

Mantua PTA Alert News September 18, 2012



Back to School Night: 4th-6th Grades

Thursday, September 20th is Back to School Night for 4th-6th grades. Don't miss the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn more about Mantua and all it has to offer. There will be tables set up in the back of the gym so you can join the PTA and find out about some upcoming school events. These tables will be open starting at 6:30 p.m. and will close once the presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. Please remember that Back to School Night is a parents-only event. There will be no child care provided.

Keep in Touch Account for Parents

Parents can now create their own account for FCPS 24-7 Learning. After registering for parent view and having their account validated at one of their children's schools, parents will have their own username and password to access all of their children's available classes. They will be able to update their children's emergency information through weCare@school. Updating weCare@school with the correct email address will ensure better communication via [Keep in Touch](#). On Back to School night from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and again from 7:30-8:30 p.m. you can get assistance signing up in the upstairs computer lab, room 50. Staff members will be there to assist you. Before creating a parent account, please be sure to have the student ID numbers for your children available. You can find the FCPS student ID

number on report cards.

If you want to do it from home, instructions are on the Mantua PTA web site [HERE](#).

Registration is Now Open for Foreign Languages

The Mantua PTA in conjunction with FCPS is pleased to offer a foreign language program before and after school. Languages will be taught through conversation using games, songs, drama, drills, dialogues, maps, and culturally-related activities.

Please sign up at www.fcps.edu/aceclasses. Click on ONLINE browse/register and choose World Languages (K-6). You can also search for the course number. The deadline is Tuesday, October 2. If you need a hard copy to submit via your child's Tuesday folder, you can find it on the Mantua PTA website or e-mail [Deirdre Mayes](mailto:Deirdre.Mayes).

Classes will begin week of October 8 and continue for 15 weeks. You will receive a class confirmation notice and room assignment one week before classes begin. Classes must have a minimum of 8 students so ask your friends to sign up so the class takes place!

Tuition is \$199. For questions please contact [Deirdre Mayes](mailto:Deirdre.Mayes) or 703-477-8208.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>SECTION #</u>	<u>DAY / TIME</u>	<u>GRADES</u>
German 1	FPO6115	0002	Thurs 8-9am	3-6
French 1	FPO5115	0002	Thurs 8-9am	4-6

Spanish 1	FPO8115	0002	Wed 4:10-5:10pm	4-6
Chinese 1	FPO4115	0001	Thurs 4-5pm	K-3
Chinese level 3*	FPO7704	0001	Fri 4-5pm	1-6

**This course is for native speakers or children who have completed a Level 2 Flex Chinese course.*

Digital Kidz at Mantua

Would you like your child to participate in a computer class that is entertaining, exciting, AND educational? If so, Digital Kidz may be just right for you! The PTA is sponsoring 2 classes at Mantua. Kindergarteners-2nd graders can participate in Science and Weebotics, where they will experiment with basic Legos to robotics to make their own Weebots. Older students (3rd-6th grade) can participate in Robotics and 3D Design, where they will explore robotics and be introduced to programming.

Each session is 6 classes on Mondays afterschool beginning on October 15. Please visit the [WEBSITE](#) to complete the form and turn it in along with payment to school by October 3. The Digital Kidz sessions are \$120 (or \$125 for non-PTA members.) Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis!

Advertise in Mantua Elementary School PTA Student Directory

Preparations are already underway for the new Student Directory. Everyone who joins the PTA will receive a copy of the new directory. If you are interested in advertising you can find more information [HERE](#) or contact [Monika Brenner](#). Please also thank and consider giving your business to our past advertisers - especially to

last year's auction winner Larry Brown for GreenHomes.

Help the Art Room: Donations Needed!

The art room needs donations! Do you have any of the following:

*Baby Food Jars: Must be cleaned in hot soapy water and dried thoroughly.

*Smock Washing: Every 2-3 weeks a volunteer is needed to pick up art smocks, wash them, and return them to the art room.

*Misc Found Objects: Cleaning your junk drawer? Here are some of the things we collect for our found object library: keys, beads, bells, corks, lids, blocks, toys and game pieces, old jewelry, clothes pins, hardware items, nuts, bolts, screw, buttons... and whatever other miscellaneous treasures you might want to discard.

