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# Mantua PTA Alert News

## November 16, 2010



## Your Views and Opinions are Important to US

This winter a random sample of Mantua Elementary parents will receive a Parent Opinion Survey. This survey is part of the Principal Performance Evaluation Program and offers parents an opportunity to provide anonymous input about various issues related to our school. These include safety, parent involvement, curriculum, communications, and expectations for student achievement and behavior.

The survey will arrive in the mail in early December and should be returned directly to the Fairfax County Publics School's Office of Student Testing for processing. If you receive a copy of this survey, please take the time to complete and return it. Your opinions do matter!

## Accident During Kiss & Ride Last Week

There was an accident involving a car that killed a family pet (cat) on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the corner of Kirkwood and Southwick. This happened during Kiss & Ride traffic at the end of the day. If anyone witnessed the accident, or has any knowledge regarding it please contact Ms. Thompson, Assistant Principal, at 703-645-6305. Please drive slowly and cautiously to avoid any future accidents that might involve our children or pets. As a reminder, Mantua has a "No Cell Phone Policy" while in the Kiss & Ride line.

## Mantua's Book Fair

Don't miss Mantua's annual book fair this week in the library. It runs through Friday with evening hours on Tuesday, Nov. 16. There are lots of fabulous books and other items for sale. All money raised goes to the purchase of new materials, books and equipment for Mantua's library.

### Book Fair Hours:

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

Nov 16, 8:30 a.m. to 8 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.

For more information contact Arielle Zabihi at [ajoy2beastar@aol.com](mailto:ajoy2beastar@aol.com).

## Blackboard Parent Sign Up

Sign up for the Parent Portal (Blackboard parent accounts) during the book fair and Thanksgiving luncheons this week. This is a two-step process. You need to register online and then bring in a printout with the information you receive. Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/DIT/fcps247.html> for information on registering and [http://www.fcps.edu/DIT/pdf/Creating\\_Parent\\_and\\_1st\\_Time.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/DIT/pdf/Creating_Parent_and_1st_Time.pdf) for specific instructions for the parent portal. Once you have registered, bring in your information along with your driver's license to the front office, or to Ms. Dunfee to have your registration validated.

## The 2010 Mantua Drama Club Presents Alice in Wonderland

Come enjoy the Mantua Drama Club's performance of Alice in Wonderland on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. in the Mantua School gym. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. ASL interpreters are available for the Friday night performance upon request. Contact Diane Peterson, Mantua's lead interpreter, at [Diane.Peterson@fcps.edu](mailto:Diane.Peterson@fcps.edu) by Nov 17, if you wish to have an interpreter.

## Sally Foster Fundraiser Continues

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 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!

## Box Tops Contest Update

We have just one more week until the end of the fall contest. So far, Mrs. Loveday's class is in the lead with 462 Box Tops labels turned in. Continue clipping those labels and sending them in. Friday, Nov. 19, is the last day to turn them in. Make sure they are in a Ziploc bag marked with your child's grade and teacher's name on it. The teacher's name must be on the bag in order for that class to receive credit.

## 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](http://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](mailto:Margaret_Scheele@yahoo.com) with questions, or for more information.

## Important Upcoming Events

Fri.-Fri. 11/12-19: Book Fair  
Wed. & Thurs. 11/17-18: Thanksgiving Feast Days  
Wed. 11/24: School closes two hours early

## Woodson Holiday Concert

The W.T. Woodson High School Band Department invites you attend Holiday Tunes for Tots Concert. The performances, which are geared to preschool and early elementary students, will be on Dec. 1 and 2, at 10 a.m. in the Woodson gymnasium at 9525 Main Street Fairfax, VA. There also will be an evening performance on Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 per person. All performances have handicap access. For more information contact Laurie McManus at [HolidayTunesForTots@gmail.com](mailto:HolidayTunesForTots@gmail.com), or at 703-352-7715.

## Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).

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