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Mantua PTA Alert News

November 23, 2010



Early Release This Wednesday

Mantua Elementary will close two hours early (at 1:40 p.m.) this Wednesday, Nov. 24. Wishing you a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Our Volunteers are the Best!

It's only the end of November and already we have many volunteers to thank!

To Andrea Mains for making the front of our school warm and welcoming with her beautiful and creative decorations. Did you know that every student at Mantua made a feather for the turkey in the foyer?

To Kathy Phillips for organizing a fabulous Ice Cream Social for the afternoon of the first day of school -- with pizza for the first time -- a huge hit! What a nice way to celebrate being back together again!

To Meri Farling for an amazing Fall Rockin' Raffle with lots of fun prizes that brought in over \$11,000 in ticket sales!

To Kathleen DeCarlo for providing us with a wonderful selection of SpiritWear and for organizing the restaurant nights which really bring our community together!

To Lesley McKnight for making the Drama Club possible this year, and to Lesley and Tom Kearney for leading our children into a fantastic production of Alice in Wonderland!

To Lesley Kowalski for starting Chat n Chew! We know that our new book club for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders is a great way to encourage reading!

To Sally Meyer, Arielle Zabihi and Nancy Benson for chairing the Book Fair, at which students and parents can shop a huge variety of beautiful books. The Book Fair raises thousands of dollars that is used to purchase of new materials, books and equipment for Mantua's library.

And to the many parents who have stepped up to be room parents, party coordinators, field day helpers, and so much more! Thank you for your support of our students, staff and school!

Yearbook Order Forms are in the Mail

Mantua Elementary yearbook order forms have been mailed out to all school families. If you haven't already received your form, you should expect to soon. The form contains your child's account number. Only one form will be sent to each family. Multiple orders may be made on one form. The 2010-11 yearbook is \$25. For an additional fee, you can personalize the cover with your child's name and/or icons. Yearbook orders are due Tuesday, Dec. 7. There are four ways to order: online at jostensyearbooks.com; by calling 1-866-282-1516; mailing the form you

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received along with your check or credit card information, or by faxing your form with payment information to 1-866-282-1514. All orders received by Dec. 7 can be entered into a sweepstakes to win a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond! Your child will be thrilled at the end of the school year when they receive their yearbook.

Yearbook Co-Chairs Bobbi Nelson and Yelena Jones, who are in charge of creating and distributing the yearbooks this year, welcome your help. They are still in need of parents with basic photographic skills to take action pictures in their child's classrooms, as well as at the school's events. For more information, or to contact either Bobbie or Yelena, e-mail them at mantuayearbooks@gmail.com

Human Relations Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Human Relations Committee is Thursday, Dec 2, from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Mantua library. The committee acts as a forum for discussing issues related to human relations in the school community, and for promoting a welcoming climate for all. Committee meetings are open to any interested persons. If you have questions or would like to suggest a topic for discussion, please contact the chairperson, Teresa McConnel, at Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu

PTA Reflections Winners Announced

Thanks and congratulations to all who participated in this year's Art Reflections program! All winners of the Outstanding Interpretation award will have their work sent on to the next level where they will compete with four other schools. Results will be available soon. We had 22 wonderful student entries this year. Best of luck!

For **Outstanding Interpretation**

Literature: grades 3-5: Jacob Brotman-Krass

Visual Arts: grades K-2: *Amelia Kim*; grades 3-5: Sammy Hong; grade 6: John DeCarlo

Photography: grades 3-5: Maya Heinzen;

Dance Choreography: *no entries*

Music Composition: grades K-2: *Suruthikha Vijay*

Film: grades 3-5: *Kayley Snyder*

For the **Award of Excellence**

Literature: grades 3-5: *Joanna Di Scipio*

Visual Arts: grades K-2: *Jimmy Brady*; grades 3-5: *Catherine DeScisciolo*

Photography: grades 3-5: *Catherine DeScisciolo*

For the **Award of Merit**

Literature: grades 3-5: *Melody Day*

Visual Arts: grades K-2: *Vince DeCarlo*; grades 3-5: *Sabrina Ramirez*

Photography: *none*

Congratulations to all the participants including: grades K-2: Kate D'Amato, Zoe D'Amato; grades 3-5: Madhumita Srinivasan, Jemimah Rajack, Alec Thomas, Mike DeCarlo, Claire Contreras and Amartya Banerjee.

And the Box Tops Winner is...

Congratulations to Mrs. Hartwell's class, which turned in 582 Box Tops labels out of the 5,448 labels collected during this contest. Mrs. Hartwell and all of her students will receive a surprise prize after the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our goal this year is to raise \$1500 for one classroom SmartBoard. Even though the contest has ended, please continue to clip those labels and send them in.

Make-Up Picture Day Dec. 9

Picture make ups will be taken on Dec. 9, on the stage. This is for students who either missed original picture day, or who want to have their picture retaken. Envelopes will be in the front

office, but will not be sent home again. The original pictures should arrive home before the make-up day.

Sally Foster Sale Continues

You still have time to purchase Sally Foster products and receive them before the holidays. Go to 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.

Important Upcoming Events

Wed. 11/24: School closes two hours early

Wed. 12/1: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thurs. 12/9: Make-up picture day

Woodson Bus Depot Plan Withdrawn

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The Woodson PTSO has received a letter from Braddock District Supervisor John Cook regarding the **expected withdrawal** of the FCPS application to construct a bus depot on the Woodson campus. The original, on Supervisor Cook's letterhead, is reproduced at <http://www.woodsonptso.org/info/StatementbyJohnCookontheProposedWoodsonBusLot.pdf>.

FCPS Parent Orientation for New Families

Fairfax County Public Schools offers a parent orientation seminar to families new to the school system. "Getting to Know Fairfax County Public Schools: A Parent Orientation," is taught by community liaisons and is offered in English, Arabic, Korean and Spanish. Click [HERE](#) for information.

Receive the National PTA's Parent E-Newsletter

By subscribing to the newsletter, you will receive expert advice and practical ideas for raising kids and becoming a vital part of their education. You can access the newsletter subscription by going to http://www.pta.org/topic_parent_involvement.asp. Then subscribe to PTA Parent Newsletter by using the box on the right-hand side. An email address is all that's required.

FCCPTA General Membership Meeting, Nov. 30

The FCCPTA will hold their General Membership Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m., at the Gatehouse Cafe; 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. Invited guest presentations include Len Forkas, CEO, Milestone Communications, who will discuss FCPS cell tower program. All PTA members invited.

Woodson H.S. Drama Camp

The Woodson Drama Boosters will be hosting this year's holiday camp for 1st through 6th graders on Dec. 11, from 2 to 8 p.m. Click [HERE](#) for the camp flyer. We hope your children will join us and bring their friends for musical theater, puppetry, improvisation and much, much more. Don't forget the emergency care form on the fcps.edu website.

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Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

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