



Mantua PTA Alert News September 13, 2011



Welcome Back to School!

The Mantua PTA has been busy planning activities to get the new school year started! Our first PTA meeting will be tomorrow, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the library. All members: come to the meeting to meet your new board and see what's in store for 2011-12!

If you haven't already joined the PTA, consider doing so. The PTA funds and supports many of the activities and events your child will benefit from at Mantua Elementary. This includes field trips, computers, library resources and popular programs such as the basketball program, carnival and drama club, and so much more.

Join the PTA [HERE](#) or fill out the PTA envelope included in your Open House folder. You may send your membership envelope to school with your child. The first 300 family memberships purchased will receive a Mantua PTA reusable shopping bag, so join now!! Contact Liz Schatzman with questions at lizschatzman@gmail.com or 703-256-7455.

Ice Cream Social Rescheduled

Mantua's annual welcome back Ice Cream Social planned for last week will be held Tuesday, Sept 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please join us to greet the new school year during this popular event on the Mantua playground. Pizza and water also will be available! Contact Abra Allsman at aallsman2001@gmail.com or 703-994-5890 with questions.

No Bus Passes Will be Allowed Through September

No student will be allowed to ride home on a bus other than their own through September (i.e., no bus passes will be issued). Please note this is NOT a Mantua Elementary School policy. If you have questions, please contact FCPS

Transportation Supervisor Cleora Alexander at: Cleora.Alexander@fcps.edu. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Starting in October, if your child is going home with a friend both parents must notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents then each child is to go to his/her normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

Parking in Horner Court Cul-de-sac

Be careful when parking at the school. Cars will be ticketed for parking in the fire lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in this area. Some cars may park parallel past the yellow curb towards the first house. However, you must keep a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

Mantua's Fall Fundraiser Starts This Tuesday!

Your child will be coming home with an Entertainment Book along with detailed information on how this fundraiser works. Please take a moment to look through this amazing book full of valuable coupons. You have the option of purchasing the book for \$30 (of which \$15 goes to the Mantua PTA) or returning it. Either way, your child will win a prize! If your child sells three Entertainment Books (or \$90 of combined Sally Foster/Entertainment Book products) they will receive a Golden Ticket to our Games to You Party on Monday, Oct. 16! Please make sure you return unwanted books to school. The Sally Foster packet will be sent home in next week's Tuesday folder. Contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com with questions. Thank you for your support!

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is coming back to Mantua this fall. The program helps prepare girls in grades 3-6 for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living through running. This year the program, which starts the week of Sept. 26, will meet after school on Mondays and Wednesdays for one hour. The fall season ends with a celebratory 5K run on Nov. 20. Standard registration runs through Sept. 14. Late registration takes place Sept. 15-19. Go to www.girlsontherunofnova.org to register. Contact Robert Silkowitz at Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com with questions.

Advertise in Mantua Elementary School PTA Student Directory

The Mantua student directory currently is accepting advertisements for its 2011-12 edition. Ads are due Oct. 7. The back cover will be awarded via an auction to the highest bidder. Ad space is available for as low as \$30, so there are no excuses not to support your Mantua PTA and advertise your business! Informational letter can be found [HERE](#). Go to the [ORDER FORM](#) to get pricing and to place an ad. Contact Monika Brenner at monika.brenner@dhs.gov, 202-325-0038 (day); or 703-385-2516 (evening) to advertise or for more information.

Creating/Accessing FCPS Blackboard Accounts

If you are not familiar with Blackboard, it's a great way learn more about your children's classes, assignments, information and announcements. In order to see your children's Blackboard information you must first set up an account through Parent View. Once you receive confirmation of the account you need to bring that information along with a photo ID to the front office of your child's school to receive access.

You must use the same address and phone number that your child's school has on file in order to get a confirmation number. This account will give you viewing access to ALL of your children's Blackboard accounts as long as you enter them during the initial registration. Parents should use their parent accounts, not their children's to view class information. Click on the following links to learn how to create a parent account, use it, add children if you've done it in the past, and update your emergency care information. Information also can be found at

<http://www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/parents/parenthome.html>

Go [HERE](#) to learn how to create a parent account. Go [HERE](#) to get started. Go [HERE](#) for information on how to use Parent View. Go [HERE](#) to add a child to your account.

