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# MANTUA PTA NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**January 9** (Friday): PTA Monthly Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:30am.

**January 16** (Thursday): Winter Strings Concert, 5-6th grades, Gym, 7pm. Rising 7th Grade Orientation, Frost MS 5:30-8pm.

**January 20** (Monday): Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, SCHOOL CLOSED.

## Stringapalooza

Mantua string students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade are invited to attend the Woodson Pyramid Stringapalooza. The event will be held at Frost MS on **Saturday, Feb. 8th from 9am - 2pm**. The deadline to enroll is **Jan. 10th**. Students can get enrollment forms from Mrs. Easton at school, or parents can email Mrs. Easton at [kjeaston@fcps.edu](mailto:kjeaston@fcps.edu) to request a form. The fee to enroll is \$20, which includes a t-shirt and lunch. Students at the event will rehearse with other elementary students in the Woodson Pyramid and perform a concert for parents at the end of the day. They will also be mentored by string students from Frost MS and Woodson HS. Mantua string students who will attend high schools other than Woodson are still welcome and encouraged to attend. Please direct questions to Mrs. Easton, Mantua Strings Teacher, at [kjeaston@fcps.edu](mailto:kjeaston@fcps.edu).

## Advanced Academics Level IV Referral Form for Grades 2-6 due Thursday, January 9th by 4:30pm (hardcopies only).

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 **Thursday, January 9th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office by 4:30pm (hardcopies only). More information and a link to the referral form is located at <https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement>. If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras ([vsbousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:vsbousbouras@fcps.edu)), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.



### Save your plastic caps and lids to help the Earth!

Save your plastic caps and lids to help our Earth, and win an ice cream party! Girl Scout Troop 2779 needs your help to collect plastic bottle caps and lids from many consumer items. (Did you know that most caps and lids end up in the landfill, even when

placed in the recycling bin, because they are too small to be processed by the facility's sorting equipment?) The troop's goal is to collect 300 pounds of caps and lids. Once they have met it, Green Tree Plastics of Indiana will exchange the caps and lids for a park bench made of 100% recycled materials for the troop to donate. This project is through Green Tree Plastic's ABC program, which aims to teach children about caring for the earth and green living. The two classes who collect the most caps will win an ice cream party, courtesy of Toby's Homemade Ice Cream & Coffee! Look for the collection box in your child's classroom coming soon. Acceptable items include: Caps from: milk jugs, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, apple sauce pouches, drink bottles such as soda, water, juice and sport drinks, shampoo and other hair products, ointment, baby food. Lids from: cottage cheese, mayonnaise, yogurt, peanut butter, coffee cans, cream cheese, butter. All caps and lids must be clean and dry.

Questions email [GirlScoutTroop2779@gmail.com](mailto:GirlScoutTroop2779@gmail.com). Every cap counts! Thank you.

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### Kids Give Back Kids Volunteer Day

January 27, 9:30am-3:30pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. FCPS schools are closed, so Kids Give Back is offering another day of volunteerism, games, team-building and more. Projects may include: Making outdoor care packages for the homeless; preparing snack packs for under-served children; making Valentine presents for senior citizens and more! Registration includes pizza for lunch. \$80/child; sibling discounts available. [www.kidsgiveback.org](http://www.kidsgiveback.org)

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# Mantua Elementary Yearbook 2019-2020

**1st Book Price \$25.00**

1st Book Price Online Ordering Deadline Until May 1st, 2020

**2nd Book Price \$28.00**

2nd Book Price Online Ordering Deadline Until June 1st, 2020

Order your yearbook today by going to [www.scherlingschoolpics.com](http://www.scherlingschoolpics.com) and using the Online Code FM111880

## Absences, Tardies, Early Dismissals and Transportation Change Procedures

At some point of the year, almost every student will either be absent, tardy, leave early for an appointment or need a change of transportation. Please email the office at: [MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu](mailto:MantuaElem.Attendance@fcps.edu) and copy the classroom teacher or call the attendance line at (703) 645-6363 for anything related to attendance or dismissal. Email is always the preferred method of communication for clarity purposes.

