



Mantua PTA Alert News

October 28, 2003

Upcoming Candidate Forums

Please participate!

- At-Large School Board Candidate Forum, Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m., Luther Jackson MS Auditorium, Sponsored by Fairfax County Council of PTAs

More details are available at www.MantuaPTA.org.

Drama Club

Have you reserved November 21 or 22 for a Shakespearean evening of performance by our Drama Club? Come enjoy *Hello Shakespeare*, *Musical Shakespeare*, *As The Bard Turns*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Contact Donna Cipicchio at 703-426-4272 or TwoD3cpo@aol.com for more information.

From Mrs. Fernandez -- Last Week's Highlights

- We would like to thank the Auction Committee for working an enormous amount of volunteer hours to create a fun and very successful Taste of the Town Auction on Sunday night.
- Our custodians received many cards, goodies and a lovely fruit basket to thank them as part of Custodian Appreciation Week!
- Our preschoolers traveled to Burke Nursery to visit their pumpkin patch and returned with cute, little pumpkins.
- On Wednesday, Mantua opened their doors to the Moms of Mantua and the Garden Club. They were given a tour of the building and participated with Mrs. Sottolano's class in a garden planning activity in the distance-learning center!
- Thursday, a Microsoft employee, who works with the Educational Technology for Kids Division, visited Mantua to see our Morning News Show and observe our teachers integrating technology within their lessons!
- Thursday was Picture Day! Make up pictures will be Thursday, December 4.
- Our counselors have been providing a very useful six-week long Active Parenting Class on Friday mornings.
- To end our week, our SACC students and staff provided a lovely breakfast for all of the Mantua staff.

Kids Care Club Meeting

The Next Kids Care Club Meeting is Thursday, November 6 from 3:30 - 4:30 in the cafeteria. We will discuss our November Leaf Raking Project. Questions, contact Jennifer Cooper at 703-426-2490 or jalcooper@aol.com.

Pick up Your Sally Foster Order!

Thanks to all who got "Hooked on Sally Foster" by participating in this year's fall fundraiser! We had another successful "catch" for Mantua Elementary! Check the November PTA Newsletter for all the details on top sellers and profit. The orders will arrive later this week and will be available for you to pick up during Parent-Teacher conferences on Nov 3 and 4. Questions? Call Jeannine Davies at 703-383-1256 or Lynn Richmond at 703-280-0220.

A Time for Spirit

The Community Spirit Committee is interested in several activities, but needs a volunteer to take on the research and planning for each. We have information to get you started and the facilities have programs already in place that we would just tap into. The following activities are being considered: Cannons Baseball, ice skating, skiing and roller skating. These types of events are a fun way to get to know other Mantua families and raise community spirit. If you would be willing to help with any of the above, please contact Julia Margulies at margfam2@aol.com or 703-978-7156.

Alert News Contributions

Send via email to brandman@erols.com. Questions? Call 703-383-1005. Thanks to Jeriann Stone Mikesch and Donna Konigsberg for copying and distributing the Alert News.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Visit the Mantua Elementary Book Fair

The annual Mantua Book Fair will be held in the school library with hundreds of titles from Bookworm Plantation, both fiction and non-fiction for all ages, preschool to adult. Teacher wish lists will be available should you want to donate books to your child's classroom. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the school library. Also, don't forget to check our librarian's wish list to donate a book to the library in your child's name.



Friday, November 14 - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday, November 17 - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18 - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Extended Hours!!!**
Wednesday, November 19 - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, November 20 - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, November 21 - 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon



Reflections - "I'm Really Happy When..."

Hurry! Turn in your Reflections entry before Friday, November 7, to participate in this year's program. The first 25 participants will receive a free scoop of Baskin Robbins ice cream. Questions? Contact Deanna Woo at dtwoo@aol.com.



Mantua Basketball Clothing

The Mantua PTA will again be selling basketball gear -- crewneck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, and (new this year) long-sleeve T-shirts -- for anyone interested. If samples are ready in time, they will be displayed in the school lobby on November 3 and 4 so that parents can see them when attending parent-teacher conferences. If not, the samples of the four styles will be on display at the basketball player placement evaluations on November 8 and 9. Order forms will be available; if you wish to place an order on either of these two days, please bring your checkbook. The sale will run until November 21. Team coaches will distribute items ordered in early to mid-December. If you have any questions, contact Donna Yudkin at 703-641-8779 or dqy@cox.net.

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Halloween Sense

Parents are reminded to **call the police** at the non-emergency number (703-691-2131) if they observe anyone doing anything that could put their children in danger or destroying property on Halloween. Last year teenagers were seen driving around egging children (a few of whom got hurt -- not seriously, but it's an awful thing for little kids to have to deal with) and breaking glass doors, etc. Please, let's all do our part to keep our neighborhoods safe. Call the police if you see *any* inappropriate activity.