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MANTUA CARNIVAL 2010



Cake Decorating Contest Begins for the Mantua Carnival

The cakewalk is one of the carnival's most popular activities. More than 200 cakes are given away. Please consider donating a cake for the cake walk. Homemade or purchased cakes should be dropped off at the cafeteria Friday, March 19th, between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Remember...the more sprinkles, the better! Sprinkle the cake!

Here's your chance to let the kids go wild with the frosting and decorating WITHOUT having to bake! Decorate a cake for the carnival! Judging begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19th.

Please bring your cake on a disposable plate or container, preferably wrapped in clear plastic. Bake a round yellow cake with chocolate frosting. Helpful hint: You can buy foil pans with plastic lids at the dollar store. Bake the cake, let the kids decorate, snap on the lid and you're done!

Cake decorating contest rules

- All cakes must reflect this year's carnival theme, "The Olympics".
- Great prizes from local businesses will be awarded for first, second and third place winners in grades K-3, grades 4-6, and grade 7- adult. All other Mantua age participants will receive 60 minutes of free time.
- Cakes entered in the contest by children must be decorated by children, not parents.
- Be original! No decorated cake kits, please.
- All contest cakes will be used for the cakewalk. They cannot be returned.

Cakewalk or contest questions?

Contact cakewalk chairs Sandi Rhee 202-285-8366 or ssrfeitel@yahoo.com or Lesley McKnight at 703-273-1581 or Lesley.mcknight@verizon.net

Parents, please be advised this is the only announcement going home about the contest. There will be no flyer in the Tuesday folder. We are reducing the redundancy!

This is the Last Week to Work on Those Carnival Posters!

Just a reminder that Posters for the Carnival Poster Contest are due Monday, March 1st, at tickets for the carnival!

All posters must:

- Be the student's own work completed at home.
(1 poster per student.)
- Use standard poster board (any size up to 22" x 28").
- Be about the carnival theme-THE OLYMPICS.

Optional-The poster may state the carnival date, a booth or activity.

- Include student's name, grade, teacher and homeroom number on the back of the poster. N
- Be submitted in the Poster Contest Box located in the front office NO LATER THAN Mond

Super Teacher Awards, Sponsored by VA Lottery and VA PTA

Once again the Virginia Lottery has teamed up with the Virginia PTA to sponsor Super Teacher Awards. A Mantua teacher was honored with this award. Let's see if we can bring the award back to Mantua. For rules and online submission information visit www.valottery.com and look for the Super Teacher Award. Letters must be more than 500 words and the deadline is March 5, 2010. At the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, please give each teacher that has been nominated and present them with their letters so please give a copy of your letter. You may nominate more than one teacher. Even if you feel you are not a good teacher, we will appreciate that you took the time to write a letter on their behalf. Let's see how many we can win this year!

Next Week! Ann Dolin Seminar March 4th

The Mantua PTA and Mantua ES Counseling Department are sponsoring a Parent Education Seminar on March 4th, 7-8:30 p.m. in the library.

5 Proven Strategies for Raising an Academically Successful Student

Featuring: Ann Dolin, M. Ed.

President and Founder of Educational Connections, Inc.

and author of the upcoming book Homework Made Simple: Solutions for Stress-Free Homework

Attention 6th Grade Parents - As you know, Parent Night at Frost has been scheduled for February 23rd. Feel free to come to the Ann Dolin presentation afterwards.

Girls on the Run Registration Extended!

The snow is finally over. Now, it's time to register for the Girls on the Run Spring program. Registration is now extended to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 23rd.

If your daughter attends school in Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church, Loudoun, Manassas, or a private school, and you have not yet registered her, please click the link below to register.

REGISTER NOW

If your daughter attends a Fairfax County Public School, registration is being handled by school. Hard copy registration forms must be returned to the PTA Liaison at your daughter's school (this is often done through your daughter's teacher).

Fairfax County Registration Form: [GOTR Registration Form.pdf](#)

Remember, your form must be returned to the PTA Liaison as soon as possible once school starts. Your daughter is entered in the registration lottery.

If you have any questions, please call our registration service at 1-877-749-8831 and they will answer your questions.

Register Now -- the Girls on the Run Spring Program starts March 8! No registrations will be accepted after February 23rd.

Meeting to Unite Advocacy Groups, Wednesday night, 2/24 at 7 pm

Fairfax FLAGS (Foreign Language Advocacy for Grade Schools) is hosting a joint meeting with FACE (Band & Strings), Full-Day Kindergarten, and other groups who support full funding of public schools. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., this Wed., Feb. 24, in the Gatehouse Café on the first floor of the FCPS Administration Building, 10000 Gatehouse Rd., Falls Church. (Drive past the building to park in the underground parking garage and then walk to the building.) More information here: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/AdvocacyMeeting2014.pdf>

Important Upcoming Events

MARCH

3/3 PTA: Monthly Meeting, 7pm

3/4 Ann Dolin Seminar, 7 pm

3/13 Talent Show (new date), 6pm

3/13 Cub Scout Pack #1533 "Blue & Gold Dinner"

3/20 PTA Event: Spring Carnival, 11am-3pm

3/25 Heritage & Literacy Night

3/29-4/2 SCHOOL CLOSED: Spring Vacation

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