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## Mantua PTA Alert News June 12, 2012



### *Mantua Front Office Summer Hours*

The front office will be open during summer from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call 703-645-6300 if you have any questions during summer.

### *Last PTA Meeting on June 12*

The last PTA meeting of the school year will be TODAY, Tuesday, June 12 in the school cafeteria. If you have not yet been able to attend a PTA meeting this year, don't miss this one! A representative from the National PTA will be on hand to present our PTA with the Phoebe Hearst award for Family Engagement. In addition, we will vote on the slate officers, close out this year's budget, and vote on the items the school will purchase with PTA funds. We will have pizza and prizes so come meet members of the National PTA and help us gather a quorum for the items we need to vote on!

### *Thank You to All PTA Volunteers!*

Thank you for all your help this school year. It sounds like a broken record, but it's true - the school cannot run without the help of the parent volunteers. It was a big year with the 50th celebration in the fall, sending off retirees at the end of the year, and all of the events and programs that are sponsored by the PTA. It all happens with your help. Thank you so much for all that you have done.

### *Mantua Gym Named for Ms. Thompson*

To honor our retiring Assistant Principal Ms. Thompson, Mantua's gym has been named in her honor. Her name now is prominently placed on the wall just inside the door closest to the parking lot. Ms. Thompson has spent 21 years at Mantua, first as a physical education teacher and then moving up to assistant principal.

### *Ms. Thompson's Send Off*

The weather really cooperated, the food was fine, and the company was great for the Bon Voyage BBQ in honor of Ms. Thompson. It was a wonderful event! It could not have happened without the coordination efforts of Teresa LeMair and Meri Farling, our volunteer dynamos - thank you so much for all you have done. Mr. Martinelli also deserves a special thank you for all his work for the afternoon assembly held on Friday afternoon. What wonderful scenery! Ms. Thompson we wish you all the best as you "set sail" for retirement and all the new adventures that await!

### Yearbooks Are Here - Limited Number of Extras Available

Yearbooks have been delivered to school, and there a limited number of extra copies available for purchase. If you would like one, please make your \$35 check payable to "Mantua PTA" and bring it to the front office no later than Thursday. Please be sure to mark the check with your child's name and homeroom teacher. The yearbooks are available on a first come-first served basis.

### Is Data Your Thing?

Nicole Armstrong and John Nicholas have been wonderful in their creation and the maintenance of the PTA website, but we will only have them for one more year. Would you like to be somewhat of an apprentice for the 2012-13 school year and help John and Nicole? We need to move to new ways of importing data and working the backend of what the website entails. If you have any interest please contact Lesley Kowalski at [mantuaptaprez@gmail.com](mailto:mantuaptaprez@gmail.com).

### FCPS Summer Reading Requirement

This summer, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will continue a summer reading requirement in order to encourage reading. Each student completing grades 5-11 is required to read at least one book during the summer months. However, at Mantua, we encourage students in all grades to read many books this summer.

FCPS summer reading lists can be found [HERE](#); however, students may read any book that is comparable to books on this list and approved by their parents. Reading is crucial to academic achievement. We appreciate your help as we all work together to support children's academic progress.

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To get started, simply login using the username and password that will come home in your student's Tuesday folder.

### *Sixth Grade Party Volunteers Needed*

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over and our 6th graders will be celebrating their achievements and completion of their elementary school years in just a few days! The 6th Grade Party will begin shortly after the awards ceremony on June 15. Right after the ceremony we will transform the gym into Hollywood. Please consider spending some time at your child's last elementary event and sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449ACAB2E5-6thgrade>.

### *Cub Scout Pack 1533 is Looking for New Scouts*

Cub Scout Pack 1533 is kicking off the summer with a meet and greet at the Mantua Pool House on Saturday, June 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come have some fun in the pool, learn about Cub Scouts, and register for the fall. Be sure to join the e-mail list to keep posted on summer activities, the Join Scouting Night, and the Fall Camp Out. Cub Scouting is for boys in grades 1-5, and the entire family is encouraged to participate in our scouting activities. Please send your RSVP for the meet and greet to Missy Greene, pack committee chair, at [missyfay76@msn.com](mailto:missyfay76@msn.com).

### *End of Year Events*

#### **June**

13: 5th Grade Play (Magic School Bus)

14: 5th Grade Medieval Day

14: 6th Grade Award Ceremony Rehearsal

14: Patrol/GMM Picnic at Eakin Park

15: 6th Grade Awards Ceremony/Party

15: Last Day of School/Final Report Cards sent home

## Important Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 12: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 15: Last Day of School

## Alert News Contributions

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