



Mantua PTA Alert News

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Reflections Art Program

Looking for something fun to do in the summer? Have you ever dreamed of having your drawing or photo framed and hung in a special art exhibit at your school? Can you imagine what it would be like to have your story or poem published in a school or PTA newspaper or web site, or to play or sing a song you wrote in front of an audience?

The theme for NEXT year's program is "A Different Kind of Hero." You can think about the theme and talk with your family and friends about what it means to you. Then create a piece of artwork, take a photo, write a song, or write a story about it.

It will be fun!

Rules and additional information are available at the PTA bulletin board area. Entries will be collected in November, 2004. For more information, contact Deanna Woo at dtwoo@aol.com.

Interested in Cub Scouts?

Come find out more! Tonight -- Tuesday, June 15 -- at 7:00 p.m., all rising 1st - 5th grade boys and their parents are invited to join Pack 1533 for a fun game of "Capture the Flag" in the Mantua Playing Field. Parents, Scouting is a wonderful program, and there are great opportunities for you to be involved with your son. This event is a great way to introduce your son to the fun of Cub Scouting.

A Few Board Opportunities

Congratulations and thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to support the PTA and Mantua ES by leading committees and organizing activities as members of the 2004-2005 PTA Board! A few Board positions are still open, so don't miss your opportunity. See the list at the Mantua PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org, **and get involved!** For more information, contact Carole Thomas at caroleand-jay@aol.com or 703-978-6159.

Field Day Pix

Two parents have kindly shared their photos from Field Day, and we've posted them at the PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org. The more pictures of happy kids, the better, though! If you've got a few photos to share, please email them to webparent@mantuapta.org, and we'll be happy to add them.

Cesar Granados

As many of you know, Cesar Granados, our day custodian, was diagnosed with significant liver damage last Fall. He now has been told by his doctor that he needs to stop working. He is on the list for a liver transplant. His wife and five children will be providing support during this difficult time.

As a school, we want to lend our support to Cesar and his family. The family could benefit most at this time from some financial support. Mrs. Knight in the front office is taking a collection for Cesar and his family. If you are interested in making a donation, please make out a check to "Mantua PTA," indicate on the check that it is for the "Cesar Fund," and send it to the front office.

Thank you, Jan-Marie Fernandez

Providence Players

Providence Players' new production, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, has begun its run! The play runs Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. through June 19. The Players' new venue, The James Lee Community Center, is located at 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Tickets are \$12, or \$7 for seniors and students 18 and under. Please call 703-425-6782, or email us at ProvidencePlayers@cox.net. Visa and MasterCard orders can be accepted.

Thank You, Jeriann and Donna!

Special thanks go to Jeriann Stone Mikesh and Donna Konigsberg for photocopying and distributing the Alert News each week! The hardcopy Alert simply would not exist without them!

Is It Over Yet?

Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Alert this year and to everyone who has helped make it a successful publication. We're pleased to be passing the baton to Mary Rustick, the Alert's new editor. We know she'll bring many new ideas. Thank you for your support! Have a great summer. *Peter and Loren Brandman*