



Mantua PTA Alert News December 13, 2011



New Report Card Format and More

Don't miss the Thursday, Jan. 12, PTA meeting or the pre-meeting when Mrs. Fernandez will be talking about the new report card format that Mantua will start using soon. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Fernandez will be discussing the new reports cards. If time allows, she will be happy to take questions on this or any other topic. The regular meeting starts at 7 p.m. Both meetings are in the library

Late Arriving Students Must Go to the Office

Mantua's day begins at 9:05 a.m. Students arriving after that must be brought into the office by a parent and signed in. They will need a tardy slip to enter class.

Lost and Found, but Mostly Lost

The Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, and much more that have been left behind. Remind your child to check for his/her belongings by Thursday, Dec. 22. The Kids Care Club will be donating all unclaimed items.

Mantua Family Night Out

It is time for another Mantua PTA family night out! Join your friends and classmates at Chuck E. Cheese's on Main Street in Fairfax from 4 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22. All of our fun will turn into Mantua PTA FUNds because Chuck E. Cheese will donate 15 percent of sales generated by this event back to the school. Sales include all food, merchandise and token deals purchased at the register. Just let the cashier that you are participating in Mantua's fundraising night by showing the Chuck E. Cheese's flyer that will be in your child's Tuesday folder. Kids will receive 10 free tokens when redeeming an event sticker received in their Tuesday folder on Dec. 20. To thank all teachers and school staff for their hard work throughout the year, Chuck E. Cheese's will provide them with a free dinner and drink during the event. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run will be back at Mantua this spring. The tentative schedule is:

- Jan. 16: Coach Registration opens
- Jan. 23: Coach Training begins
- Feb. 13: Registration opens for girls
- Feb. 20: Registration closes for girls
- Feb. 22: Late Registration opens for girls
- Feb. 26: Late Registration closes for girls
- March 5: Season begins
- May 12 or 13: 5K. The date is tentative and subject to change.
- May 18: Season ends

Because there was such a demand in the fall there will have two programs in the spring. Both programs will be held after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Contact Robert Silkowitz at Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com, if interested in coaching or assisting the coaches.

Calling all 6th Grade Parents

Volunteers are needed to help plan the 6th grade graduation party. Committee chairs are needed for the food/beverage and decoration committees. If you're not able to chair a committee, please consider volunteering in other ways. Contact Tara Whittington at tarawhittington2002@yahoo.com or 571-330-8760, for more information.

Limited Supply of Spiritwear Still Available

This is the last chance to buy Mantua's 50th anniversary limited edition spiritwear. These items make great holiday gifts. There are a number of short sleeve navy blue t-shirts in adult sizes small and large; short sleeve sports grey t-shirts in adult sizes small, medium and large; and long sleeve navy blue t-shirts in adult sizes small and medium. All short sleeve t-shirts are \$10 and long sleeve t-shirts are \$14. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net or 703-573-6160 to place an order. Items will be sent home in students' backpacks.

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! Donation forms can be found [HERE](#), and letters/forms to request your favorite merchant donations are [HERE](#).

Important Upcoming Events

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

Thurs. Dec. 22: Mantua Restaurant Night, 4-9 p.m.

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

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

The Christmas Cabin of Carnaween

This delightful Irish folktale has become Creative Cauldron's signature production for the holidays! Set in the days of the great potato famine, the tale follows the journey of a tinker's child who longs for one day having a home of her own. The years go by and her dream would go unfulfilled were it not for the wee people who come to her aid on a beautiful snowy night on a hillside in Carnaween. Accompanied by live traditional Irish music and just the right measure of Irish charm, this Christmas Classic is sure to warm even the hardest hearts this holiday season. Shows are Dec. 1 - 18, on Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 and 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 students/seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets go to:

http://creativecauldron.org/christmas_cabin_153.html

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.

Alert News Contributions

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

