



## Mantua PTA Alert News January 3, 2012



### Childcare Available for PTA Meeting

Prior to the monthly PTA meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, Mrs. Fernandez will be discussing the new report card format to be introduced at Mantua soon. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Fernandez will be explaining and taking questions about the new reports cards. The regular PTA meeting starts at 7 p.m. Both meetings are in the library.

If interested in attending either meeting, but childcare is an issue, babysitting is a possibility from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Lesley Kowalski at [mantuaptaprez@gmail.com](mailto:mantuaptaprez@gmail.com) no later than Monday, Jan. 9, if you would like childcare during the meeting. A \$5 donation is requested from each family using the childcare services.

### Two Carnival Chairs, Plus Many Helpers Still Needed

Our two carnival chairs - Julie Lifland and Kerry Hogg - have already begun planning for Mantua's annual spring carnival on March 24. Most of the chair positions are filled, however two still need volunteers. They are:

**Booth Committee Co-Chair** - there is one volunteer for this, but a second is needed to make the more manageable. One co-chair organizes and schedules parent volunteers to run the booths using Signup Genius. The other will recruit and coordinate teen volunteers to help with the booths, do tattoos and face painting.

**Set up/Clean Up Committee Chair** - one or two people are needed to recruit a group of dads and older teens to set up the gym and other areas the night before the carnival, then take everything down after it ends on Saturday. This involves physical labor building booths and hanging tarps and posters.

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Contact Julie and/or Kerry at julielifland@yahoo.com, Hogg Kerry thefamilyhogg@gmail.com if interested in filling either of the following chair positions, or with any other questions.

### Attention all 6th grade Writers!

The Virginia PTA is sponsoring an essay contest. The theme is *Community Responsibility*. There will be three awards given in the 6 to 8 grade group. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond; second place will receive a \$500 savings bond and third place will be awarded a \$250 savings bond. Criteria information and the application can be found on the PTA website. [mantuapta.org](http://mantuapta.org). Entries are due Jan. 30. Send entries (must be accompanied by the application form) to PTA mailbox, attention Lori Recher.

### Donate to the Online Auction and Win a Class Ice Cream Party!

The Mantua online auction donation collection time has begun! This year, the class that provides the most donations will win an ice cream party! And if a teacher donates one item, it counts as two points! Donations for the auction are due Friday Jan. 13. Every family has something to offer, whether it is an unwanted gift card, a dinner for four, a knitting class, etc. Or a family (or teacher) may choose to solicit a donation from a store it frequents, a restaurant, bakery, coach, etc.

With its fundraising dollars, the Mantua PTA pays for many wonderful programs for the children and families, teacher training, technology and supplies for our school, etc. Please help support these many important programs by encouraging your class to work toward winning the ice cream party!

Donation forms recently were sent home in Tuesday folders, however additional ones can be found on the [PTA website](#) in the right hand column under Hot Items! Contact Teresa LeMair at [teresalemair@aol.com](mailto:teresalemair@aol.com) or 703-862-8702 with questions.

### Mantua PTA on Facebook

Did you know that Mantua PTA has a Facebook page? You can stay in the loop simply by "friending" it. It's another great way to receive information and updates from the PTA.

### Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run will be back at Mantua this spring. Registration is open Feb. 13-

20. Late registration runs Feb. 22-26. The season begins March 5.

Since there was such a demand in the fall there will have two programs in the spring. Both programs will be held after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Contact Robert Silkowitz at [Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com](mailto:Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com), if interested in coaching or assisting the coaches.

### *For African-American families and All Who Wish to Connect*

If you are interested in having an informal meet and greet on an evening in January or February, contact Allyson Walker at 703-209-8420 or [allysondenisewalker@yahoo.com](mailto:allysondenisewalker@yahoo.com). It's an opportunity to share experiences with other families and staff. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

### *Important Upcoming Events*

Thurs. Jan. 12: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Mon. Jan. 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, School Closed

Mon.-Tues. Jan. 30-31: Teacher Workdays, School Closed

### *FCAQ Camp Fair, Jan. 24*

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted is holding a summer academic programs and enrichment camp fair at Oakton High School on Jan. 24, from 7-9 p.m. Representatives from summer enrichment programs will be there to discuss their respective programs children can take part in next summer.

Camps being represented include: Tech is Cool, Fairfax Collegiate, Math Enrichment Services, Traveling Players Ensemble, Writopia, FCPS Institute for the Arts, Congressional Day Camp, iD Tech Camp, Potomac School, Concordia Language Villages, Interlochen Arts Camp, Madeira School Summer Camps, A Class Act: Acting for Kids, and more! Admission is free and open to the public.

### *Alert News Contributions*

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

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