



# Mantua PTA Alert News

## April 30, 2013



### Tardy Arrivals

Any student who arrives late to school, meaning they can't get to their classroom by 9:10 a.m., must be accompanied by their parent to the office. The parent must sign the child in to the student notebook as a late arrival and then the office staff will give the student a tardy slip and walk them to class. If you know in advance that your student will be tardy, please call the attendance line at (703) 645-6363 and leave a message. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please consult the office staff.

### Next PTA Meeting on Thursday, May 9th

Please join us for the May PTA Meeting scheduled for Thursday, **May 9th** at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Come out to hear what is happening at school from the principal, learn about upcoming events at Mantua, and meet with other Mantua parents. We hope to see you there!

### 6th Graders: Panoramic Group Picture THIS Friday

The 6th grade classes will take a panoramic group picture this Friday, **May 3rd**. Order forms for this picture went home in Tuesday folders a few weeks ago. The price of the photo is \$15. If you'd like to order the photo, you must order by the day of the picture. You may not order it after.

### Family Fun Night: Ice Skating at Fairfax Ice Arena THIS Friday

Mantua PTA will host a Family Fun Ice Skating Night at Fairfax Ice Arena this Friday, **May 3rd** from 4:45 to 6:00 pm. This event will be a whole lot of cool fun! There is no fee to attend but for those ice skating there is a discounted fee of \$5.50 paid at the door when mentioning Mantua Elementary School. Ice skate rental is available for an additional cost of \$3.00.

Don't hesitate to come if you have never ice skated. Mantua PTA has hired a skating buddy to instruct the first 30 beginners who sign up. There will be a sign up sheet for the lesson available in the Mantua hospitality room located behind the lesson desk at the ice rink. Two 15 minute sessions (5:00-5:15 and 5:15-5:30) will be offered with 15 skaters in each session.

Remember to dress for cool temperatures. Jacket, pants, and gloves are suggested. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

## Next Week is Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is next week, **May 6th-10th!** Let's celebrate the amazing staff that works with our children every day. Room parents will be sending out more information via email and/or Tuesday folders this week.

## Raccoon Run - Just 12 Days Away!

Held this year on Saturday, **May 11th**, the 13th annual Raccoon Run is sponsored by the Kids Care Club and Woodson Young Hearts. The Mile Fun Run starts at 8:00 a.m., and the 5K is at 8:30 a.m. Sign up online at [www.raccoonrun.org](http://www.raccoonrun.org). Pledge donations for Life with Cancer can be turned in on race day. Fabulous prizes await those who collect the most, and the class with the most participants gets a pizza/ice cream sundae celebration. So come and run with Rocky, your friends, family, and neighbors to support a great cause: Life with Cancer!

Would you like to volunteer to help? Please contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at 703-966-8304 or [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com).

## Art Room Needs

The art room is in dire need of glass baby food jars without their lids. If you can donate or know somebody who can, please email [Miss Watkins](#).

## Important Upcoming Events

Friday, May 3: 6th Grade Panoramic Group Picture

Friday, May 3: Family Fun Night at Fairfax Ice Arena, 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10: Teacher Appreciation Week!

Monday, May 6: Kindergarten Orientation, 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7: Band Performance, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9: PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11: Raccoon Run, 8:00 a.m.

Woodson High School Presents *The Hobbit*

Woodson High School Drama Club presents *The Hobbit*. It's unusual for a modern work to become a classic so quickly, but Tolkien's "ring" stories, which began with *The Hobbit*, clearly are in this very special category. They stir the imagination and intellect of everyone they touch. Bilbo, one of the most conservative of all Hobbits, is asked to leave his large, roomy and very dry home in the ground in order to set off as chief robber in an attempt to recover an important treasure. It's the last thing that any sensitive Hobbit would want to do, but great benefit could eventually result-not only for Bilbo but for all of the Hobbits who inhabit Middle Earth-and will capture the hearts of those children and adults who continue to enjoy this kind of magic.

Three performances remain: May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. and May 4th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Visit the [Woodson Drama Club Website](#) for more details.

## Help Fully Restore Fairfax County's Colvin Mill

Mantua 3rd graders recently visited Colvin Mill on a field trip. For the past four decades, only the basement and first floor of the Fairfax County mill have been open to the public. The Park Authority site is a finalist in a web-based contest sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express.

Go to [www.PartnersinPreservation.com](http://www.PartnersinPreservation.com) to vote daily. The site with the greatest number of votes will receive \$100,000 in preservation prize money. Polls are open through May 10th. Colvin Run Mill would use the prize money to fully restore the second and third levels, complete with functioning equipment to dry and sift flour and meal the old-fashioned way. Then, visitors can see how the mill works from top to bottom!

## Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto: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

