



Mantua PTA Alert News

October 7, 2003

Tuesday, October 7, is the Final Deadline for Sally Foster Orders

Thank you so much for your generous support of this year's Sally Foster fundraising campaign. Our last direct sales day is today (10/7). The Sally Foster online store will continue to take orders through January 15, 2004. (Your children will get prize credit for online orders through October 15. Mantua will get credit through January 15.)

Thank you to those who participated in our Sally Foster contests. Our fish-estimating contest winners are: 1st Place: Eric Frumkin (Grade 6); 2nd Place: Rebecca Cho (Grade 2); 3rd Place: David Peirce and Chris Fanet (Grade 3/jointly submitted) tied with Jacqueline Nguyen (Grade 4); and Runners-up: Michael Schneider (Grade 4), Rocky Granum (Grade 6), and Katrina McTigue (Grade 3). Next week, we will share the name of the Mantua staff member who won the Sally Foster basket raffle. Congratulations to our winners!

We could use a little muscle on October 30, to help us deliver the Sally Foster products to your children's classrooms. (The products will be available for pick-up during the parent-teacher conferences on November 3 and 4.) If you want to volunteer or if you have any other questions, please contact Lynn Richmond on 703-280-0220 or lynnrichmond95@cox.net or Jeannine Davies on 703-383-1256 or j9davies@cox.net.

Take Home Reading News

Attention K, K/1,1, and 1-2 Parents! Training for the Take Home Reading program will take place on Wednesday, October 15, at 9:15 in the lower pod. If you have signed up to read with the students or would like to volunteer to read with the students, we look forward to seeing you there. Questions? Contact Judy Regan at JRegan04@cox.net.

Architect Presentation: Woodson Renovation

There will be a presentation by the architects regarding the renovation of Woodson at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, in the Woodson library. The renovation is slated to begin in fall of 2006 and be completed in 2011, so it continues to be a topic of much interest for us! Everyone is welcome.

Don't forget that the coming election's bond item includes money for the Woodson renovation!

HOS to Begin Week of October 20

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to lead HOS classes, and to all those who have signed up! Leaders will be contacting parents soon to confirm class times and locations.

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Providence Players

Come one and all to enjoy the opening salvo of the Providence Players at Frost's sixth season! This Community Theater group of adults supports the **Frost Middle School PTA**. On October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25, at Frost Middle School (7:30 p.m. show time), the Players will present *Cash on Delivery*, by Michael Cooney. Some local "favourites," such as Chip and Barbara Gertzog and John Coscia, grace the stage. It is a fun evening for all of you grown-up anglophiles to come out with friends and have a few laughs on us. Please contact us at 703-425-6782 or providenceplayers@cox.net for information. Single show prices are \$12.00 for adults (\$7.00 for 18 & younger and 65+ seniors). See you at the show!

Reflections Has Begun!

Create a piece of art, literature, photography, or music to this year's theme: "I'm Really Happy When...." The PTA is currently accepting Reflections entries. Bring your entries and a completed entry form to the teacher mailroom by November 7 and receive FREE ice cream at Baskin Robbins if you are one of the first 25 participants! Forms and rules can be found at the PTA bulletin board. Contact Deanna Woo at dtwoo@aol.com for any questions.

Odyssey of the Mind Information Night

For Students and Parents – Wednesday, October 8

OM information night will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Mantua library. Also meet with our awesome 3rd Place World Finals team of girls. They'll share their OM experiences and give everyone the opportunity to try out some "spontaneous activities!"

If you think you might be interested in coaching a team, joining a team, or just want to find out more, please come join in the fun! Questions? Contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262 or randi_kirkland@yahoo.com.

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Make Your Reservation, and Join the Fun!

Sunday, October 19, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per person pre-event and \$35 per person at the door.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet other Mantua parents, teachers, and community leaders for a fun-filled evening that will help benefit Mantua Elementary School. Please join us at the Mantua Elementary School PTA's Fall Fund-Raiser: "A Taste of the Town Masquerade and Auction," Sunday, October 19, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Kena Temple.

The night will include live entertainment while you enjoy signature dishes from many local restaurants, including P.J. Skidoos, LifeCafé, Bubba's Bar-B-Q, Glory Days, Citronelle, China Gourmet, Blue Ocean, Chiengmai Thai, Harris Teeter, Il Lupo, Coyote Grill & Cantina, Pizzeria Uno, Connaught Place, and Noodles & Company, to name a few. You'll find lots of auction items to bid on, including your favorite getaway, restaurants, faculty fun, services, merchandise, and the always popular class baskets! There will be plenty of great gift ideas for the holidays... and maybe you'll even complete your shopping! Check out www.mantuaPTAuction.org to see the *still*-growing list of auction items.

And, don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets... the grand prize is a \$750 shopping spree at a local mall... just in time for holiday shopping! Raffle tickets are \$20 and include 5 silver, 2 gold, and 1 platinum level tickets.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors: Platinum sponsor Judy Wonus (RE/MAX Horizons), Gold sponsors Anne and Sarah Harrington (Long & Foster), and Silver sponsors Bill Rakow (RE/MAX Xecutex), The Fisher Group, and Renewal by Andersen.

Online Auction Happenings

There's lots of activity at the Auction's web site, at www.mantuaPTAuction.org!

- Buy tickets for event night. After you enter the Auction site, just click the "Buy Tickets for..." pulldown, and choose "Auction Night." You'll be given the opportunity to buy tickets and pay securely by credit card.
- Buy raffle tickets. From the "Buy Tickets for..." pulldown, choose "Raffle Tickets." And of course, you need not be present to win!
- Bid online. An excellent sampling of Auction items is about to be put up for *online-only* bidding! Check the "Online Only" catalog, or once online bidding opens, simply go to "Bid and Check Status" to see current bids and to place your own. **Online bidding starts at 8:00 a.m., this Saturday, October 11.** You'll need your bidder number to bid online. If you've already RSVP'ed for the auction, you should have received your bidder number by phone or email (if not, contact Mary Jo Kavjian at 703-280-5277 or mkavjian@goodwinhousewest.org). If you haven't RSVP'ed, you can request a bidder number on the auction web site.

All these online activities will end promptly at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, so we can prepare for the season's singular event, ***The Taste of the Town Masquerade and Auction.***

See you online, and see you at the Auction!

Help Mantua When Grocery Shopping!

Please remember to enroll or re-enroll in these stores' programs, either at the store or online at:

- Giant's A+ BonusBucks
www.giantfood.com
(Mantua's code is 01887)
- Safeway Club Card for Education
www.escrip.com
(Mantua's code is 6662473)
- Harris Teeter's Together in Education
www.harristeeter.com
(Mantua's code is 4458)

If you have questions, contact Donna Yudkin at 703-641-8779 or yudkin@cox.net.

The Auction Needs Your Donations

All donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated. If you have an item to donate to the Auction, please tell us about it online at mantuaPTAuction.org. Simply click the auction logo, choose "Donate," and fill out the online form. Donations can also be made by filling out the paper form sent home in a recent Tuesday folder. Questions about donations? Contact Pam Promisel at ppromisel@cox.net or 703-280-9812.

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