Absences or late arrivals: Please contact the office by the above method by 9:30am. Robo calls go out at 10 am. If a student is arriving late an adult must walk them into the office and sign them in even if you have notified the office of the late arrival.

Changes in Transportation must be submitted by 1:00 PM to either the email address above or attendance line. The first month of school there will be no bus passes to go home on the bus with a friend. Students receive a pass any time there is a change of transportation. Do not send in changes more than a week in advance except for ongoing changes, see examples.

Early Dismissals should be called in early in the day. An adult on the emergency care form can pick up a student. If you call when you are approximately 5 minutes away from the school then we will try to have the student ready for you otherwise we will call for the student when you arrive. There are NO DISMISSALS between 3:40 PM and 4:05 PM.

Examples:

Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2019.

Please excuse Fred Flinstone to Kiss and Ride every Monday until further

notice.

Please excuse Jane Doe who will arrive at 10:00 am to school due to a Dr. appt.

Let the office staff know if you have any questions.

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## Raise Funds for Mantua ES by Linking Your Rewards Card

It's time to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC cards to Mantua!

This is a really easy fundraiser- once you link your card to our school you'll be helping to raise money every time you shop. And even better? We'll do the work for you! Go

to <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/vic> to fill in your VIC card information and we'll do the rest!

Encourage friends & family to do the same!

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## FCAG Summer Camp Fair

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) is again hosting our Annual Summer Camp and Enrichment Fair on **Saturday, January 25, 3 - 5:30 pm, at McLean High School** (with a snow date of February 22). The event is free and open to the public.

- \* Nearly 40 **vendors** to answer your questions
  - \* Get your copy of the **FCAG Summer Camp Catalog** with hundreds of camps listed
  - \* For elementary, middle and high school students
  - \* From local adventure day camps to overnight camps at prestigious campuses
  - \* Camps for **STEM**, visual and performing arts, computer technology, science, math enrichment, nature, sports, and leadership
- \* **Register to win a \$50 gift card from Amazon.com**

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## 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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- Если вам необходимо перевести документ на русский язык, пожалуйста обращайтесь к Анне Жердецкой или Виктору Жердецкому по электронной почте: [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org) или [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Russian, please contact Hanna Zhardzetskaya and Viktor Zhardzetski.
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Email Lisa Libby at [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

## Parent Information Relating to Special Education

All these opportunities are **FREE** unless noted.

In most cases **you must register** if registration information is provided.

*When other events become available they will be posted at:*

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/upcoming-community-events/>

### *Plan Ahead — Strengthening Families — 14 week course*

Mon. Jan 27 - May 18, 5:30-8:00 pm, ARHA Bldg. 401 Wythe St. Alexandria

Parents and youth (ages 6-11) can strengthen family bonds through discussion, games, roleplaying, and family projects. Free dinners & Childcare (for ages 2-5).

Register: Yolonda Thompson at 703.820.9001 X 109 [ythompson@scanva.org](mailto:ythompson@scanva.org)

**Plan Ahead — Developmental Disability Advocacy Day — Bus to Richmond**

Tue. Jan. 28, 7 am-3 pm, The Arc of Nova, 2755 Hartland Ave. #200, Falls Church

This is an annual bus trip to Richmond where we will advocate in coordinated groups meeting with legislators who represent the region. Return bus trip included.

Register: RSVP to [lucy.beadnell@thearcofnova.org](mailto:lucy.beadnell@thearcofnova.org)

**Fairfax Prevention Coalition Meeting**

Wed. Jan. 8, 1-3 pm, Thom. Jeff. Lib. 7415 Arlington. Blvd, Falls Church

Learn about strategies to prevent drug misuse and addiction, including vaping, opioids, and underage drinking, along with connections to treatment.

