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Welcome Back to School!

The Mantua PTA has been busy planning activities to get the school year started! Our first PTA meeting of the year will be tomorrow, September 9th at 7 p.m. in the library. Friday is a big day, with the Teachers' Welcome Back Breakfast in the morning and the Ice Cream Social in the evening. Best wishes for a great school year!

Welcome to Alert News and Electronic Backpack

We have updated our Alert News email list for the new school year. If you have received this Alert News, you will continue to be on our list unless you unsubscribe (see link at bottom of email). This newsletter will be used for all important PTA communications will be sent out this year. **PLEASE MAKE SURE SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE ALERT NEWS EMAIL**, as only families with no email address will receive the paper Alert News. Please send us a note at AlertNews@MantuaPTA.org if you wish a different email to be added to our distribution list.

Thank you, Mantua PTA

Volunteers Needed for Teacher's Breakfast Friday

We are looking for volunteers to help us set up on Thursday evening at 6:00. We also need folks to help with the breakfast on Friday the 11th from 7:15 - 9:00. This would include set up, clean up and providing the

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This would include set up, clean up and providing the food. We are looking for donations of muffins, pre-cut bagels, pastries, croissants, danish, sliced fruit, yogurt, cream cheese, butter/margarine, jelly or jam and juices. Volunteers should contact Deanna Firth-Freemyer at firth-freemyer@yahoo.com or Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com.

Mantua PTA Back to School Ice Cream Social this Friday, September 11

The Annual Mantua PTA Back to School ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held this year on Friday, September 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on the school playground. This event is a great kick-off to the school year and a great time to see friends you have missed over the summer and to meet new families. Ice Cream Sundaes will be sold for \$2, Glow Necklaces for \$1 and the great Entertainment is FREE!!! We need a little help from everyone to make this event a success for our kids. Please volunteer to sell tickets, scoop ice cream, help with toppings, or sell glow necklaces during a half-hour shift. Contact Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@cox.net, 703-573-0146 to help out with this fun evening. See you there!

What is an "Electronic Backpack"

The PTA is initiating a faster, more earth-friendly method of getting our message to school families! Look for more flyers and documents coming to you via an Alert News link to the PTA website, instead of paper copies in the Tuesday Folder. (Paper flyers will still go home to families without email access.) If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Armstrong at NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com.

Check Out the TOTALLY UPDATED PTA Website!

Want to see what's happening at school this month?
Want to find out what clubs and activities are available?
Need your very own Parent Resource guide to our school? Visit the PTA website at www.MantuaPTA.org

school? Visit the PTA website at www.MantuaPTA.org for TONS of new information and resources, including our new website language translation tool!

The Newly-Updated Parent Handbook is Available!

This year's Parent Handbook has been fully updated, and will be AVAILABLE ONLINE. Please view it on the PTA website at:

www.MantuaPTA.org/documents/ParentHandbook.pdf.

Limited quantities will be available at the school office by mid-September for families without Internet access (while supplies last).

What is 4-H and How Can I Get Involved?

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the community? Joining a 4-H club is a great way to do just that! Come to one of our 4-H 101 sessions on September 12 or October 3 and find out exactly what 4-H is, and what 4-H'ers do. You will also learn all the benefits of being a part of 4-H. From leadership skills, to lifelong friendships, 4-H is a great program for youth everywhere! This session will contain information about all aspects of 4-H, from the different types of clubs, to all the 4-H activities, from the county to the state level, and how you can get involved!

If you plan on attending, please RSVP at 703-324-5353.

September 12, 2009

October 3, 2009

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pennino Building, Rm. 505

<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/fairfax/programs/4h/>

Support W.T. Woodson's Cavalier Cruise Through the Fall Flower Sale!

Cavalier Cruise is W.T. Woodson's 2009 all night drug and alcohol free graduation celebration.

Such an undertaking requires a full year of planning and lots of support from our local community. The WTW Fall

lots of support from our local community. The WTW Fall Flower sale is a critical fundraiser to help meet the Cruise costs. Please show your support for the Cavalier Cruise by purchasing mums and/or pansies from Woodson. Order forms are available in the main office, on the PTSA web site at wtwoodsonptsa.org, or by emailing sneads@earthlink.net. Deadline for ordering is Sept. 13th; The plant pick up takes place on Sept. 26th from 10am to 1pm in the W.T. Woodson Kiss and Ride parking drop off area located behind the school. Questions call Kathy Snead at 703-591-1197.

Important Dates for September

September 9 - PTA Meeting

September 11- Teacher/Staff Welcome Back
Breakfast

September 11- Ice Cream Social

September 15- Volunteer Orientation

September 15- Sally Foster Fundraiser Begins!

September 15- Drama Club Information Session

September 17- Back to School Night,
grades Preschool-3

September 24- Back to School Night,
grades 4-6

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.
Submissions appreciated by the Friday before
distribution.

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www.MantuaPTA.org

