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Colonial Day Volunteers Needed for Fourth Grade

Colonial Day is just over a week away on Friday, Feb. 18, and we still need volunteers! Colonial Day is a very special day for our 4th graders. They have lots of fun and seem to get a lot out of the experience! Please go to <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/12023456342036520105> to see what help is still needed. We need items sent in and helping hands the day of!! Contact Teresa LeMair at teresalemair@aol.com with questions.

Candy Grams for Sale

The SCA will be selling Candy Grams in celebration of Valentine's Day. A candy gram is a lollipop attached to a message card. They can be sent to any friends or faculty members at school. The candy grams, which cost 50 cents each, will be on sale Feb. 9, 10, and 11, before school outside of the cafeteria. They will be delivered to classrooms on Monday, Feb. 14. Please contact any SCA officer or Ms. Graap at Katherine.Graap@fcps.edu with questions.

Yearbook Cover Winners Chosen

Congratulations to our 2010-2011 yearbook cover contest winners. Sixth grader John DeCarlo's illustration has been selected for the front cover and sixth grader Heidi Soler's artwork will be used for the back cover. Both students are in Mrs. Grice's class.

Mantua Spring Carnival

Calling All Super Heroes! The Mantua Spring Carnival is Coming! Be sure to join us for the Super Hero Spring Carnival on March 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. New this year will be wristbands that will allow UNLIMITED play at all of the game booths, except for the Climbing Wall and Dunk Tank. Come to the Carnival and enjoy the cakewalk, face painting, and games. See how high your

family can climb the rock wall or test their pitching arms at dunking the teachers and principals in the dunk tank! With new games and prizes awarded at the game booths, there will be something for everyone!

Wristbands are \$20 for the first, and \$15 for additional bands at the time of purchase, with a \$60 per household cap. Purchase wristbands during the following hours:

Thursday, March 24, 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Friday, March 25, 8:30 to 9 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PTA Online Auction Now Open

Mantua PTA's auction is well underway. There are many fabulous things to bid on, including getaways, entertainment tickets, restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia, and a number of special faculty-led activities. Bidding continues until Feb. 15. ALL money raised goes to support our school. Go to the [auction catalog](#) to bid.

New Box Tops Contest

Please send your box tops labels in plastic zip bags with your teacher's name and grade on it. Through this program, Mantua has already earned \$1,194 this year. Our goal is to collect \$1,500 to purchase a Smartboard for a classroom. The deadline for this contest is Friday, Feb. 25. Please do not send it labels that have expired.

Snow Make-up Day, Feb. 21

Because of the recent snow days and based on the calendar established by the School Board, Monday, Feb. 21, will now be a makeup day for all Fairfax County Public Schools students. All schools and offices will be open. **Elementary schools will follow a full-day schedule with no early dismissal.** SACC programs will operate on a regular schedule. Schools will be open for community use. For more information about the calendar and makeup days see <http://www.fcps.edu/about/10-11cal.htm>

Brain Research Workshop

Join Principal Jan-Marie Fernandez and other faculty members to discuss the latest developments in child brain development. Learn how Mantua is incorporating these

concepts into the classroom, and what you can do at home to facilitate and increase your child's learning potential. The workshop will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the school library. More details will be sent home in next week's Tuesday folders.

Important Upcoming Event

Feb. 1-Feb. 15: Mantua PTA online auction

Fri. Feb. 18: Colonial Day for 4th grade

Mon. Feb. 21: School will be in session. No early release.

Frost Middle School Bingo & Burritos

Bring your family to Frost Middle School this Friday, Feb. 11, to play bingo, eat dinner and possibly win some wonderful prizes. Tickets are just \$6 each. A \$4 discount will be given when purchasing tickets for a family of four. Coyote Grill will be providing the burrito meals. Prizes include gift cards to Best Buy, Artie's Restaurant Auld Shebeen, iTunes, Paint Your Own Pottery, and Game Stop, as well as ice skating, popcorn and candy basket, travel games and more. Order forms are available on the [Frost PTA website](#). Contact Mary Revay at 703-503-0573, or thomandmary@Yahoo.com, for questions or to order tickets.

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.

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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