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Mantua PTA Alert News March 27, 2012



Thank You to all Carnival Volunteers

Thank you to all the committee chairs who helped make the carnival such a huge success this year. These volunteers include: Paige Rushing, Aly Neuhauser, Meri Farling, Nicole Armstrong, Deanna Firth-Freemyer, Karen Gaughan, Adele Galen, Jane Love, Chrissy Boylan, Avril Donat, Karen Tamayo, Michelle Collins, Lesley McKnight, and Teresa LeMair. Also, thanks to the dads (and moms) who helped with set up and break down, to all the volunteers who manned the booths, to those who donated cakes and auction basket items, and to everyone who came out and supported our PTA! An extra special thanks to the VERY good sports who VOLUNTEERED IN THE RAIN so that our kids could enjoy the dunk tank and rock wall.

Post-Carnival Survey

The post-carnival survey we put out last year was very helpful and we implemented many of the great suggestions to try to improve this year's carnival. Please take a few moments to fill out this year's anonymous survey. Click [HERE](#) to begin. The link takes you directly to the survey (no registering on a website) and it's only three questions. We value your feedback and would really like to hear what you thought about the carnival this year.

April PTA Meeting

Mantua's general monthly PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the library. During that time Mrs. Fernandez, along with the PTA board will go over all pertinent school-related information.

Sixth Grade Teacher Mr. Malc to Discuss Two Words

Come to the presentation immediately before the PTA meeting on April 12, at

6:30 p.m. Sixth grade AAP teacher Mr. Malc will devote his discussion to the meaning of just two words – trophy and sorry. Do you feel that these words held different meanings when you were children then they do now for your own children? Are they as relevant to the educational process, and to life in general, as they once were? Have their meanings changed? Or are these words now altogether meaningless? Always colorful, sometimes controversial, Mr. Malc will mix his brand of humor with the subject at hand.

Mantua Faculty Basketball Game

The Mantua faculty and parents will take on the Washington GreenHawks for a basketball game on April 27, at 7 p.m., at Woodson. The GreenHawks are the first and only green professional sports team. The GreenHawks visit schools and deliver a positive message about being green while providing a highly entertaining event. Their antics resemble those of the Harlem Globetrotters. Watch your child's Tuesday folder for ticket and t-shirt order information. Tickets are \$4 for kids, \$8 for adults.

Destination Imagination

Mantua's Destination Imagination team gave a fantastic performance at the Northwest Virginia regional tournament in Winchester, Va., on March 10. The team was a Rising Stars team and included Amity Pitigala, Nicole Choe, and Suruthikha Vijay, all 2nd graders. Anbu Vijay served as team manager.

The team was tasked with inventing a new toy and creating a play about it. During the 3-month project, the team worked hard to develop an idea for an innovative new toy, write their own play, and build their own props. The team learned to do research, solve problems, collaborate, hone their story telling skills, and perform in front of an audience. Destination Imagination puts the team in charge of the process and all decisions, with minimal guidance from their team manager and parents. The team will compete on March 31, in a state-level tournament in Crozet, Va. The team looks forward to the 2012-13 season, and hope that other Mantua students can join them.

Kiss & Ride Etiquette

Please drive carefully, slowly and courteously when dropping off or picking up your child from Kiss & Ride. The combination of school buses, personal vehicles, parked

cars and walking children makes for a potentially hazardous mix.

In order to keep everyone safe drop off your child in the Kiss & Ride area; do not park your car in the Kiss & Ride lane for any reason; after dropping off your child please follow the directional arrows around the entire side parking lot. Do not make a U-turn in the Kiss & Ride lanes. Mantua has a "No Cell Phone Policy" while in the Kiss & Ride line.

Juice Pouch Recycling

Mantua students continue to recycle juice pouches through Terra Cycle (<http://www.terracycle.net/en-US/>), a program brought to the school by third grader Kylie Chavarria. A collection box in the cafeteria for students to deposit their juice pouches after lunch. For every juice pouch collected, Mantua will receive 2 cents.

Ask your child to drop their pouches in the recycling box. Any brand/type of juice pouch (not juice boxes) will be collected. Children are also encouraged collect used pouches at home and bring them to school to put in the collection box.

Summer Camp Recommendations

The PTA is putting together a list of family-recommended summer camps on our website. Click [HERE](#) to visit the recommendation page, and click [HERE](#) to make your own suggestion! Please note that the PTA has not endorsed any of these camps, but has simply compiled a list of other families' recommendations.

Important Upcoming Events

April 2-9: Spring Break

Thursday, April 12: Monthly PTA Meeting

Wednesday, April 18: Spring Picture Day

Woodson Summer Dance/Cheer Camp

The Woodson Cheerleaders and Precisionettes will hold their summer camp June 25-29. Dance will be 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and cheer will be 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The camp is open to all rising kindergarten through 9th grade students. Each camp is \$150 per child, or attend both camps for \$260 per child. Click [HERE](#) for more information or contact either Anne Foster, dancecamp11@yahoo.com, or Madelyn Weaver,

madelynweaver@yahoo.com; 703-609-2416.

Woodson Girls Basketball Camp

Campers will learn about the fundamentals of basketball in addition to basketball skill work. Daily fun activities include "Wear Woodson Colors Day," "Player of the Day Recognition" from each team, "Aspire Higher Idol Day," and "Karaoke." The camp is June 25-29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for ages 8-14. Click [HERE](#) for more information and an application form.

W.T. Woodson 5K Run/Walk

The 3rd annual W.T. Woodson 5K benefitting Autism Speaks will be held April 14 at 10 a.m. There is a \$15 entrance fee. For more information about the race, which is open to all runners and walkers, contact Samantha Hill at smhill1@fcps.edu. Registration forms can be found on the Woodson homepage at <http://www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/>

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