



Mantua PTA Alert News

October 30, 2012



Student Directory: IMPORTANT UPDATE

The PTA is in the process of creating this year's student and family Directory. The front office's new system has created some challenges for the process, and the Directory will be released later than usual, but **HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- Each family will be receiving a system-generated email soon, containing your family's current information.
- Please monitor all parent email in-boxes for the message, and follow the directions given to update or confirm your desired Directory information.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE FRONT OFFICE SYSTEM, OUR SYSTEM ONLY HAS ONE PARENT PER FAMILY RIGHT NOW! The email you receive will contain directions to add another parent's info to your Directory data if you wish.
- The deadline for updating your information will be **November 11th**. At that point we will close corrections for the printed Directory, although you can request changes to the online directory after that day by contacting the [Web Parent](#).
- Families without an email address on file will receive a paper version of the email.
- NOTE: If you email the Web Parent with a request for your email address to be changed, please also state if you want the change for the online Directory or for the

Alert News distribution, or both.

Thank you for your help!

Family Fun Night: Pokemon Night

Join us for our annual PTA Family Fun Pokemon and Other Trading Cards Night on Friday, **November 2nd**, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Bring your Pokemon cards or other trading cards to trade and play with friends. If you are new to Pokemon then learn how to play the game with our expert game guide, Tim Foley. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

Picture Make-Up Day

Picture make-up day will be held on Wednesday, **November 7th** in the morning only.

Instructions for Portrait Make up Day

Students may be photographed on make up day if:

1. Student was absent on initial portrait day
2. Student has a defective image
3. Student wants portrait retaken - (student must return the original portrait package order with ALL portraits purchased on make up day.)
4. Student wishes to order portraits on the Pre-Order plan and be re-photographed for the new package.

Any student planning to have a picture retaken on November 7th should stop by the main school office and pick up a new Pre-Order envelope price list.

Box Tops Contest Over - And the Winner is...

The Fall Box Tops campaign has ended and the winner is **Ms. Cecere's class!** Congratulations go out to everyone! Mantua collected over 13,000 Box Tops and raised over \$1,300 which beat our goal of \$750. We also collected hundreds of Labels for Education which will be redeemed for supplies for the school. It has been a very successful campaign - thanks everyone!

Please keep collecting Box Tops Labels, Labels for Education and Tyson's Project A+ labels for the spring campaign. A list of participating products can be found on: www.boxtops4education.com, www.labelsforeducation.com, and www.projectaplus.tyson.com.

Remember that you can also earn money for the school by registering at www.boxtops4education.com. Once registered, you can "Click & Earn" every month to earn money for the school. You can also go through www.boxtops4education.com to shop online at other websites and quickly earn money for the school.

Order Your Mantua Yearbook

It's time to place an order for a Mantua yearbook! Please note that in order to cut PTA costs, yearbook orders will be placed ONLINE only. You should have already received an email from Jostens directing you to their [website](#). If you experience any

difficulty, please contact the [Yearbook Committee](#).

The price of the yearbook is \$25 and orders can only be placed and paid for through Josten's [website](#) or by phone at 1-866-282-1516. Jostens also offers an "e-check" option on their website. Please order your yearbook in the next couple of weeks to avoid late order charges.

We are very proud to announce and congratulate our winners of the yearbook cover contest held among 6th grade students! The artwork of Lucy Clarke (Mrs. Lewis) and Alina Jones (Mrs. Anderson) will be featured on the front cover and Savina Yang's (Mrs. Andersen) will be on the back cover! Several other impressive entries from Christina Kearney, Kevin Liang, Marlaina Horewitz, Rayna Lifland, Skye Ehlert, Katrina Day, and Sarah Tadlock will be used as backgrounds inside the yearbook.

If you want a yearbook from last school year, the PTA has extra copies available for purchase. The price is \$15. Check your child's Tuesday folder this week for a flier (but please disregard the printed due date.) If you have any questions, please contact us by [email](#) or call Yelena Jones at 703-501-9597.

The Book Fair is Coming

Mantua's annual Book Fair is right around the corner. Anyone who wishes to volunteer can sign up online [HERE](#). We particularly need help during the Thanksgiving Luncheons on November 14th and 15th. Any questions, please contact [Lori Recher](#). Thank you!

Counselor's Corner

Red Ribbon Week: Thanks to everyone who participated in Red Ribbon Week which reminds all of us to stay "Safe and Drug Free." Students and staff went above and beyond with many dressing head to toe in our daily themes. See a photo of our Administrators and Front Office Staff Showing they are "TOO BRIGHT" for Drugs and Alcohol at the bottom of this message.

