



Mantua PTA Alert News

March 1, 2011



Spring Photos

Team/Group Photos to be Taken Monday, March 7

This will include 3-6 grade Mantua basketball teams (wear your team jersey), all Boy and Girl Scout troops (uniforms, sashes or vests recommended), patrols (bring your patrol belt) and the Good Morning Mantua cast and crew

Spring Picture Day Scheduled for March 24

Individual and class portraits will be taken March 22. There will be no make-up day for spring photos. If portraits are not paid for on the day they are taken, a proof will be sent home and parents will have to order online. Late payments will not be accepted.

Mantua Carnival Poster Contest

The Mantua Carnival is coming! The poster contest is the first carnival event, so encourage your child's creativity for a chance to win vouchers for the climbing wall, dunk tank or cotton candy.

Each poster must be the student's own work, use standard poster board (any size up to 22" x 28"), include the Super Hero carnival theme, as well as the carnival date and time (March 26, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.), and be submitted in the poster contest box in the front office by Monday, March 7 at 10 a.m. Students may only submit one poster. Make sure student's name, grade, teacher and homeroom number are on the back of the poster.

Posters will be judged on the use of the carnival theme and creativity. Winners will be announced during GMM. Contact Michelle Collins at mmarcollins@gmail.com with questions.

Mantua Carnival Jewelry Sale

Please consider donating your unwanted jewelry to the Mantua Carnival's Jewelry Sale. All jewelry will be accepted. Donations are being collected in the library until March 25. All proceeds will benefit the PTA! This is a great way to clear out unwanted jewelry and to pick up some new pieces at bargain prices, all while supporting our school's PTA! Be sure to stop by the jewelry sale table in the library during the carnival. Contact Karen Gaughan at allgone@cox.net with questions.

Attention 6th Grade Parents

Parents are needed to help coordinate the post-6th grade graduation party held immediately following the ceremony in June. There are many, many ways parents can help with the party. A planning committee is being formed. Please contact Monica Cameron at monica.cameron@cox.net or 703-359-4298 if you are interested in taking on a role or helping out in some way.

In addition, order forms for the 6th grade class t-shirt soon will be sent home soon.

Kids Care Club Book Collection

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, Mantua's Kids Care Club will be holding a book drive the entire month of March. KCC has set a goal of collecting 250 new or gently used books for children (ages birth to 18). The books will be donated to the [Starlight Foundation](#). A collection box is located at the main entrance of school and a goal chart will be updated weekly to monitor our progress. Thank you in advance for your help to show the community just how much Mantua Cares!

Spanish-Speaking Families Gathering, March 4

Mantua's Community Building Network Program invites school families to attend a get together on Friday, March 4, to give Spanish-speaking families a chance to meet and get to know each other, and to better connect with the school. This casual gathering will take place in the upper pod from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This also is in support of the upcoming Heritage Night. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Carmen

Mogrovejo at 703-207-2328, or Gabriella Numbela Drpic at 703-573-6375.

Important Upcoming Event

Wed. Mar. 2: PTA Meeting, Mantua library

Mon. Mar. 7: Team/Group Photos (wear uniforms)

Thurs. Mar. 24: Spring Individual & Class Photos

Sat. Mar. 26: Mantua Carnival

Providence District School Board Member Patty Reed

Addresses FCPS Disciplinary Practices

PTA President Nicole Armstrong has received a letter from School Board Member Patty Reed regarding the recent tragic suicide of Woodson student, Nick Stuban, and the resulting discussion of current FCPS disciplinary practices. Ms. Reed addresses this issue and her commitment to review current FCPS policies in this [open letter to parents](#).

Parent Workshop: "Ten Secrets to Stop Defiance and Power Struggles"

Kirk Martin and his son Casey will be presenting a free parent workshop on "Ten Secrets to Stop Defiance and Power Struggles," on Wednesday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at George Marshall High School, Falls Church. Go to [Celebrate Calm](#) to watch a preview.

Camp Invention this Summer at Fairhill ES

Fairhill ES again will host Camp Invention for rising 1st-6th graders. The Camp Invention program is a unique opportunity for children to experience hands-on learning through fun activities that will stay with them for years to come. The camp is scheduled for June 27-July 1, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sign up by March 30, to receive \$30 off the camp fee. [Go HERE](#) for more information and the registration form.

Special Education Conference

The 6th Annual Special Education Conference: Parents + Educators + Student = Success will be held March 19, at Lee High School from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jonathan Mooney, a nationally known writer and public speaker who struggled in school with a learning disability, will give the keynote address. FCPS staff members Kirk Martin, Cathi Cohen, Dr. Erin Martin-Berman, Ann Dolin, and John Eisenberg also will present a variety of workshops for families and educators of students who receive special education services in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Please note that educators who attend the entire conference will earn five recertification points! Sign up through MyPLT.

Conference sessions and registration information is available [HERE](#). Download the conference flier [HERE](#). Learn more about Jonathan Mooney [HERE](#). Contact the Parent Resource Center at 703-204-3941 with questions.

Woodson Precisionettes Dance Camp, April 4

The last Woodson Precisionettes Dance Camp of the year will be held Monday, April 4 (a teacher workday). It will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a parent/guest show at 1:30 p.m. The dancers will learn a dance routine, dance techniques, have a camp picture taken and make a craft. The fee is \$50. Contact camp coordinators Madelyn Weaver, at madelynweaver@yahoo.com, or Anne Foster, at anne.foster55@yahoo.com, for information, or to obtain a registration form.

Woodson Girls Basketball Camp

Campers will learn about the fundamentals of basketball in addition to basketball skill work. Daily fun activities include "Wear Woodson Colors Day," "Player of the Day Recognition" from each team, "Aspire Higher Idol Day," and "Karaoke." The camp is June 27-July 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for ages 8-14. Click [HERE](#) for more information and an application form.

Exchange Student Host Families Needed

The local chapter of the non-profit organization Council on International Educational Exchange is looking for families interested in hosting high-school aged international exchange students for the 2011-12 school year. For more information, click [HERE](#)

Alert News Contributions

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Sincerely,

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