FLEX 2011-12 (Foreign Language Experience) Registration Underway

The Mantua PTA, in conjunction with FCPS, is pleased to offer a foreign language program before and after school. Languages will be taught through conversation using games, songs, drama, drills, dialogues, maps and culturally-related activities. Please sign up at www.fcps.edu/aceclasses. Click on ONLINE BROWSE/REGISTER, choose KIDS/TEENS, choose LANGUAGES. You also can search for a class by course number. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 30. Classes, which begin the week of Oct. 10, run for 15 weeks. Confirmation and room assignments will be sent out one week prior to start of classes. Flex classes for K-1 will be offered in the spring.

Tuition is \$169. Contact Deirdre Mayes at deirdre.mayes@mayes.net or 703-477-8208 with questions.

CLASS* GRADES	COURSE	SECTION #	DAY / TIME
German 1 2-6	FPO6115	0001	Tues. 8-9 a.m.
French 1 3-6	FPO5115	0004	Wed. 8-9 a.m.
Spanish 1 2-6	FPO8115	0002	Wed. 8-9 a.m.
Sign Lang. 1 2-6	FPO3115	0001	Thurs. 3:55-4:55 p.m.
Chinese level 3 1-6	FPO7704	0001	Fri. 3:55 - 4:55 p.m.

To sign up for Chinese, students must have completed Chinese FLEX level 1 and 2.
* Class Size: 8 to 15 students.

Mantua Turns 50!

Mantua Elementary will celebrate 50 years of education excellence with anniversary party on Oct. 15. The celebration will include live entertainment, rides and games for the kids, a marketplace, a museum of Mantua history and artifacts, a display by Bubba's Custom Cars of autos from every decade and food by Red, Hot and Blue.

Test your Mantua and Fairfax County Public School knowledge.

Q: What year was FCPS created?

See answer below.

Kids Care Club is Collecting School Supplies

Since 1997 Mantua Kids Care Club (KCC) has been helping those less fortunate and encouraging Mantua students to participate in community service activities. KCC's first activity of the school year is a September school supply collection for those in need. Our goal is to collect 100 pounds of school supplies. Please consider bringing a donation (pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, etc.) to the Ice Cream Social or to either of the Back to School nights. KCC will post its progress each week. For more information about KCC, go to its link on the PTA website at:

<http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/care.php>. We look forward to a year full of opportunities to show how much Mantua Kids Care!

Cub Scouts at Mantua

It's going to be another exciting year of Cub Scouting! We are Cub Scout Pack 1533 and are chartered by the Mantua PTA. Our pack, which is one of the largest in Northern Virginia, serves the entire Mantua school population. We have room for you too!

What is scouting? Scouting is fun! Scouting is about the outdoors! Scouting is about leadership! Scouting is for families – dads, moms, sisters, brothers, and of course...Cub Scouts. Cub Scouting will help prepare your son to become a Boy Scout and to have a greater appreciation for the world in which we live. If you have a son in the 1st through 5th grades, and would like learn more about Cub Scouting visit our pack's web site at <http://mantuapack1533.scoutlander.com>.

Our first pack meeting will be Monday, Sept. 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Mantua cafeteria. And you're invited!

Contact our pack's committee chair, Missy Greene at missyfay76@msn.com with questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Scouting,
Bob Greene
Pack 1533 Cubmaster

From Mantua's Italian Teachers

Once again Italian will be taught to all Mantua students. The instruction, which is completely in Italian, offers a curriculum that includes songs, vocabulary, and stories, in addition to helping student gain an understanding of Italian culture. Go to [Italian teachers letter](#) for more information.

Good Morning Mantua Training

Training for GMM applicants will be held immediately after school this Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the distance learning center, right before the ice cream social. Snacks will be provided. Contact Ms. Dunfee at PJDunfee@fcps.edu if more information is needed.

Important Upcoming Events

Tues. Sept. 13: Ice Cream Social, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 13: Volunteer Information Meeting, 9:15 a.m.

Wed. Sept. 14: Volunteer Information Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 14: PTA Meeting in Library, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 15: Back-to-School Night for K-3rd grades, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 22: Back-to-School Night for 4th-6th grades, 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 28: Picture Day

Trivia Answer

FCPS was created in 1870.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

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

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For more information, please visit our website:

www.MantuaPTA.org

Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