November is National Career Awareness Month: Have you visited the VA Career View website? This site provides free resources, interest inventories, games, interesting facts, and education/training needed for thousands of careers.

<http://vaview.org>.

Additional Spirit Day Opportunities: Students will also have opportunities to dress up the last week of November for Spirit Days related to careers such as:*

- Postsecondary Day - Dress to show post-secondary options including college, military, or trade schools (plumber, electrician, etc.)*
- Careers Related to Core Subjects - Dress as a career related to Language Arts, Math, Science, History, or the Arts.*
- Community Helpers - Dress as a career that helps the community.*

Examples: Police Officer, Firefighter, Nurse, Doctor, Teacher, etc.

**Thank you to all of our parents for your support of spirit days. We also want to stress that these are optional and students are not required to participate. Please remind your children to be respectful of other students' outfits and their choice not to participate. We encourage students to use what they have at home and be creative rather than having to purchase something new.*



Art Reflections Program

Create a dance, draw a picture, write a story or a poem! The Arts Reflections Program is here! If your child has a love of the arts, this program is for them! This competition is open to all elementary grades K-6. Categories include: dance choreography, music composition, film production, photography, literature, and visual arts. The 2012-13 theme is "The Magic of the Moment." How does it work? Have your child think about the theme, create an original piece of work in any of the above mentioned categories, and then submit that work no later than **Friday, November 9th** in the PTA office mail box. It's THAT easy!! An entry form went home in recent Tuesday folders but if you did not receive one, please click [HERE](#) to download one. If you have any questions or need further information, please email [Lori Prendergast](mailto:Lori.Prendergast).

Support Mantua While Shopping on Amazon

Please support Mantua when you shop for the holidays, birthdays and gifts! By using the Amazon link on the Mantua PTA website, you can shop (privately and securely) and Mantua can receive up to 10% of your purchase. To get started, simply go to the [PTA website](#) and start shopping! By accessing Amazon through the Mantua PTA website, you will be on your way to shopping and supporting your favorite school!

A Message from FCPS: Community Listening Tour for Scope of Study for Fairfax HS and Lanier MS Boundary Study

A listening tour to gather community input about the scope of study to address overcrowding at Fairfax High and Lanier Middle schools will kick off this week. The meetings will be from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Fairfax High Cafeteria, Monday, October 29

Frost Middle Lecture Hall, Tuesday, October 30

Robinson Secondary Blue Cafeteria, Monday, November 5

Woodson High Auditorium, Monday, November 12

Those who cannot attend these meetings are encouraged to share their questions and comments at this [WEBSITE](#) through November 30th.

Additional opportunities to participate in the boundary and key decision dates also are available online. They include:

Scope of Study Timeline

December 20, 2012 - School Board New Business

January 14, 2013 - School Board Work Session

January 24, 2013 - School Board Action

Boundary Study Timeline

March - Boundary Study Community Engagement Meetings

April 4- School Board New Business

April 17- School Board Public Hearing

Date to be determined - School Board Work Session

May 9, 2013 - School Board Action (Implementation to begin fall 2014, if approved)

Important Upcoming Events

Fri. Nov 2: Pokemon Night at Mantua

Mon. Nov 5 & Tues. Nov 6: No School (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Tues. Nov 6: Silent Auction BEGINS!

Wed. Nov 7: School Picture Make-Up Day

Fri. Nov 9: PTA Meeting

Fri. Nov 9: Reflections Contest Deadline

Woodson Cavalier Varsity Precisionette Dance Camp

Want something energetic and fun for your kids to do on the Teacher workdays?

Let the Woodson Dance Team provide a fun, safe, healthy experience for them. The participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and HAVE FUN! They will be divided by age during dance to provide the most meaningful experience for all.

DATES: Monday November 5th and/or Tuesday November 6th

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

COST: \$45 for one day, \$65 for both days (after October 20th add \$5.)

PARTICIPANTS: Kindergarten-8th grade

PLACE: W.T. Woodson Dance Room and Auxiliary Gym

BRING/WEAR: Lunch, snack, water bottle, sneakers (dance shoes optional), shorts/dance pants and shirt.

Checks payable to: Woodson Precisionettes

Come learn some dance from the award winning W.T. Woodson Precisionettes.

Space is limited so register early! All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made

at camp! Registration forms can be found [HERE](#).

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.

如果您需要一份中文的曼图亚小学校园新闻周刊，请联系雷晓春女士。电话：703-425-1097

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Si desea recibir una copia de esta informacion en Espanol, porfavor llame Gabriella Numbela a 703-573-6375 or e-mail a ganumbela@hotmail.com.

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

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

