



Mantua PTA Alert News

February 19, 2013



Important Reminder: Arrival Time

Please remember that school begins each day at 9:10 a.m. Students may not arrive before 8:45 a.m. as there is no supervision.

Thank You!

Last week's Valentine's Family Dance was fabulous, especially due to the great turnout and the terrific DJ. Thank you to everyone for coming!

Mantua Carnival Poster Contest!

The Mantua Carnival is **March 16th**, and the Booth Banner Contest is the first Carnival event. Your child may choose one of 17 booths to decorate and have their work displayed at the Carnival! Be sure to encourage your child's creativity, and they may even win a gift card from Five Below!

You may register your child for a booth on a first-come basis, **through February 28th**. Each banner must be the student's own work on a poster board measuring 28"x22" and should prominently display the complete name of the assigned booth. Entries are due in the Banner Contest box in the front office by Wednesday, **March 6th**. Banners will be judged on the use of the booth theme and creativity, and winners will be announced during Good Morning Mantua!

More information and directions on choosing a booth can be found in today's Tuesday Folder, or by visiting www.MantuaPTA.org/events/carnival/. Please contact [Michelle Collins](#) with questions.



Mantua Carnival's Jewelry and Hostess Gift Sale

Need more space in your closet? Did you receive duplicate holiday gifts? Consider donating to the Carnival's Jewelry and Hostess Gift Sale!

Hostess gifts of all kinds will be accepted, including frames, candles/holders, coasters, soaps, platters/serving bowls, book ends, tea/hand towels, and vases. In addition, any type of jewelry is welcome, even plastic or "one of a kind" (single) earrings. Donations will be collected in the Library until 7:30 p.m. on **March 15th**, and tax forms may be found in the Donation Box.

During the Carnival, don't forget to stop by the Jewelry and Hostess Gift Sale in the Library! All proceeds from the sale will benefit the PTA. Questions? Contact Karen Gaughan at 703-698-5779 or allgone@cox.net or Adele Logan-Galen at 703-280-0275 or acgalen@aol.com.

Family Fun Night: Lego Night!

Come with your whole family to the Mantua PTA's annual Family Fun Lego Night on Friday, **March 1st** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Brian Meny of Brixalot will return with his millions of Lego and Duplo pieces to lead the group in building projects. There is no cost to attend. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

Mantua Raccoon Runners: Registration Open

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-6th grades. This program, sponsored by the Mantua PTA, will empower young girls to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition, and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen ourselves through various fitness activities as we train for a 5k run. Any girl in grades 3-6 is eligible to participate.

At the end of the program, the Raccoon Runners will participate in the Raccoon Run, a fundraiser to support Life With Cancer, on Saturday, **May 11th**. Please click on the following links for the [registration form](#) and a more [detailed explanation](#) of the program.

The **registration fee is \$50**, and checks can be made payable to *Mantua PTA*. The deadline for registration is Monday, **March 4th**. The first 30 spaces will be filled with fall *Girls On The Run* participants and then there will be a lottery for the remaining spaces. If you have any questions, please contact [Meri Farling](#).

Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle!

Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle is back! Tickets go on sale this this week. Raffle prizes include an iPad Mini, hundreds of dollars in gift cards, \$500 cash, and many more! There are also prizes just for selling tickets. Click on the links here for more [raffle information](#) and an [order form](#), or look in your child's Tuesday folder. Questions can be directed to [Meri Farling](#).

Mathcounts Fairfax Competition

Nine "mathletes" from the 6th grade at Mantua had a good time competing in the Mathcounts Fairfax chapter competition on Saturday, February 2nd. Students from more than 50 middle and elementary schools were part of the competition, with the top scorers going on to compete at the State level in Richmond in March.

While none of the Mantua students will be in the next level of competition, all had a good experience and learned some valuable math skills during the weekly meetings that will serve them well in middle school. We would like to congratulate **John Small** as the top scorer for the team and all of the team members: **Arusha Arif, Gavin Bromberg, Jiny Cho, Felix Fei, Kelly Huang, Kihyun Lee, Kevin Liang, Sarah Tadlock, and Todd Tran**. We'd also like to thank **Mr. Malc, Abhishek Bhargava, and Eli Lifland** as the team coaches.

Counselor's Corner

We would like to introduce and welcome Mrs. Rachel Parker to Mantua. Mrs. Parker is a graduate student from Gallaudet University and is currently completing her practicum in School Counseling. Mrs. Parker is working with Mrs. Warren and Ms. Kim on Tuesdays and Thursdays until May. She will be observing and working with students in various settings.

Important Dates for Parents of Rising 7th Graders

Frost Middle School Dates

Feb. 21 - Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation at Frost, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Parents only)

Feb. 22 - Field Trip to Frost (only for students who will attend Frost)

Feb. 27 - Parent Workshop at Mantua - How to Best Help Your Child with the Transition

Mar. 1 - Course Registration Sheets due to homeroom teachers

Mar. 21 - Frost Family Festival

Aug. 30 - 7th Grade Orientation at Frost Middle School

School Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/>

Luther Jackson Middle School Dates

Feb. 25 - Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation at Luther Jackson, 6:30 p.m. (Parents only)

Feb. 27 - Parent Workshop at Mantua - How to Best Help Your Child with the Transition

Feb. 28 - Field Trip to Luther Jackson (only for students who will attend Luther Jackson)

Mar. 8 - Course Registration Sheets due to homeroom teachers

School Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/LutherJacksonMS/>

UPCOMING MEETING: Potential Boundary Changes to Mantua-Frost-Woodson Pyramid

Please contact PTA President [Lesley Kowalski](#) if you would like to attend or participate in these meetings, as these boundary changes could have a profound impact on our current pyramid makeup of Mantua-Frost-Woodson. These meetings are open to everyone, but it would be helpful if the PTA can have a sense of who is attending.

The School Board took action at its January 24th meeting to approve the following schools in the Fairfax-Lanier Boundary Study: Chantilly High, Fairfax High, Falls Church High, Oakton High, Robinson Secondary, Woodson High, Franklin Middle, Frost Middle, Jackson Middle, Lanier Middle, and Rocky Run Middle.

The public is invited to participate in community dialogue meetings to discuss scenarios for the movement of students to relieve overcrowding at Fairfax High and Lanier Middle. These meetings will be identical in format and information presented. All meetings will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Feb. 19th - Oakton High School, Cafeteria, 2900 Sutton Road, Oakton (snow date is March 7th)

Feb. 20th - Lanier Middle School, Cafeteria, 3801 Jermantown Road (snow date is Feb. 27th)

Feb. 26th - Woodson High School, Cafeteria, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax (snow date is March 6th)

For more information, to sign up for the meetings, and to submit your questions and comments, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/fairfaxlanier/index.shtml>.

Important Upcoming Events

Mon. Feb 25-Fri. Mar 1 - Dr. Seuss Read Across America Spirit Week

Tues. Feb 26 - Family Storytelling Night, Mantua Library, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wed. Feb 27 - Middle School Information Session, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thurs. Feb 28 - Carnival Poster Contest Registration Deadline

Fri. Mar 1 - Lego Night, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Mon. Mar 4 - Raccoon Run Registration Deadline

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

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Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

