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No December PTA Meeting

Plan on attending January's PTA meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m.

Spanish-Speaking Volunteer Needed

A Spanish-speaking volunteer is needed to interpret Mantua's parent workshop on this Tuesday, Dec. 6. The presentation is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the library. Contact Christie Choi at choichristie@yahoo.com if you are available.

Parent Education Program Tuesday

Dr. Katie Hennessy, director for the Center for Cognitive Therapy and Assessment, will present a workshop at Mantua on Helping Children with Anxiety this Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 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. Childcare will be provided! Go [HERE](#) to download the program flier. Contact Margaret Scheele at Margaret_Scheele@yahoo.com with questions.

Yearbook News

Yearbook Orders Due

Mantua yearbook order forms have been mailed to each student's home. The yearbook advisors ask that those who are plan to purchase a yearbook place their order in the next couple of weeks. Your prompt response will assure that your yearbook is printed and shipped to your child on time. The yearbook is \$25. Orders can only be placed and paid for by mailing in the order form you received, through the jostensyearbooks.com site, or by phone at 1-866-282-1516. You can also mail your check marked with your child's account # and his/her name directly to: Jostens Yearbook Service Center, P.O. Box 17609, Denver, CO 80217. Late orders are subject to an additional \$10 fee.

Photos Needed

The yearbook advisors rely heavily on parents to provide candid photos taken in classrooms and during school events. We would gladly advise you on an easy way to upload them directly into Jostens website, or photos can be emailed to mantuayearbooks@gmail.com.

Yearbook Cover Winners

Artwork by 6th grade students Seajna Ahn (front cover) and Sabrina Ramirez's (back cover) were selected for the 50th anniversary cover contest. Both students are in Mr. Malc's class. Several other impressive entries will be used as background designs inside the book.

Extra 2010-11 Yearbooks

The PTA has five copies of the last year's yearbook available for purchase. Contact the yearbook advisors at mantuayearbooks@gmail.com, or call Yelena Jones at 703-501-9597, with questions.

Mantua PTA Online Auction

We currently are accepting donations for our wonderful auction. Family donations bring terrific bids, which in turn bring needed funds for our programs, which benefit all of our students. Plus, your donations are tax deductible. Please help by donating to the auction today! Additional donation forms can be found [HERE](#), and letters/forms to request your favorite merchant donations are [HERE](#).

Sign up to Audition for the 2012 Mantua Talent Show

Audition slots for the 2012 Mantua Talent Show are starting to fill up. If your child plays an instrument, sings, dances or does magic and is interested in performing in this year's show please sign up for an audition, which are being held Monday, Dec. 12, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please go here [Audition Sign Up](#) to choose a time slot. The show is Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. Acts can be no longer than two minutes, and students may only participate in one act - either as an individual or in a group. Contact Ted Donat at tdonat@gmail.com with questions.

Telescope Eyepiece Lens Found

An eyepiece lens for an Orion Sirius Plossl telescope at 25mm power was left behind

during last month's astronomy night. Please contact 5th grade teacher Eileen Rothberg at Eileen.Rothberg@fcps.edu if this belongs to you.

Labels for Education Update

Certain magazine UPCs are credited for the Labels for Education program. Qualifying magazines include People, Southern Living, Health, Real Simple, Time, and Cooking Light. Please cut out the magazine UPCs on the front cover and send them in along with other Labels for Education UPCs and/or Box Tops labels. Make sure to put the name/grade of your child's teacher on the ziploc bag.

Human Relations Committee Meeting Dec. 9

The next Human Relations Committee meeting will be Friday Dec. 9, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the Mantua Library. Please contact Teresa McConnel, at Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu, for questions, or to bring up any issue related to human relations at the school.

Important Upcoming Events

Mon. Dec. 19: Winter Choral Concert, 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 23-Mon. Jan. 2: School Closed for Winter Vacation

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

Third Annual Woodson Acting Camp and Movie Night

On Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 8 p.m. the Woodson Drama Boosters is holding day of musical theater, improvisation, puppetry, craft making, and pizza and a movie for children in grades 1-6. The event, which will be held in the Woodson auditorium, costs \$40. Each additional sibling is \$30. Contact Martha Moses at martha.moses@verizon.net or 703-963-6288 for more information.

Woodson Band Fruit Sale

Help support Woodson High School Band by participating in its annual fruit sale! The proceeds help support band activities. Orders can be placed for pick-up or delivery in the Fairfax area, or for mail delivery for a Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa gift nationwide.

You can order the fruit online at www.fruitorder.com and use the organization ID 171874. You can give credit to your favorite band member, who you can choose

when you check out. We would be happy to deliver the fruit order soon after Dec. 15. Contact band member Rachel Major (former Mantua and Frost student) at devotedx@gmail.com with questions.

Woodson Winter Baseball Training Camp

The Woodson Baseball Program will host a Winter Training Camp for ages 7-14 (grades 2-8). The camp will be held on Sundays Jan. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Campers will receive instruction and repetition designed to better prepare them for their Little League/AAU spring tryouts and season. Woodson's coaching staff, along with several current and former players, will work with each camper. Each session will offer a 6 to 1 (or less) camper to instructor ratio. Campers will receive overall skill development and instruction in hitting, bunting, base running, fielding and throwing mechanics. Registration deadline is Jan. 3. Space is limited, so register early. Contact Coach Chris Warren, 703-217-6629, Chris.Warren@fcps.edu, or Michele Adamus, michele.adamus@verizon.net, 703-795-4658 with questions.

USDA Conducting Nutrition Survey for 5th Graders

The USDA is conducting a nutrition survey to learn about the eating habits of children and adults. Given that only 5 percent of Americans follow the recommended dietary guidelines, the USDA is interested in learning about the factors that prevent and promote compliance with the guidelines. By completing the survey, participants can also help the USDA provide public school students with greater access to nutritious and wholesome foods in school cafeterias.

The nutrition survey will be administered to 5th graders and their parents or caregivers at Sherwood Hall Library in Alexandria on Dec. 10, at 12:30. All surveys are anonymous and will be kept confidential. The survey, which takes less than 2 hours, will be administered to both students and their parents or caregivers.

USDA hopes the survey results will help them provide access to nutritious and wholesome foods in public school cafeterias. Participants will receive a \$25 gift card to Target per participant (\$50 per household). Contact Grace Ha at 301-504-6052, or at Grace.Ha@ars.usda.gov, for more information or to participant. This will be the only time that this nationwide survey will be conducted in Fairfax County.

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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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

