



# Mantua PTA Alert News

## January 22, 2013



### Restaurant Night at Baja Fresh is THIS Thursday

Join us for a PTA Family Fun Night Out at Baja Fresh this Thursday, **January 24th** from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Pan Am Shopping Center on Nutley Street. Dine in or carry out and enjoy an assortment of Mexican favorites. Menu items include burritos, tacos, taquitos, quesadillas, fajitas, nachos, salad, and soup. Everything is fresh and delicious. The event flyers will be sent home in Tuesday folders. You can also download a flyer [HERE](#). Please present yours at the time of purchase for 15% of the evening's proceeds to go to the Mantua Elementary School PTA. Buen provecho!

### Yearbook Update: Important Deadlines Approaching

An important deadline is approaching fast! You can still order a **PERSONALIZED** copy of the 2013 Mantua Yearbook before the deadline on Friday, **January 25th**. After this date, Jostens will not offer this option.

The price of the yearbook is still \$25, and orders can be placed and paid for through [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) site. After January 31st, the price will be adjusted to \$30, so order ASAP to save!

We greatly appreciate your understanding and help in getting our final order for

the number of copies out to Jostens so that the publisher will know how many copies to print for the Mantua Elementary School community. Only with your prompt assistance can we maximize our PTA's and school's profit - and minimize the cost for each family - by providing the most accurate estimate possible in a timely way and avoid being left with too many or too few copies for our students.

Thank you to everyone who has supplied us with class photos. We are getting a great response from parents this year!

If you have any questions or problems with ordering your yearbook, please contact Yelena Jones at [yelenajones@yahoo.com](mailto:yelenajones@yahoo.com) or [mantuayearbooks@gmail.com](mailto:mantuayearbooks@gmail.com) or by phone at 703-501-9597.

### *Kids Care Club Collecting Donations for Humane Society*

The Kids Care Club is collecting donations for the Humane Society of Fairfax County. There are donation boxes throughout the school. The following items are needed: towels, blankets, dog and cat toys, rawhide and chew treats, large plastic or metal bowls, dog collars and leashes, dog and cat beds, electric clippers, D batteries, trash bags, and clumping litter. A more complete list will be attached to each box. Thank you in advance for your donations. Please contact [Amy Smith](#) with any questions.

### *Winter Box Tops Contest Begins!*

The Winter Box Tops Contest started Monday, January 14th and ends Friday, February 15th. Our goal is to raise \$1,500. Send in Box Tops Labels and Labels for Education labels in a plastic zip bag with the teacher's name and grade on it. Labels

should be dropped in the collection box in the front lobby. Please do not send in expired labels. A special prize will be awarded for the class bringing in the most labels. Look by the collection box to find out which class is in the lead.

A list of participating products can be found on: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). Ask your neighbors, co-workers, and local businesses to help you collect. Contact [Sandy Spector](#) with any questions.

### Counselor's Corner

**Upcoming Workshops:** The 8th Annual Special Education Conference will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. It will be held at Hayfield Secondary School from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/conference/>.

### Advanced Academics Level IV Center Referral Form

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of gifted services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school/district committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is Friday, **February 8th** for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral form can be found [HERE](#). Please submit any questions to [Eva Bousbouras](#), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher at Mantua.

### Citizenship Essay Contest for 6th Graders

Attention 6th Graders: The Virginia PTA is sponsoring a Citizenship Essay Contest for grades 6th-12th. The 2012-13 theme is "Proud to Be An American." This essay project allows students to express their views and opinions on "Character or

Citizenship". The Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children—tomorrow's leaders. Use this [LINK](#) to access the application for the essay contest.

Please submit your essay application (you must use the one in the above link) to the Mantua PTA mailbox NO LATER THAN: Wednesday, January 30th. We will forward your essays to the Northern Virginia PTA for judging. If you have any questions, please contact [Julie Middleton](#), PTA Secretary.

### Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Jan 24: Restaurant Night at Baja Fresh

Thurs. Jan 24: Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Mon. Jan 28 –Tues. Jan 29: School Closed for Teacher Workdays

Sat. Feb 2: Talent Show, 5:30 p.m.

### Dessert on Broadway at Woodson High School

Come on along and listen to the greatest tunes of Broadway, presented by Woodson's own talented singers and dancers. This is one of the best shows of the year: Woodson's sensational musical revue, **DESSERT ON BROADWAY!** Applaud these talented singers and dancers as they present the best of Broadway. Enjoy dessert and coffee at your elegant table in the Cabaret at Cavalier Hall.

#### Showtimes:

Thursday, January 24th, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 25th, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 26th, 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Doors open 30 minutes before show time. Arrive early for dessert and beverages! To order your tickets, visit [www.woodsonchorus.org](http://www.woodsonchorus.org).

## Woodson Precisionette Dance Camp on January Teacher Workdays

On January 28th and January 29th - next week's teacher workdays - the Woodson Varsity Precisionettes will be holding their popular Dance Camp. This will be the last dance camp of this school year. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Camp is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on both days with a show at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday for family and friends. The registration form is available on the Varsity Dance team sports page or you can email Anne Foster at [dancecamp11@yahoo.com](mailto:dancecamp11@yahoo.com). This form contains all the information about camp. Please complete it and mail with a check to Woodson High School c/o Anne Foster. (If you have a dancer in grades 7-9, please send an email to [dancecamp11@yahoo.com](mailto:dancecamp11@yahoo.com). There is a different registration form for these girls.)

Please contact Anne Foster with any questions. We hope to see your daughter the end of the month!

## Super Teacher Award!

The Virginia PTA is again partnering with Virginia Lottery to promote and recognize the Super Teacher award with nominations due January 7th-February 15th. Eight teachers from around the state will be recognized in the spring. Click [HERE](#) for more information about nominations and awards.

## Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Camp Fair

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) will hold its annual Summer Academic Programs and Enrichment Camp Fair at Oakton High School on Wednesday, January 23rd from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. FCAG is open to everyone whether or not they are in AAP.

Meet representatives from summer enrichment programs, visit exhibits, ask questions, and see what your children in K-12 can explore next summer. Academic Programs include music, chess, drama, computers, robotics, language immersion, math, science, engineering, and test prep. Enrichment Camps include TIC (Tech Is Cool), Fairfax Collegiate, Math Enrichment Services, Traveling Players Ensemble, Writopia, FCPS Institute for the Arts, Congressional Day Camp, iD Tech Camp, Potomac School, Concordia Language Villages, Interlochen Arts Camp, Madeira School Summer Camps, A Class Act: Acting for Kids, and More! For more information, visit [www.FCAG.org](http://www.FCAG.org). Oakton High School is located at 2900 Sutton Road in Vienna.

### 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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2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

