (Monday): MLK Holiday, **School Closed.**

January 20 (Friday): Inauguration Day, **School Closed.**

January 24 (Tuesday): 5th and 6th Grade Winter String Concert, 7 p.m. Mantua Gym.

January 25 (Wednesday): MCA (Mantua Citizens Association) Meeting, Manuta Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Meeting to discuss possible Horner Ct. changes.

January 26 (Thursday): Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation - Frost Middle School

January 27 (Friday): PTA Family Fun Skating Night at Fairfax Ice Arena, 5:15-6:30.

January 31 (Tuesday): Family Life Education – Emotional and Social Health preview for parents in grades K-6 , 6:00-7:00 p.m. in library.

## Deadlines

January 13 (Friday) - Advanced Academics Program (AAP) Level IV Referral Form, Grades 2-6. **Due by the end of the school day.**

## Advanced Academics Program Level IV Referral Form: Grades 2-6).Deadline 01/13/2017

Fairfax County Public Schools 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 13 by the end of school** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a [PDF to the referral form](#) is located at the [FCPS AAP website](#). If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Questions, email [Eva Bousbouras](mailto:Eva.Bousbouras@fcps.edu) [Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu) Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

## Restaurant Night at CAVA

Join Mantua friends and family at CAVA in Mosaic, 2905 District Ave, Fairfax, VA 22031, for the Next Restaurant Night Fundraiser **Wednesday, January 11, 6:00-10:00 p.m.** All you have to do is mention Mantua Elementary PTA at the register and 10% of every meal purchased will be donated to our group ([link to flier](#)). Questions, [marisa.chartier@me.com](mailto:marisa.chartier@me.com). Thank you for your support!

## MCA Meeting – Discussion on possible Horner Ct. changes

The Mantua Citizen's Association will meet on **Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m.** in the school cafeteria to discuss a project that impacts the neighborhood and our school. A project to open Horner Court (off of Prince William Drive) as a bus entry point to the school in the morning and afternoon will be discussed. Our School Board representative will be present to discuss the project so far and solicit community feedback. Those who live on Horner, Southwick, and Kirkwood are especially encouraged to attend, as are any who have concerns about traffic and our bus operation at the school.

## Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation – Frost Middle School

Sixth grade parents are invited to attend the Frost Middle School Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation Night on **Thursday January 26th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** The evening will include 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 PM. Elective class teachers will also have displays and be available to answer questions from 5:15-6:15 PM. These sessions are for

parents. Students will have the opportunity to receive this information when Frost counselors visit the elementary schools and when students visit Frost in February. We hope parents are able to attend this event!

In the case of inclement weather, the Orientation Night will take place on February 2nd.

## PTA Family Fun Skating Night

Join the PTA for a Family Fun Ice Skating Night on **Friday, January 27th** 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. Hot chocolate to follow and special guest ice skater Rocky the Raccoon will attend. Questions email [Samantha Galui](mailto:Samantha.Galui). See you there!

## Family Life Education – Emotional and Social Health

Mantua Elementary would like to invite you to attend an evening opportunity to preview the Family Life Education – Emotional and Social Health media and lessons and to talk with school staff about the program. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the library. All program materials and media for all grade levels will be available for your review at this time.

## FCPS Budget Cuts

As many have heard by now, the Meals Tax that was on the ballot in November failed, and FCPS is facing a serious projected budget shortfall. The Superintendent will be proposing a budget very soon, and a public comment period should follow. As a starting point for possible cuts, please see [Budget Task Force document](#). This is a \$75M cut scenario. The actual cuts may be more or less. The items listed are from a prior year list of cuts voted on by FCPS stakeholders. If you'd like, review the list and send any feedback to [president@mantuapta.org](mailto:president@mantuapta.org). All feedback will be collected and passed on collectively to the School Board.

## Box Tops Collection Contest

Please help us reach our collection goal! The classroom turning in the most **Box Tops by February 22**, will win a pizza party. Pink Box Tops can be found on participating products like General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker baking mixes, Ziploc and Hefty bags, Scott paper products, and more. Clip the Box Tops and attach them to the collection sheet or send them to school with your child in a Ziploc bag. Be sure to label them with your child's name and the name of his/her teacher. Box Tops can be given to their teacher, or placed in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. Need more fun and more opportunities to earn Box Tops? Check out the Box Top website at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) , and you could win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua! Questions, email Amber Reynolds [aarmagost@hotmail.com](mailto:aarmagost@hotmail.com).

## Spring Lacrosse Registration

Registration is now open for Annandale Boys & Girl's Youth Lacrosse (AYL)! AYL fields teams from Kindergarten to 8th grade, for both experienced and beginners. Lacrosse is a fun, fast paced sport, that encompasses many aspects of other sports. We have a solid base of returners across the league-but would love to see more new players trying Lacrosse this year, especially in our Kindergarten through 2nd grade (K2/U8) league. Our K2/U8 league is developmental with focus on learning the basics of lacrosse. If you have interest-your child can attend our pre-season clinics that start 1/21 (girls) 1/28 (boys) prior to committing to the season. Please contact Kathryn Mathias ([mathias.kathryn@gmail.com](mailto:mathias.kathryn@gmail.com)) with any questions or visit the [Annandale Lacrosse website](#).

## Yearbook Coordinators Needed!

Attention photography lovers! We still need lots of help with collecting yearbook photos! Many of the classrooms are missing a "yearbook coordinator" volunteer which means your student's classroom will not be equally represented. It's a simple job, just collect 10-15 photos as you can yourself or from parents in your classroom attending events and submit them to the yearbook coordinators. Questions email Julie Johnston the Volunteer Coordinator [jjvoproductions@gmail.com](mailto:jjvoproductions@gmail.com) or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea82f4-schoolwide1> and sign yourself up under your teachers name, tabbed by grade. THANK YOU!

## Bus Delay Notification System

Parents may access the system [here](#) or use the FCPS Mobile

App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

## Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or 4ourschool.

## 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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