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Mantua PTA Alert News November 8, 2011



Important Note From the Front Office

DO NOT PASS SCHOOL BUSES WHILE PICKING UP/DROPPING OFF CHILDREN
It is illegal to pass a school bus when the lights are flashing and the stop sign is out. Unfortunately, this has happened at Mantua more than once.

Mantua Book Fair - Volunteers Needed

Mantua's annual Book Fair begins this Friday, Nov. 11, and runs through the following week Nov. 14-18. It begins each morning at 8:30 and closes each afternoon at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 15, hours are extended until 8 p.m. The Fair ends Friday, Nov. 18, at 12 noon. To help make it a success, we need volunteers to help with setting-up on Thursday, Nov. 10, with selling throughout the week of Book Fair, and packing up on Friday, Nov. 18. To volunteer, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/mantua3 and select the time(s) you can help.

PTA Auction Needs Your Help!

Many hands make light work, or so the saying goes. It is already time to start planning for the February auction, one of Mantua's three fundraisers. All proceeds from this event go towards updating supplies in our children's classrooms and helping Mantua maintain its star status as a top elementary. There are many different sizes and types of jobs that we need help with, including hanging signs, copying flyers, mailing out letters, data entry etc. Please join the Auction Committee - we can always use the help. The committee includes Adele Logan-Galen, Teresa Le Mair, Meri Farling and Jennifer Epley. Contact Jennifer Epley epleyjb@gmail.com or 202-744-4785 for more information.

Substitutes for Mantua Italian Classes Needed

If you speak Italian and are interested in substituting for one of the Mantua's Italian teachers please contact Mrs. DelValle in the school's front office at 703-645-6333. She can explain the process.

Picture Make Up Day

Picture make up day is Wednesday, Nov. 9, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Students who are having their pictures taken will be called to the gym. This will be the last chance to have pictures taken for the yearbook. For more information go to http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/Mantua_ES-PortraitMU.pdf

Family Fun Restaurant Night

Mantua PTA will host a family fun restaurant night on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 5:00 to 9 p.m. at Noodles & Company on Main Street in Fairfax City. Come dine with us or order carry out. Noodles & Company will donate 25 percent of the evening's proceeds to Mantua's PTA. All Mantua families should have received a Noodles & Company Dining for Dollars flyer in their Tuesday folders. For more copies go to [Noodles Flyer](#). Please present the flyer at the time of purchase so that the PTA can receive credit. This event always is a fun Mantua family night out, and helps raise money to support various school activities. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Reminder

Please remember that your child will need a bag lunch provided on the day that he/she DOES NOT eat in the cafeteria. Grades K-3 will need a bag lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 16, and grades 4-6 will need a bag lunch on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Destination Imagination/Odyssey of the Mind Meet and Greet

If your child is planning on joining a Destination Imagination or Odyssey of the Mind team please plan to attend the meet and greet on Monday, Nov. 14, from 6:00 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This gathering will give students in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 a chance to meet others and create teams for either of these programs. Please come to this meeting even if you were unable to attend the informational session on Oct. 24. Both interested students and their parents need to attend this meeting. Contact Lesley Kowalski at mantuaptaprez@gmail.com with questions.

November PTA Meeting

It will be easy to attend the PTA meeting this month since it falls on the same night as our Restaurant Night! No need to cook before running out to the meeting! You can bring your dinner with you to school! Don't miss all of the important school information presented by Mantua's administrators and PTA members. Our next

meeting is this Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the reading room directly across from the library.

Parent Education Program

Dr. Katie Hennessy, director for the Center for Cognitive Therapy and Assessment will present a workshop at Mantua on Kids with Anxiety on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Dr. Hennessy will address the increased prevalence of anxiety in children, classic signs of anxiety, ways to help children recognize and manage their anxiety (with an emphasis on cognitive behavior therapy), and techniques parents can use to create a supportive and challenging environment for anxious children. More details will be sent home in November.

Change In Building Use Scheduling

The school office is no longer handling the schedule to reserve rooms at Mantua. If you need to reserve space go to www.fcps.edu, click on Community at the top of the home page and then scroll down to the bottom of the Community page to find the link to Use School Buildings and Grounds. The Building Safety Guidelines can be found on the PTA website [HERE](#).

Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Nov. 10: Family Fun Restaurant Night

Thurs. Nov. 10: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m. in reading room (across from library)

Fri. Nov 11 – Fri. Nov. 18: Mantua Book Fair, in the library

Wed. Nov 16 – Thurs. Nov. 17: Mantua Thanksgiving Luncheons

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted Meeting

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) will hear from Tanisha Holland, admissions director at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, at its next general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Ms. Holland will discuss what you need to know about applying to TJHSS&T. The meeting will be held at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Admission is free and open to the public. For information visit: <http://FCAG.org> or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FCAG>, or contact the association at secretary@FCAG.org.

School Board Elections Tuesday

School Board elections are usually sleepy things to which few pay attention. However, this year proves to be more exciting as six of the 12 members are retiring. There are many hot button issues, including school funding, honors courses, school start times and parental notification. In addition, School Superintendent Jack D. ... will retire in 2013. The new school board will interview and appoint the new superintendent.

To read the School Board Candidate Questionnaire candidates' answers to issues, visit to the following non-partisan websites: The Fairfax County Council of PTAs (www.fccpta.org); The League of Women Voters (scroll to the bottom for the FCP School Board candidates): <http://www.fairfaxtimes.com/section/fxelection2011>. Questionnaires were sent to all candidates whose names were qualified to appear on the Nov. 8 ballot. In addition, there is a bond referendum on the ballot this year. For the full report, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond11.shtml>.

Mantua Made Market

You're invited to the Mantua Made Market where your talented, crafty neighbors will be selling beautiful handcrafted items, as well as food and deserts. Crafts and artwork will include pottery, paintings, stockings and pillow covers, mosaics, note cards, invitations and scrapbooks, and much more. The Market is Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mantua Swim & Tennis Club, 9330 Pentland Place, Fairfax.

Woodson High School Craft Show

Woodson High School's 19th Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show will be Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. It will feature sophisticated, unique, and one-of-a-kind handmade items. More than 80 crafters will offer fused glass items, ceramics, artisan and fashion jewelry, scarves, embroidery items, handbags, paintings, quilts, home decorations, giftware, pet accessories, peanut brittle, etc. there's even a bake sale! The show is juried to ensure all offerings are quality, handmade items. Crafter booths are still available. Contact woodsoncraftshow@gmail.com for more information. The show is held at Woodson High School. Go to entrances 2 and 3. Free Admission. Woodson's Crew Boosters sponsors the show.

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