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# MANTUA PTA NEWS

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**January 27-28** (Monday- Tuesday): Teacher Work Days, NO SCHOOL.

**February 5 (Wednesday):** Enrichment Registration Begins, 8am.

**February 17 (Monday):** President's Day, NO SCHOOL.

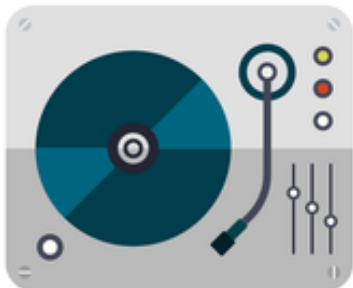
## Spring Enrichment Registration

Spring 2020 Enrichment registration is almost here! The Mantua PTA is excited to offer a wide selection of enrichment classes focusing on many areas of interest including art, music, STEM, sports and more! Spring registration begins at **8AM on Wednesday, February 5th** and closes Monday, February 17th at midnight. Classes run March 9th - May 7th.



Spring Enrichment course offerings and class descriptions can be found here: <https://enrichmentmatters.ce.eleyo.com/courses/category/86/mantua-elementary>. The "View All Courses" button will not be live until registration begins.

## Music Play Online Student Access



The Mantua Music Team invites all students to play a music game, recorder or learn a new song, Music Play Online is a new program we are using in the general music time. Have fun!

New user name good through March:

user name: snow

password: 2020

<https://musicplayonline.com/student-login>

## Super Transition Saturday - Career and Transition Services Event

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, Career and Transition Services (CTS), the FCPS Parent Resource Center, and several Fairfax County adult service providers will host "Super Transition Saturday" from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School. This is a free event for parents/guardians and educators of students of all ages with IEPs. Breakout sessions will cover postsecondary education support, the importance of student self-determination beginning in the elementary years, employment support programs, future planning considerations, such as funding needed for services, and CTS

support services that are available to students as they progress through the secondary years toward graduation and beyond. A highlight of the day is a parent/guardian and student panel representing a range of challenges and successes. Members of the panel will convey personal experiences and answer parent/guardian and student questions from their perspectives of having been through the transition process. The snow date is March 14, 2020.

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## **Elementary Institute for the Arts (E-IFTA): Camps and Institutes**

A summer exploration of the arts for elementary school students currently in grades 2-5.

E-IFTA is a weekly arts camp for elementary aged students who love to sing, dance, act, perform, make, and create. Students take part in four classes every day related to dance, music, theatre, and visual art. They work with FCPS fine arts teachers who create classes that are fun and engaging.

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/eifta.pdf>

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## **Talent Show**

Coming soon to a gymnasium near you... The 2020 Mantua Elementary School talent show!! Start preparing your act today!

Save the dates...

- Talent show, Saturday night, March 21st.
- Rehearsal, Friday night, March 20th.

Acts must be 2 minutes or less in length and appropriate for all ages. Instructions to submit audition form, audition video and music (if applicable) will be shared in February.



## **Volunteer Punch Card Raffle - Quarter 2**

The Volunteer Punch Card for Quarter 2 is up and running! See the link below, and please select the areas you volunteered during Quarter 2 (Nov. 2 - Jan. 24). The link will be available through 1/24, so click away! We are so thankful for all our fabulous volunteers who spend their precious time helping at our school. Prizes for Quarter 2 are : 3rd Place - Mantua Spirit wear sweat pants 2nd Place - (2) Tickets to your choice of the Mantua Talent Show OR the

Mantua Drama Production of Beauty and the Beast 1st Place - (1) 2019-2020 Yearbook Please email me with any questions, and thank you for your time!! [volunteering@mantuapta.org](mailto:volunteering@mantuapta.org)

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## Frost Family Festival at Frost Middle School



This year our event will be held on Thursday, February 20th from 5:30-7:30 pm (snow date is Wednesday, February 26th).

All rising 7th graders and their families are invited to join school tours, classroom demos, table displays and other activities that provide an excellent view of middle school life. Principal Anthony Harris and his administrative team will be on hand during the evening to answer any questions.

We look forward to welcoming your 6th graders!

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/df/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/frost-family-festival.pdf>

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## W.T. Woodson's Choral Department's 31st annual Broadway Revue, Dessert on Broadway, is just 2 weeks away!

Show dates this year are Thursday-Saturday, January 23-25, with a preview show on Wednesday, January 22 for teachers and staff.

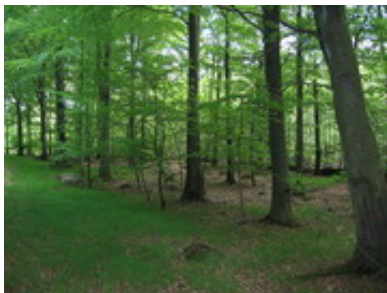
Tickets for the general public go on sale FRIDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm by visiting [www.ticketleap.com](http://www.ticketleap.com) (please search **DESSERT ON BROADWAY**). All purchases will require a credit card, along with the purchaser's billing information. Shows usually sell out well in advance – so don't delay!

All proceeds will go to support the production and W.T. Woodson's choral programs. Please contact [tickets@woodsonchorus.org](mailto:tickets@woodsonchorus.org) with any questions.



## 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)



## 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.

## 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

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of this coupon!



## 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, 2099.

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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## Fairfax High School Theatre Department Spring Camp

Tuesday, March 3rd is House of the Mouse!

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/dtf/2019-20/flyers/geninfo/ffxhigh-drama-camp.pdf>

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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!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية كفالة على هذا الإيميل: [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org).
- 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.

- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요 ([cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org).) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Lisa Libby.
- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at [cbn@mantuapta.org](mailto:cbn@mantuapta.org). If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

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)

### **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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## How to Submit an Announcement to the PTA News

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The form guides you through all the pieces of information we need to put out complete announcements.

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