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Important Upcoming Dates

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

January 25 (Wednesday): MCA (Mantua Citizens Association) Meeting, Mantua 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

Global Plus Language Program

Learn a World Language at Mantua through GLOBAL PLUS Now offering Spanish for Kindergarten! The Mantua PTA offers extracurricular world language classes through FCPS's GLOBAL PLUS Language Program. The goal of the program is to offer high quality language classes focusing on communication to elementary students when they are at the optimal age for language acquisition. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. Classes begin in January and continue for 10 weeks. The tuition cost is \$169 and includes materials and instruction. **Registration is currently underway:**
GPO3110: Chinese for Grades 1-3, Fridays after school starting on 2/10
GPO5210: German for Grades 4-6, Thursdays before school starting 1/26
GPO7010: Spanish for Kindergarten,

Fridays after school starting 1/27 GP07110: Spanish for Grades 1-3, Thursdays before school starting 1/26 For links to the classes, you can also visit the Mantua PTA website <http://www.mantuapta.org/programs.html>. Questions, email Susanne Fitch at swunner@yahoo.com.

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.

Eco-School Exploratory Committee

We are looking for teachers, administrators and parents to join an Eco-School exploratory committee. Half the schools in FCPS are registered as Eco-Schools. (More on the program

can be found here: <http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA.aspx>). We have already implemented many eco-friendly initiatives like school gardens, recycling and bike racks and are ready to develop a more school-wide approach. This exploratory committee would help us implement a plan to move forward and also form a permanent Eco-School committee or “Green Committee” that would be comprised of students, teachers, administrators and parents. Please contact Kati Hesford (kati.hesford@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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.

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!

2017 Talent Show

The Mantua PTA is proud to present the 2017 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 to: <http://tinyurl.com/mantuatalentshow2017-audition> 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 10
- Dress Rehearsal in the Gym: Thursday, March 9, 5:30-9:00 p.m.
- Talent Show in the Gym: Saturday, March 11, 5:30-

9:00 p.m.

If you have a child in the show, at least one parent needs to [volunteer to help](#). There is a link on the confirmation email after you sign up your child. Questions, contact Althea Bryson at akuhn_ilikai@hotmail.com or 571-830-5320 (call or text) Good luck preparing your acts!

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. 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, and you could win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua! Questions, email Amber Reynolds 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) with any questions or visit the [Annandale Lacrosse website](#).

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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