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# Mantua PTA Alert News January 25, 2011



## Last Chance to Order Yearbooks

If you plan to order a yearbook you **MUST** do so by this Wednesday, Jan. 26. The school will **NOT** be ordering extra copies. Don't miss out on the memories! Order your yearbook online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com), or by calling toll-free at 1-866-282-1516. Mantua's school ID number is 5344. The yearbooks are \$28 each.

Please note: if your child is new to Mantua, we need parent permission to use photos of him or her in the yearbook. Please confirm with Yelena at 703-501-9597, or by e-mail at [mantuayearbooks@gmail.com](mailto:mantuayearbooks@gmail.com).

## Seeking Parent to Teach Drama Enrichment Class for 3-6 Graders

The Dramarama class would run for eight weeks beginning the week of March 7, through the week ending May 6. You can pick the day and time -- either before or after school. You do need to go through a process to get on the "approved teacher" list, so we need to act quickly.

Enrichment classes, including NXT Robotics for grades 4-6 and Investigation Station for grades K-3, will start the week of March 7.

FLEX language classes including **Spanish** and **Sign Language** for grades K-2 will start the week March 7. The FLEX classes for grades 2-6 will be offered again in the fall.

## Class Descriptions

### NXT Robotics (Grades 4-6)

Work collaboratively with peers as young scientists, engineers, and designers. You are provided with tools and tasks that promote design technology, science and

mathematics. Involve yourself in real world investigations and problem solving which supports designing and creating models.

### **Dramarama (Grades 3-6)**

Lights, Camera, Action! Come and have fun being part of a drama production. Learn how to act, create a costume, and make your own props.

### **Investigation Station (Grades K-3)**

Student nature detectives explore the world of plants, animals, and bugs; make cool terrariums, worm farms, bird feeders and rock displays. Use a magnifying glass to find bugs and watch them play. Join the fun! Please contact Deirdre Mayes at [deirdre.mayes@us.ibm.com](mailto:deirdre.mayes@us.ibm.com) if you are interested in teaching Dramarama. Classes and directions for how to sign up will be coming in February.

### **PTA Online Auction Begins Next Week**

The Mantua PTA auction is around the corner and we have many fabulous things for sale. ALL money raised goes to support our school. Thanks to the generosity of our faculty and staff, parents and more than 100 businesses, you will be able to select from exciting getaways, tickets to entertainment venues throughout the metro area, restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia, and a wonderful selection of personal services and classes. There also are toys, books and educational materials, as well as a number of special faculty-led activities. The auction catalog will be available for browsing next weekend. Bidding opens Feb. 1.

### **Super Teacher Nomination**

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 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](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 for recognition at the teacher appreciation luncheon. Contact Mary Jo Kavjian at [kavjianPTA@aol.com](mailto:kavjianPTA@aol.com) with questions.

### Important Upcoming Event

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

Tues. Feb. 1: Mantua PTA online auction opens

Wed. Feb. 2: PTA Meeting

### 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 [here](#) on the FCPS site. 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.

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

For questions regarding the application process, please call the magnet information line, PreK-6 Instruction and School Support Office, Leis Center, at 571-423-4652.

### *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](mailto:madelynweaver@yahoo.com), or Anne Foster, at [anne.foster55@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).

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

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