



**Mantua PTA News 2021, Issue 20**

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**Important Dates**

February 3 (Wednesday) - Woodson Pyramid meeting with School Board Rep, 7-8pm.

February 4 (Thursday) - **Cancelled**, Virtual PTA Meeting, 7pm.

February 15 (Monday) - President's Day Holiday, No School.

**Parent Workshop Slideshow**

Huge thanks to Mantua ES's Mental Health Team, Anna Bukont, Emily Tilman, Richard Hang and Susan Song for a very informative presentation last week! They are a great resource, please reach out to them anytime if you have any concerns or questions. Below is a link to their presentation as well as an article on resiliency.



- [Presentation](#)
- [Self-care Plan](#)
- [Self-care Padlet](#)
- [Washington Post article: Seven ways to build a child's resilience during the pandemic \(and long after it ends\)](#)



**Woodson Pyramid Meeting with School Board Rep, Megan McLaughlin**

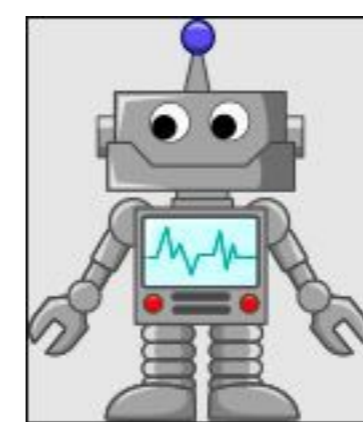
The Fairfax County Council PTA (FCCPTA) and Little Run Elementary School PTA are hosting a Woodson Pyramid PTA meeting with your elected Braddock District School Board Rep, Megan McLaughlin, on **Wednesday, February 3 from 7-8PM**. Please send me any questions you may have to prep Ms. McLaughlin prior to the event at [president@mantuapta.org](mailto:president@mantuapta.org)

[Link to join the meeting.](#)

Braddock District School Board Member, Megan McLaughlin bio: <https://www.fcps.edu/school-board/megan-mclaughlin/b9233265e90183ae>

Please note that Mantua ES's School Board Member is Karl Frisch from the Providence District.

**Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Tech Talks on STEM**



The PTSA Diversity Committee of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology will hold its second Diversity in STEM Talk on February 8. This series is directed at students in grades 4-8.

Join us **Monday, February 8, at 6 p.m.** to hear from Anthony Nunez, CEO INF Robotics Inc. and Carla Rodriguez, Head of Operations INF Robotics Inc. Through their current work at INF Robotics Inc., dba INF Care, Mr. Nunez and Ms. Rodriguez are bringing robotics and assistive technologies to older adults to improve their health and aging in place experience. Some questions we'll explore are:

- What sparked their interest in STEM?
- What is happening in the field of robotics?
- How are robotics and technology used in health care?

Parents, register at this Zoom link: <http://bit.ly/TJStemTalk2>

Submit questions in advance here: <https://bit.ly/tjdiversitytalks>

English -- Spanish -- Arabic

**Frost Orientation Night Resources and Additional Programs**

Thank you for those who were able to join us for the Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent and Student Orientation last week. For those who were unable to join, there is a copy of the presentation and a recording of the event on our website. A link is available on our main website or you can access it directly here: <https://frostms.fcps.edu/student-services/course-selection/rising-7th-grade-course-selection>. Please use this site to review additional course materials (course catalog and videos) to assist your child in completing the course selection google form before March 1st. Students will receive the link to the google form after Mr. Joo, Frost counselor, presents to the students at each elementary school in the upcoming weeks. We also have two additional programs available if you are interested:

**Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent and Student Math Night**

Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-7:30

Do you still have questions about the math sequence of courses or specific courses available at grade 7? Are you still undecided about the course that is best for your child? Ms. Hornbecker and math teachers will be available for a brief overview and to answer individual questions. You can access the event using this link: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/29a43c540b1b4a91a8f0644b94fa9ead>

**Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Services Parent Information Night –**  
Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 at this [link](#).

Please join us to hear general information related to special education services at the middle school. We will also meet and hear from teacher leaders from the adapted curriculum, as well as our specialized programs of the Comprehensive Services Site (CSS) and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) program.

**Luther Jackson Bingo Night and Middle School Orchestra Information**

Are you interested in playing in orchestra next year (violin, viola, cello, bass)? Even if you have never played, there are beginner orchestras at both Frost MS and Luther Jackson MS. In fact, there are all levels of orchestra, from the very beginner to the "started private lessons at age 4", and everything in between.

Students attending Luther Jackson MS are invited to attend a Bingo Night on **February 5th at 7:00 pm**. You will play bingo and potentially win prizes, while learning more about the orchestra program at LJMS. The link to register for bingo night is below, as well as a link to a video about the LJMS orchestra. Orchestra Information Video: <http://www.tinyurl.com/LJMSOrch2021>. Bingo Night Sign-up Link: <http://www.tinyurl.com/LJOrchBingo2021>.

If you have any questions about middle school orchestra, or if you would like info about a school other than Frost or Luther Jackson, please email the Mantua orchestra teacher, Mrs. Kate Easton at [kjeaston@fcps.edu](mailto:kjeaston@fcps.edu).

**Library Curbside Pick Up**

Curbside library pick up is now open! Click this [link](#) (must be logged into an FCPS Google account) in order to get information on curbside library pick up. There are step by step instructions, links to our catalog and how to videos so that your child can participate. <https://sites.google.com/fcpschools.net/mantua/library/home?authuser=0>



Questions, email Katie Marmol ([kgmarmol@fcps.edu](mailto:kgmarmol@fcps.edu)) or Michelle Hawk ([mahawk@fcps.edu](mailto:mahawk@fcps.edu)).

**School Issued Laptop Help**

If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's school issued laptop, please remember to refer to the self-help page and ticketing service.

Self-help page: <https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/technology-support-families>

Parent/Student Ticket Page: <https://itweb.fcps.edu/itsupport/>

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



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