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Mantua PTA Alert News November 9, 2010



Veteran's Day

Parents please note that although Veteran's Day is observed on Thursday, Nov. 11, it will be a regular school day at Mantua Elementary.

Your Family's Student Directory Information Available for Review

The Mantua student directory process is in full swing! You should have received an e-mail recently that included your family's information. Please either confirm or correct this information. If you do not respond either way, your data will be printed as shown in the e-mail. Families without a functioning e-mail address will receive a paper copy of their information with further instructions. If your family has a functioning e-mail address and you did not receive the directory e-mail, or if you have questions, please contact WebParent@MantuaPTA.org as soon as possible. **You have until Friday, Nov. 12, to confirm and/or correct your information.** Thank you!

Mantua PTA Fundraiser at Noodles & Company

The Mantua PTA has organized an evening out this Thursday, Nov. 11, at Noodles & Company on Main Street at Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. If you dine at Noodles & Company (or order takeout) on Thursday between 4 and 8 p.m. 25 percent of sales will be donated to the Mantua PTA for school activities. Make sure to mention the Mantua PTA fundraiser at time of purchase. Gift card purchases are not included. Don't miss this fun and delicious Mantua event. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

Box Tops Contest Update

Mrs. Hartwell's class is in first place with 231 Box Tops labels turned in so far. There are just two more weeks until the Nov. 19, deadline. Continue clipping those labels and sending them in. Make sure they are in a Ziploc bag marked with your child's grade and teacher's name on it. There will be a special prize for the class that collects the most Box Tops labels. Also, look for a flyer in your child's Tuesday folder about earning eBoxTops when you shop online at Box Tops Marketplace. This is a great site for holiday shopping and to earn cash for school!

Picture Day is This Thursday, Nov. 11

Orders forms for pictures were sent home last week 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's Book Fair -- Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are still needed for Mantua's annual book fair, which will be held Nov. 12-19. To make

it a success, we need lots of volunteers. We will need extra help during the busiest times, which are in the mornings and during the Thanksgiving lunches.

Beginning this year, volunteering is easier than ever. If you're able to volunteer, please go to 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, 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.

Parenting Workshop

Neil McNerney, licensed professional counselor and family therapist, will present the following workshop - Parenting with Purpose: Being a Powerful Parent While Keeping Your Cool - at Mantua on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. McNerney is a certified parenting coach and the director of training for The ScreamFree Institute. His workshop features the ScreamFree model developed by best-selling author, Hal Runkel (www.screamfree.com). The workshop focuses on nontraditional parenting techniques to help reduce stress and create positive family relationships. Registration forms have been sent home in your child's Tuesday folder and also are posted on the Mantua PTA website <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/ParentEdFlyer2010.pdf>. Contact Margaret Scheele at Margaret_Scheele@yahoo.com with questions, or for more information.

Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. 11/11: Picture Day

Thurs. 11/11: PTA Fundraiser at Noodles & Company, 4-8 p.m.

Fri.-Fri. 11/12-19: Book Fair

Wed. & Thurs. 11/17-18: Thanksgiving Feast Days

Proposed FCPS Operational Expectations

Under the Fairfax County Public School's Strategic Governance Initiative, the school board establishes "Operational Expectations" (OEs) for the superintendent to direct the operations of various FCPS departments. The OEs provide the "values" the school board wants FCPS operational departments to achieve. (They are the GOALS that the school board is setting for our schools and impact policy, including what your children will experience in the classroom.)

The proposed OEs, as well as the current ones, can be found at http://members.cox.net/fccpta/oe_proposed_compare.shtml. The Fairfax County Council of PTAs encourages you to submit comments on the proposed expectations to Technology@fccpta.org, or directly to school board members. Comments are due Nov. 15. The school board will vote to adopt proposed OEs, as well as any changes, on Nov. 18.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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