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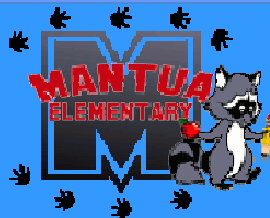
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# Mantua PTA Alert News October 26, 2010



## Red Ribbon Week Being Observed

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week this week --Oct. 25-29. This is a national effort (as well as an FCPS-sponsored program) to remind students to stay safe and drug free, and to find healthy ways to learn and grow (exercise, good nutrition, sports, art, music, etc.). The students will receive red ribbons and bookmarks. They can wear the red ribbons each day of the week if they would like. Tuesday will be "Team Up Against Drugs" day. We are asking students to wear something from their favorite sports team or activity. On Wednesday students are invited to wear something red to remind everyone to stay safe and drug free. On Thursday students can wear boots to school to "stomp out drugs." Each morning this week on the Good Morning Mantua the news anchors will announce the above activities. This is also a good time for parents to talk with their children about the benefits of safe and healthy habits, and developing positive interests and hobbies.

## Picture Day is Thursday, Nov. 11

Orders forms for pictures will be coming home in your child's Tuesday folder. Payment must be sent in with students on picture day. Please do not send late orders to school. Your child's photo will be taken for the yearbook whether you order or not. If orders were not submitted, a proof will be sent home when pictures come in. If you wish to purchase pictures then, you can order online, or send payment directly to Blanton Studios.

## Mantua Basketball Needs 3rd & 4th Grade Girls

Attention all parents of 3rd and 4th grade girls! Mantua basketball needs you!!! We would like to expand the 3-4 girls teams this year. If you haven't signed up, please consider doing so! We always have a great time, the girls love it and it's a wonderful way for them to learn the game. Come sign up at evaluations this Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Download the form [HERE](#).

## Mantua's Book Fair -- Volunteers Needed!

Planning for Mantua's annual book fair is well underway. To make it a success, we need lots of volunteers. Beginning this year, volunteering is easier than ever. If you're able to volunteer, please go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/mantua](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/mantua) to sign up. This will take you to a list of dates and times volunteer are needed.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times:

Nov 11, set up 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Nov 12, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. first day

Nov 15, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Nov 16, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., extended hours

Nov 17 & 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Nov 19, 8:30 a.m. to Noon, pack up Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Contact Arielle Zabihi at [ajoy2beastar@aol.com](mailto:ajoy2beastar@aol.com), with questions regarding volunteering at the Book Fair. All money raised goes to the purchase of new materials, books and equipment for Mantua's library.

## Sally Foster Fundraising Drive

Thank you to all the families who have been ordering Sally Foster on line. Go to [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) to shop for the many new products, gift items, gourmet chocolates and gift wrap. Friends and family can order Sally Foster products and credit the sale to Mantua Elementary School simply by entering our school code **503978** at checkout. **Mantua will earn 40 percent of all online purchases.** Be sure to order no later than Dec. 1, to guarantee your holiday delivery. If you have any questions, please contact Meri Farling at [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## Last Chance to Advertise in Mantua's Student Directory

Target up to 600 families for as little as \$40! The auction for our back page has been awarded. Many thanks to Anne and Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster Realtors, for submitting the winning bid. If you need to make a move, call them today at 703-585-8595 or 703-623-7010! So you don't miss out, contact [monika.brenner@dhs.gov](mailto:monika.brenner@dhs.gov) by Oct. 29.

## Reflections Art Program Entries Due Nov. 5

Encourage your children to participate in this worthwhile PTA-sponsored program. Let's show Fairfax County how talented our Mantua students are! Your child can create a piece of art, literature, photography, music, film/video or dance/choreography that addresses the 2010-11 theme of: **"Together We Can..."** All forms needed for entries, and the rules for each category are available on the Mantua PTA website <http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/index.php>. Additional entry forms are available on the front table in the lobby. Be sure to follow the rules exactly as stated, otherwise entries can't be sent to the district level. All participants will receive a ribbon. Entries are due Friday, Nov. 5 (deposit entries in the designated box near the PTA mailbox in the front office). Contact Jackie DeScisciolo at [jdescisciolo@cox.net](mailto:jdescisciolo@cox.net) with questions.

## FCAG to Host Discussion Panel

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) will host a panel of parent experts on "How Parents Can Facilitate Extracurricular Academic Learning in Elementary and Middle Schools" through activities such as leading or coaching a math team, Science Olympiad, First Lego League Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind, or Rubik's Cube Contest. The meeting is at Kilmer Middle School (Art Room -- G104) on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. Kilmer is at 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Admission is free and open to the public.

## Important Upcoming Events

Tues. 10/26: 3/4 Girls Basketball Evaluations  
Fri. 10/29: Fall Spirit Parade  
Fri. 10/29: First Grading Period Ends  
Mon. & Tues. 11/1 & 11/2: School Closed: Teacher Workdays

## Woodson Cavalier Varsity Precisionette Dance Camp, Nov. 1 & 2

It's not too late to sign up your kids for the Woodson Cavalier Varsity Precisionette Dance Camp being held during the November teacher workdays. The Woodson Dance Team will provide a fun, safe, and healthy experience for them. Participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and have fun! Space is limited so register early! All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made at camp! The camp will be Nov. 1 and/or 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$45 for one day or \$65 for both days. Contact Camp Coordinators, Madelyn Weaver, at [madelynweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:madelynweaver@yahoo.com), or Anne Foster, at [anne.foster55@yahoo.com](mailto:anne.foster55@yahoo.com), for more information, or to obtain a registration form.

## Alert News Contributions

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