



Mantua PTA Alert News

September 16, 2003

Kids Care Club

Mark your calendars (if there is any space left!!) for the 1st meeting of the Kids Care Club, Tuesday, September 30, 2003, right after school from 3:30-4:30 in the Lower Pod. All students (K-6th) are invited to help plan our first school-wide collection for our troops overseas. Visit the Kids Care Club table at Back to School Night, and look for more details in the September PTA newsletter. If you have questions or ideas, contact Jennifer Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490.

Save the Walls!

Have you noticed the new cork strips on the walls in some of our corridors? They'll help us to display student projects and artwork while helping to keep the walls intact. We've got more cork strips, but we need help to get them attached to the walls. Please help! All times of day are available -- including evenings and weekends. Contact Ms. Thompson if you can help.

Girl Scouts

Your local Girl Scout organization is looking for some adult volunteers. Whether you have just a few hours a month or several hours a week to devote to volunteering, a perfect match can be made for you in Girl Scouting. For more information, please contact Barbara Hinton at 703-385-0682 or chevalmom@hotmail.com.

Cub Scouts

Interested in Cub Scouts for your 1st - 5th grade son? Stop by the Scouting table at the Back to School Nights (September 17-18) to learn more. On September 25, Pack 1533 will host its annual Join-Scouting Night. Contact David Dain at 703-560-6790 or david.dain@usdoj.gov or Jennifer Cooper at 703-426-2490 or jalcooper@aol.com.

HELP!

Our Hands On Science program continues to grow! **We will need at least two more leaders at the K-1 and 2-3 levels for the fall session on anatomy.** You do not need a science background; just bring your enthusiasm.

- Training, all materials, and detailed lesson plans are provided.
- Classes are limited to 11 students.
- Leaders are compensated.

Being a leader is a fun and rewarding experience. If you even *think* you might be interested, please contact Randi Kirkland ASAP at 703-208-2262 or randi_kirkland@yahoo.com. Or visit the HOS information table at Back to School Night.

Reminder: All HOS registrations (sent home on a bright blue flyer last week) are due by Friday, September 19.

Sally Foster Sale is Underway

Field Trips ... Author Visits

Software ... Books ... Playground Equipment

These are just a few of the wonderful things your children will enjoy because of your generous support of the Sally Foster gift wrap fundraiser. Remember that for every high quality, HUGE roll of Sally Foster gift wrap you buy or sell, Mantua earns 50%. In addition to the gift wrap, you'll also be able to order unique gifts, scrumptious chocolates and other delectable goodies --- all in time for the holidays. Share your Sally Foster brochures with your friends and family. (Let them know that they can order online and have their products shipped.) Please return your order forms no later than September 29. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Richmond at lynnrichmond95@cox.net or 703-280-0220 or Jeannine Davies at j9davies@cox.net or 703-383-1256. Thank you for ordering Sally Foster!

For Everyone's Security

- For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 4:15 p.m.! If a student has forgotten his/her homework s/he will have to call a classmate.
- If your child is going home with a friend, each child's parents must notify the office, either by note or email. If permission is not received from each set of parents, the children must go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission. A pre-addressed email is available at the PTA web site, www.mantuapta.org.

Principal's Coffee

Please join us for our first principal's coffee of the year at the home of Barbara Suidikas at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 25. All are welcome to this informal forum that allows us to discuss current school-related topics with our principal and her staff. The topic for this month will be "Being Good News Ambassadors." Our principal Jan-Marie Fernandez will explain the superintendent's focus on sharing the good news about our schools with the surrounding community. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara at 703-385-0358 or Suidibarb@aol.com.

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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Drama Club

Thank you to all the students who expressed their interest in the Drama Club. The lottery was held last week, and acceptance letters were sent out through the school on Friday, September 12. If you submitted an application and have not heard from either Donna Cipicchio by letter or from your play's director, please contact Ms Cipicchio at 703-426-4272 or TwoD3cpo@aol.com.

Drama Club Rehearsals begin this week and will be held in the gym. Here's the schedule:

- Hello Shakespeare (grades 1-2) Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Musical Shakespeare (grades 3-6) Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- As The Bard Turns (grades 3-4) Wednesdays and Thursdays
- A Midsummer's Night Dream (grades 5-6) Wednesdays and Thursdays

Parents, please remember to please pick up your children at 5:00 by the gym's back door. You might also want to send a snack along with your children to eat before rehearsals begin.

68 children will be participating in this year's production.

Please put November 21 and 22 on your calendar, and come watch them perform.

Don't Forget to Send in your RSVP for the Auction!

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

Join other Mantua parents, teachers and community leaders for a fun-filled evening that will help benefit the school. Make your reservations now for Mantua Elementary PTA's "A Taste of the Town Masquerade." Come sample delicious signature dishes from many local restaurants including Blue Ocean, Chiengmai Thai, Harris Teeter, Il Lupo, Coyote Grill, Pizzeria Uno, Connaught Place, and Noodles & Company, to name a few. Besides the great food and drinks, you can kick back and enjoy the live entertainment while bidding on your favorite auction items. Check out mantuaPTAuction.org to see the current list of auction items.



Make your reservations early!

Tickets are \$20 per person through September 30th, \$30 per person pre-event and \$35 per person at the door.

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.

We Need Your Help!

Mantua PTA's "A Taste of the Town Masquerade" needs volunteers for the following committees...

- Solicitation: Pursue Silent and Live auction donations from local businesses
- Decorations/Setup/Clean-up
- Raffle ticket sales: Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets the night of the auction.

If you have questions about the auction or want to volunteer in some capacity, please contact Faye Henris at faye@henrisff.com or 703-280-1080 or Laura Mead at lauramead@cox.net or 703-876-2688. Your help will ensure the event's success!

Auction Donations Can Now Be Made Online!

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

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