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Mantua Band and Strings Concerts

The Mantua Band and Strings Ensembles announce their Winter and Spring Concert dates as February 3 and May 18. Both programs will be held at Woodson High School at 7:00 p.m. The students have been working very hard and progressing very well! Dress code is a white dress-style shirt or blouse and black pants. Dress-style black shoes are also needed. Parents are asked to place these two dates on their calendars now in order to avoid any last-minute conflicts.

Order Your Sixth-Grade T-Shirt

It's not too late to order 6th-grade T-shirts! Due to the number of 6th graders out sick the week before break, we have extended the deadline for T-shirt orders. Please send your completed order form and check for \$10.50, payable to Mantua PTA, to your 6th-grade student's homeroom teacher no later than Thursday, January 8. Questions? Contact Pam Promisel at ppromisel@cox.net or 703-280-9812.

Recent Highlights from Mrs. Fernandez

- During the last two school weeks, fifth grade classes have been on brief field trips to the planetarium at Woodson High School.
- On December 10, our strings students performed for residents at Sunrise Assisted Living!
- On Thursday, December 11, our office staff had their Holiday Luncheon. Thanks to our parent volunteers, who covered the front office and clinic, so that we could all eat lunch together.
- Friday, December 12, our fourth grade students, teachers, and many parent volunteers dressed in colonial attire – danced, sang, made crafts and ate foods, just like in colonial times. It was an exciting Colonial Day celebration!
- Despite the two-hour snow/ice delay on Monday, December 15, students and teachers captured the same precious hours of learning time by staying in school until 3:30 that day. After students left on Monday, staff relaxed and celebrated at the Holiday Staff Party!
- Friday, December 19, staff and students participated in the Winter Sing-Along and had class parties to celebrate the holiday season!

Carnival Planning Meeting

The first carnival-planning meeting will be on Tuesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Pam Promisel's house, 8938 Glenbrook Road. We will discuss carnival theme and timeline. All are welcome! For questions, contact Pam at ppromisel@cox.net or 703-280-9812.

Mantua T-Shirts

We hope you are enjoying your new Mantua T-shirts. We saw kids wearing them immediately after they were distributed, so they must have been a hit. Even though we double and triple checked the T-shirt orders, we know it is still possible to have made a mistake (as painful as it is to admit). If you found that your order was incorrect, please email Beth Rivelis at rivelis@cox.net.

Wizards Half-Price Nights

The next half-price night is January 19, with a game against Chicago. Contact Jen Seidel at 202-628-3200, ext. 3867, or jseidel@washsports.com. Tickets can be mailed or picked up at the will-call window. Questions, contact Julia Margulies, 703-978-7156 or margfam2@aol.com.

Providence Players Winter Production

Providence Players will perform *The Good Doctor*, by Neil Simon, on January 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Frost Middle School. Mantuans Beth and David Whitehead direct the *Good Doctor*, and featured performers include many Mantua parents, as well as two Woodson HS students. This comedy has something for everyone to enjoy. Be prepared to laugh and be moved by some memorable characters, including a sneezing theatre-goer, an incompetent dentist, young innocents experiencing some of life's trials, and older folks finding pleasure in their unique friendship. Please call our ticket line at 703-425-6782 or email providenceplayers@cox.net to order your tickets today! Single show ticket prices are \$12.00/\$7.00 for youth/seniors. Group discounts are available, and we accept credit card orders. Proceeds benefit the Frost MS PTA.

Woodson Baseball Camp

WT Woodson Baseball will hold a Winter Youth Training Camp for students ages 7-13. It will be held in the Woodson gym, and there will be 3 Sunday sessions: January 25, February 1, and February 8. Ages 7-9 will go from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., and ages 10-13 from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Campers will work on hitting, base running, fielding, and throwing. The costs is \$48, and the registration deadline is January 17. For more information or to get an application, contact Varsity Baseball Coach Chris Warren at 703-250-9597.

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