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### **Important Upcoming Dates**

January 5: Drama Club - Meeting for Parents, Cast and Crew of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.

January 6: PTA Meeting, Cafeteria 9:30 a.m.

January 11: Restaurant Night at CAVA

#### **Deadlines**

Mantua Attendance: 703-645-6363 email

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### Restaurant Night at CAVA

Join Mantua friends and family at CAVA in Mosaic, 2905 District Ave, Fairfax, VA 22031, for the Next Restaurant Night Fundraiser Wednesday, January 11, 6:00-10:00 p.m. All you have to do is mention Mantua Elementary PTA at the register and 10% of every meal purchased will be donated to our group. Questions, marisa.chartier@me.com. Thank you for your support!

# Drama Club - Mandatory Meeting for Parents, Cast and Crew of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Chocolate Factory Cast and Crew and Parents! You've waited patiently, now it's your turn. There is a MANDATORY meeting for cast, crew and parents on Thursday January 5, 7:00 **p.m.** in Cafeteria. Remember - rehearsals start Monday, January 9. Questions, email Ms. Rebecca rebecca.kiessling@gmail.com.

### Shen Yun Performing Arts

FDADC will present Shen Yun Performing Arts at Kennedy

Center on January 17-22. Shen Yun is a classical Chinese dance and music performance that draws inspiration from 5,000 years of Chinese civilization. Featuring classical Chinese dance and live symphony orchestra that blends Eastern and Western instruments. For more information.

# **Box Tops Collection Contest**

Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Collection Contest. We are halfway to our goal! The next Box Top contest deadline will be **February 22**, **2017**. The classroom turning in the most Box Tops will win a pizza party! Pink Box Tops can be found on participating products like General Mills products, and more. Clip the Box Tops and attach them to the collection sheet (included in last week's Tuesday folder) or send them to school with your child in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's and teacher's name. Box Tops can be given to their teacher, or placed in the Box Tops box in the school foyer. Check out the Box Top website at <a href="www.btfe.com">www.btfe.com</a>, and YOU could win 5,000 Box Tops for Mantua! Questions, email Amber Reynolds <a href="mailto:aarmagost@hotmail.com">aarmagost@hotmail.com</a>.

#### Yearbook Coordinators Needed!

Attention photography lovers! We still need lots of help with collecting yearbook photos! Many of the classrooms are missing a "yearbook coordinator" volunteer which means your student's classroom will not be equally represented. It's a simple job, just collect 10-15 photos as you can yourself or from parents in your classroom attending events and submit them to the yearbook coordinators. Questions email Julie Johnston the Volunteer Coordinator <a href="mailto:jjvoproductions@gmail.com">jjvoproductions@gmail.com</a> or go to <a href="mailto:http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea82f4-schoolwide1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aea82f4-schoolwide1</a> and sign yourself up under your teachers name, tabbed by grade. THANK YOU!

### **Bus Delay Notification System**

Parents may access the system <u>here</u> or use the FCPS Mobile App to receive the delayed bus report. Morning route information will be available until noon. The afternoon route information will be available from 1-5 p.m.

# **Shopping Online?**

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or

codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <a href="http://www.mantuapta.org">http://www.mantuapta.org</a> and click either Amazon or 40urschool.

#### **Translators**

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