



Mantua PTA Alert News

November 24, 2009



A Reminder about Early Release Wednesday, November 25th

Thanksgiving is almost here! School will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th. Don't forget that students are released two hours early on Wednesday, at 1:35.

Thank You for YOUR Support of the Mantua PTA Book Fair

A huge thanks to all the parents who helped make the Book Fair a success. We were able to raise over \$6,000 for our library, which is even more important as the FCPS Budget is reviewed for next year. We'll see you next year! --Carrie Clawson and Claire Fritzing

Kids Care Club Collecting for Holiday Gift Bags for Hospitalized Kids

INOVA hospital has almost 150 beds devoted to Kids. KCC will be collecting crayons, markers, coloring books, Play-Doh, puzzles/small toys, and used videos to stuff holiday gift bags on 12/8. A donation Collection Box has been placed in the front of Mantua if you are interested in donating to this worthwhile cause.

Mantua Students Win FIRST Lego League Award

A FIRST Lego League (FLL) team of five students (four from Mantua and one from Louise Archer Elementary School in Vienna) won a 2nd Place Champions Award for Division 1 in a VA/DC regional competition. FLL is an organization formed to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by designing and programming Lego Mindstorms NXT robots to complete tasks. The students work out solutions to the various problems they are given and then meet for regional tournaments to share their knowledge, compare ideas, and display their robots. The 2009 Virginian/DC FLL Regional Tournament was held at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC on Saturday, November 14. The team of 5th and 6th graders won the award in their first competition, and has been selected to go to the state competition. For further information on FLL and the regional competition, see <http://www.usfirst.org> and

In this Issue

[Early Release Wednesday](#)

[Thanks from Book Fair](#)

[KCC Holiday Gift Bags](#)

[FIRST Lego League Award](#)

[Yearbook Price is Increasing](#)

[FCPS Budget Dialogues](#)

[Special Education Information for Parents](#)

[Important Upcoming Events](#)

[Alert News Contributions](#)

Quick Links

[PTA Website](#)
[Parents Info Center](#)

[Alert News Articles](#)

[PTA Webmaster](#)

<http://www.usfirst.org> and
<http://picasaweb.google.com/NickySwayne/2009VADCFLLTournamentAtTheSmithsonian#>

Get Your Yearbook Now Before the Price Increases

Parents, did you order your child's yearbook? Are you sure? There are approximately 625 students that have not made an order yet. If you've been meaning to but haven't yet, now is the best time. Prices will increase at the end of the month. Order Today and save and ensure a Copy of the Yearbook for your Child. To order online fast, easy, money saving, go to <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A09887047> .

To order by check, go to <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009-10YearbookOrderForm.pdf> to download the order form. If you have any questions please email: mantuayearbooks@gmail.com

Additional FCPS Budget "Community Dialogues" on 12/2

Due to public demand, Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools will hold three additional community dialogue sessions to discuss the FY 2011 budget on Wednesday, December 2. The sessions will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at three locations: Hayfield Secondary School, Herndon High School and Lake Braddock Secondary School. To register for one of these sessions, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget. Additional information is available on the county's budget web site or by calling 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

Special Education Information for Parents

December 1, 2009, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Mantua Library

All parents welcome. Come to learn about navigating the eligibility and IEP process. What do those forms mean?? What resources are available to my struggling learner and me as a parent?? You will have the opportunity to ask questions of special education staff. Meet and share information with other parents.

Due to the nature and sensitivity of the topic, this information session is for parents and guardians only. Child care will not be available.

Please contact Kathy McCabe if you need an interpreter or translator:
Kathy.McCabe@fcps.edu

Important Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

Wed 11/25: 2-Hour Early Release

Thu 11/26 - Fri 11/27: School Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

12/1 Special Education Information for Parents

12/2 PTA: Monthly Meeting

12/17 Winter Strings Concert

12/23 Winter Sing-a-Long, 9:30am

12/23 2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE: Student Holiday

12/24 - 1/1 SCHOOL CLOSED: Winter Vacation

Alert News Contributions

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

For more information, please visit our website:

www.MantuaPTA.org

Sincerely,
Mantua Elementary School PTA



Community Events

December 2 & 3. Holiday Tunes for Tots Concert. The W.T. Woodson's Symphonic Band and Color Guard will entertain kids ages 3 to 7 both

ages - young and young at heart! Bring your family for a sing-a-long.
Admission to all concerts: only \$3/person at the door. Cavalier Cards
will be sold at the door as well. (more info: 703-385-5661, or
lynnhill@yahoo.com)
