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Mantua's Online Auction Donation Deadline Extended to January 25th!

The PTA's Auction Committee has been hard at work procuring donations for the annual auction. Many local businesses have generously donated to our auction and now we need YOU! Whether your donation is Homemade, handcrafted, re-gifted or purchased, there IS something that each family can donate!

To make a donation online, go to: www.mantuapta.org/auction/makedonations

On the right side, in pink, you'll see the link for donations.

Please contact Jackie O'Brien at jacmail5@cox.net if you need ideas or suggestions or if you have any questions about Mantua's On-line Auction.

Your support is appreciated by all of our wonderful students, teachers, and the adult community.

Don't forget...the Auction kicks off on Tuesday, February 23rd!

Needed: Volunteers for 6th Grade Party

Yes, the party is months away but it's not too early to start planning the celebration. "Many hands make light work." Therefore, we have broken up the party organization into the following manageable categories and need individuals to "head" up each of the following areas: decorations, food, drinks, activities, set-up, etc. Please contact Carole Thomas at caroleandjay@aol.com to volunteer to coordinate a specific area or to fill in with other volunteers.

Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

The following information will explain the 2010-2011 magnet school application and lottery process for Mantua 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 child grow and thrive in his or her ability to understand, express, inquire, connect and aspire. The programs are taught by teachers and additional specialized educators who focus on the sciences, the arts, and the humanities. These programs are integrated and complement one another as the child learns in all fields. Additionally, so

opportunity to participate in the Spanish Immersion program. This program develops student academic proficiency in the Spanish language.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences offers an interdisciplinary, core program with an added emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, and technology. A science resource teacher, and additional art classes provide opportunities for all students to enhance their learning. The program includes music, art, and dance teachers. Resource teachers collaborate with classroom teachers to 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 and interviews will be conducted in early April.

Applications are available at the following websites: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OEIAS/magnet>, <http://www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES>, and <http://www.fcps.edu/BaileysES>. Parents must complete a school application and return the form to the PreK-6 Instruction and School Support Office. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2010.

If you have questions regarding the Bailey's Elementary School magnet program, please contact Marjorie McCarthy, magnet program liaison, at 703-575-6836. If you have questions regarding the Hunters Woods Elementary School magnet program, please contact Diane Beers, parent liaison, at 703-262-8740.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please call the magnet information line at the School Support Office, Leis Center, at 703-846-8740.

New Proposed PTA Bylaws: Update

The Bylaws committee has fine-tuned the proposed bylaws. For a quick-reference of all suggestions, please go to: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2010ProposedBylaws>. A quick-reference copy is available at the Parent's Corner table in the school's front entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Armstrong at NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com or 703-573-1216. We will need all PTA members to attend the February 3rd meeting and vote on our bylaws!

MUSE (Mantua United to Support Special Education)

A new group is forming to inform and support parents with children in special education or with special needs children. Resources will be shared and future topics will be discussed.

The meeting will be held on January 20, 2010 from 7-8 in the Mantua Library.

For more information please contact kathy.mccabe@fcps.edu

Advanced Academics Referral Form, due Feb 5th (Grades 2-6)

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of advanced academic services for students. While these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a referral committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for these additional services, please contact the Advanced Academics Referral Committee at 703-846-8740.

for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>. If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact and submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras (Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu), Advanced Academic

News from Our PTA President

FCPS Budget Briefing at Frost MS on 1/20, 7pm

Tessie Wilson, one of the School Board representatives, along with FCPS staff, will present and answer your questions. Difficult choices are ahead - come to the meeting, get informed.

Updates to "Current Issues & Concerns" Web Page

There have been additions and updates made to the PTA's website page (see <http://www.mantuapta.org/parents/currentissues.php>) that is currently monitoring the state budget issue and various advocacy efforts for programs. Please keep checking back -- the page is updated when news or events are announced.

FCPS' Kids' Enrichment Programs

Looking for a program for your child during Winter, Spring Break or Summer? Here are some options: drama, creative writing, science and yoga (among others) hosted in FCPS schools: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/ElementaryEnrichment.htm>.

Important Events for January

1/23 Cub Scout Pack #1533 "Pinewood Derby"

1/25 Winter Choral Concert

1/28 Second Grading Period Ends

1/29-2/1 SCHOOL CLOSED: Student Holidays

Dessert on Broadway Performance, WT Woodson HS, 1/28-1/30

Tickets are on sale now for this year's Dessert on Broadway performance by the Choral Delectables. Enjoy the delight and tasty treats against the backdrop of a wonderfully updated set in Cavalier Hall. Tickets are selling fast, so place your order today at woodsonchorus.org. Performances are Thursday, January 28 at 7pm; Friday, January 29 at 7pm; Saturday, January 30 at noon and 7pm.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

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Sincerely,
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