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Super Teacher Nomination

It's time to let your child's teacher know you think they are super. The Virginia PTA and Virginia Lottery are teaming up again this year for the Super Teacher Awards. Please take a few minutes to write a short (500 words or less) nomination letter. The deadline is Feb. 14.

The process is easy and can be done completely on-line. Your nomination letter should address the teacher's:

- Passion and commitment to the teaching profession;
- Innovation and creativity in the classroom; and
- Efforts to involve parents and families in their student's education

Visit http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/nomination_form.pdf for the complete rules and nomination information. A copy of all nomination letters should be sent to Jan-Marie Fernandez for placement in the teacher's file and recognition at the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Contact Mary Jo Kavjian at kavjianPTA@aol.com with questions.

Mantua Family Night Fundraiser

Join us for a family night out on Wednesday, Jan. 19, between 4 to 10 p.m. at Baja Fresh in the Pan Am Shopping Center on Nutley Street. Invite all of your family and friends to dine with us at the restaurant (or order take out) and 15% of the night's proceeds will go to Mantua's PTA. Make sure to mention that you are with Mantua in order for the school to receive credit.

Mark Your Calendars for the PTA Online Auction, Feb. 1-15

The Mantua PTA action is around the corner and we have a fabulous array of things for sale, from functional items to lavish indulgences. There is something for every

taste and budget. Every penny you spend goes to support our school. Thanks to the generosity of our faculty and staff, parents and more than 100 local and national businesses, you will be able to select from exciting getaways near and far, tickets to entertainment venues throughout the metro area, delicious food items and restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia, a wonderful selection on personal services and classes to suit your needs. There also are toys, books and educational materials, and of course those treasured special activities for the kids with our faculty. The auction catalog will be available for browsing during the last weekend in January. Mark your calendars for Feb. 1, and bid, bid, bid!

Help Mantua Earn Cash by Recycling

Send in your used ink jet or laser printer cartridges, cell phones, PDAs and laptops from home or work to earn money for school programs and materials. Accessories such as chargers, extra batteries, cases, headsets, etc., also can be donated. Please place all items in the gray Rubbermaid container in the school's front lobby. Mantua earns money by recycling these items through the Cartridges For Kids program. All cell phones turned in by Jan. 19, earn double! It pays to be green!

Important Upcoming Event

Wed. 1/19: Family Fun Night Fundraiser at Baja Fresh Mexican Grill

Mon. 1/31-Tues. 2/1: School Closed for teacher workdays

Tues. Feb. 1: Mantua PTA online auction opens

Moving on to Middle School

The transition to middle school can be a time of academic, social and emotional challenges. Attend a free workshop on Friday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services to better understand what to expect as your child prepares to transition and learn strategies to help your child become a successful middle school student. Download the flier and register online [here](#).

For a complete list of all upcoming workshops and activities go to the [Parent Resource Center website](#), contact by email at prc@fcps.edu, or phone 703-204-3941 or 703-204-3955 (Spanish).

Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

The following information will explain the 2011-2012 magnet school application

and lottery process for Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences and for Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences.

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences has a broad array of programs to help each student to continually grow and thrive in his or her ability to create, inquire and connect. The school has both classroom teachers and additional specialized educators who focus on the sciences, the arts, and the technology so that these areas are integrated and complement one another as the child learns in all fields. Additionally, some students have the opportunity to participate in the Spanish Immersion program.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences offers an interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional program with an added emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, and technology. Kindergarten and first grade students are assigned to multiage (K/1) classes. A science specialist, a technology resource teacher, and additional art classes provide opportunities for all students to enhance their learning. The arts team includes music, art, and dance teachers. Resource teachers collaborate with classroom teachers to coordinate and integrate learning activities with classroom instruction.

To be eligible to apply, a student must be on or above grade level in language arts and math

and demonstrate positive interpersonal and school behavior. Applications will be screened for eligibility, and a lottery will be conducted in early April.

Applications are available at the following website:

<http://www.fcps.edu/news/magnet.htm>. Parents must complete the appropriate school application and return the form to the PreK-6 Instruction and School Support Office, at Fairfax Ridge. **Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1.**

If you have questions regarding the Bailey's Elementary School magnet program, please contact Rachel Charlton, assistant principal, at 703-575-6800. If you have questions regarding the Hunters Woods Elementary School magnet program, please contact Diane Beers, parent liaison, at 703-262-7405.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please call the magnet

information line, PreK-6 Instruction and School Support Office, Leis Center, at 571-423-4652.

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted Camp Fair

The Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Camp Fair will be held Wednesday, Jan. 19, 7 to 9 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna, Va. Admission is free and open to the public. Meet representatives from summer enrichment programs; visit the exhibits, ask questions, and network with others; and see what your children (K-12) can explore next summer. Camps that will be represented include Tech is Cool, Fairfax Collegiate, Math Enrichment Services by Vern Williams, Traveling Players Ensemble, Camp Shavuon, FCPS Institute for the Arts, Congressional Day Camp, iD Tech Camp, Potomac School, Concordia Language Villages, Russian Music Academy, Madeira School Summer Camps, Interlochen Arts Camp, A Class Act, Acting for Kids, and many more! In case of inclement weather, check: <http://FCAG.org> for snow date. Join FCAG's Yahoo discussion group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FCAG>. For more information, contact secretary@fcag.org or call 703.922.1977.

Woodson Cavalier Varsity Precisionette Dance Camp, Jan. 31-Feb. 1

Want something energetic and fun for your kids to do during the upcoming teacher workdays? Let the Woodson Dance Team provide a fun, safe and healthy experience for them! Come learn some dance moves from the award winning W.T. Woodson Precisionettes. The participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and most of all, have fun! Participants will be divided by age during dance to provide the most meaningful experience for all. Space is limited so register early. All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made at camp. The camp will be Monday, Jan. 31 and/or Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$45 for one day or \$65 for both days. Contact camp coordinators Madelyn Weaver, at madelynweaver@yahoo.com, or Anne Foster, at anne.foster55@yahoo.com, for information or to obtain a registration form. Flyers with registration forms are in the school lobby on the table under the parent information board.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