Info: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/events/2020-01-08-coalition>

**Neuropsychological Evaluation**

Wed. Jan. 8, 7-9 pm, Auburn Sch. 3800 Concorde Pkwy. #500, Chantilly

Learn about the information that a neuropsychological evaluation provides, and how it can be used to implement appropriate interventions at home and school.

Register: <https://www.theauburnschool.org/page/153> or 703-793-9353

**Support Groups for Parents**

**Alpha Moms** This support group for adoptive parents meets monthly in McLean. Contact: [robin4brady@gmail.com](mailto:robin4brady@gmail.com)

**Autism Dads** meets one evening monthly in Falls Church. Contact: George Buzby at 571-419-1257 or [gbuzby@aol.com](mailto:gbuzby@aol.com)

**CHADD: Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder**

- **Alexandria CHADD Parent Support Group** 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 pm. Contact: Jenny [ADHDParentMountVernon@gmail.com](mailto:ADHDParentMountVernon@gmail.com) or call 703-472-4678.
- **Burke CHADD Support Group for Parents, Caregivers and Family Members** Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Contact Kim Griffin: [kimberlygriffin@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberlygriffin@yahoo.com)
- **Loudoun County CHADD Parent Support** 2nd Wed. of the month in Sterling. Contact: Bonnie Little 571-306-2932 or [blittle@windingroadcoaching.com](mailto:blittle@windingroadcoaching.com)
- **West Fairfax CHADD Evening Parent Support Group** 3rd Thur. of each month at 7:30 pm Contact: Sharon [clintob@aol.com](mailto:clintob@aol.com) or 703-716-4646.
- **West Fairfax CHADD Morning Parent Support Group** 1st Tues. of each month at 10:30 am Contact: Sharon [clintob@aol.com](mailto:clintob@aol.com) or 703-716-4646.
- **CSB Family Support Group at Gatlan Center** 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month 6-8 pm in Alexandria Contact: [Samar.Chwairy@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Samar.Chwairy@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-799-2882.

**D.A.D.S.** Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome 3rd Tue. each month, 7-9 pm in Alexandria. Contact: George [gbuzby@aol.com](mailto:gbuzby@aol.com) or call 703- 545-6089.

**Fairfax Juvenile Court Parent Support Group** for problems including runaway behavior, truancy, alcohol/drug abuse, and serious behavioral problems at home, at school, or in the community. 7:30 pm every Tues. Room 201.1 Fairfax County Courthouse – call 703-246-2495.

**Kinship Caregivers Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thur. monthly, 6:30-8:00 pm, South County Gov. Ctr. Rm. 220, 8350 Richmond Hgwy, Alexandria. Free dinner and resources. Register 1 week ahead: [KFI@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:KFI@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-246-4653



**Kinship Café** – meets monthly on the 2nd Wed. in Fairfax. Free dinner. Activities for children and discussion for adults. Register 1 week ahead by calling 703-246-4653 or online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/EReg/Registration.aspx?groupID=27>

**NAMI:** National Alliance on Mental Illness builds better lives for affected families. Arlington Parent Support Group meets two Sundays a month at 7:00-8:30 pm. Contact: Naomi 703-862-9588 [verdugo.naomi@gmail.com](mailto:verdugo.naomi@gmail.com)  
**OCD Family Support Group** 1st Mon. of each month, 7:30 pm. Contact: [familygroupocd@verizon.net](mailto:familygroupocd@verizon.net) or call 202-215-5859.

**Northern Virginia Tourette Support Group** meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at noon at the Chantilly Public Library. Contact: [mark.bramer@gmail.com](mailto:mark.bramer@gmail.com)

**OCD Family Support Group** 1st Monday of each month 7:30 pm . Contact: [familygroupocd@varizon.net](mailto:familygroupocd@varizon.net) or call 202-215-5859

**Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) meeting times and location posted at:** <https://poac-nova.org/events/>

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