* Plants: If you have a house plant that is healthy and needs a winter home, please consider donating it to us until June. We have big windows and plants clean our air and help create a happy, green space for us to work in.

*Men's button up work shirts: (we cut the sleeves and use them as smocks.)

All donations can be dropped in room 254 to Miss Watkins. Please contact her at Jennifer.watkins@fcps.edu with any questions.

Grocery Club Registration

Please take a moment to fill out and send in your grocery club information sheet.

This is an easy (and free!) way to earn money for our school. If you'd prefer to register yourself, the links for the different stores can be found [HERE](#) on the PTA website. Please contact [Lori Recher](#) with any questions. Happy shopping!

Fall Box Tops Contest

The Fall Box Tops Contest starts Monday, September 17 and ends Friday, October 19. Our goal is to raise \$1,500. Send in Box Tops Labels and Labels for Education labels in a plastic zip bag with the teacher's name and grade on it. Labels should be dropped in the collection box in the front lobby. Please do not send in expired labels. A special prize will be awarded for the class bringing in the most labels. Look by the collection box to find out which class is in the lead. A list of participating products can be found on: www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. Ask your neighbors, co-workers, and local businesses to help you collect.

Another great way to earn box tops is to "Click & Earn." Register at www.boxtops4education.com, go to the top of the web page to "Earn" then "Click & Earn". By viewing very short videos and answering 1 or 2 survey questions, you can earn even more box tops for Mantua. Although the online box tops don't count for the contest, they will add up for more money for the school. For any questions contact [Sandy Spector](#).

Silent Auction This Fall

This year's Mantua Elementary PTA online auction will take place BEFORE the winter holidays! Our 2-week annual online auction will open for bidding on Tuesday, November 6th. PTA fundraisers make a big difference toward supporting the school. Auction proceeds will help support educational field trips, classroom technology, library books, and other learning opportunities for Mantua students.

You could participate in several ways:

- 1) Donate goods, services, and/or gift cards to the auction. You can drop off donation(s) at the front office starting THIS WEEK or at the auction booth on Back-to-School Nights.
- 2) Solicit donations from businesses that you patronize using the auction donation form.

3) Recommend businesses for the PTA to solicit on the auction website.

4) Bid on items during the auction between Tuesday 11/6 - Tuesday 11/20.

Visit <http://auction.mantuapta.org> to get a copy of the auction donation form and to submit business recommendations. Please contact Auction Chairs Alice Wang & Donna Hoover at Mantua.PTA.Auction@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please help make this event a success!

Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Sept. 20: Back-to-School Night for 4th-6th grades, 6:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 21: Woodson High School Feeder School Football Game, 7:00 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 1: Academic Competition Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 3: School Picture Day

Woodson High School - Feeder School Night Football Game

The Woodson Cavaliers will play the Lee Lancers on September 21 at 7:30 p.m. It is Feeder School Night - All students from the Woodson pyramid will be recognized before the game begins. Please meet at the scoreboard at 7:00 p.m. In addition, all students are admitted into the game when accompanied by a paying adult. Please print out and bring [THIS FLYER](#) with you.

Girl Scouts at Mantua

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Join the Girl Scouts at Mantua and enjoy fun experiences while having fun and building life-long friendships! If you have a Kindergarten or 1st grade girl, contact Martha Moore at cmoore@axiot-it.net about Daisies. If you have

a 2nd-5th grade girl, contact Julie Gerock at jcgerock@aol.com about Brownies or Juniors.

Parent Night Out and Drama Camp at Woodson High School

Drama Night Out programs for 1st-6th graders is an opportunity for parents to have their children participate in a supervised childcare program that includes theater games, acting, singing and dancing lead by our high school techies and performers! The first Drama Night Out is fast approaching, September 28th, 6:00-11:00 p.m. To learn more and to register visit www.wtwdrama.org/boosters/night-out/.

The Woodson High School Drama Dept will be hosting Drama Camp on Saturday, December 8th for elementary and middle school students interested in theater! For more information and to register visit www.wtwdrama.org/boosters/drama-camp/. Questions? Contact Woodson Drama Booster President, Denise Taylor at deniseatsea@aol.com.

These programs are important fundraising opportunities for our drama students this year. The Woodson Drama Department has been invited to perform at the world's largest theater festival, the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland this summer! What better way for students to raise needed funds than to share their talents with the children in our community! Thank you for your support!

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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2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

