



# Mantua PTA Alert News

September 23, 2003

**Back-to-School Night for the 4th - 6th Grade Classes is Now This Thursday, September 25!**

*Storm? What storm?*

## ***Kids Care Club -- First Meeting***

The Kids Care Club's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30 right after school from 3:30-4:30 in the Lower Pod. We will be making plans for our first collection project supporting our military troops at home and overseas. Please notify Jennifer Cooper if your K-6th grader would like to attend: jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490, or use the permission slip on the other side of the Alert.

## ***Cub Scouts: New Join-Scouting Night***

Please join Pack 1533 for its **Join Scouting Night**, now on Wednesday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

## ***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.

## ***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. Like our own Mantua PTA Drama Club, the Players are "going British" for the first show, but with more of a Monty Python (or Benny Hill) influence and no Shakespeare in sight! This fast, funny, bawdy British farce finds the characters in a send-up of the British welfare system with misunderstandings abounding right up until the very end. 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!



## ***Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Order Sally Foster***

This year's Sally Foster fundraiser is more than halfway through! Don't miss your chance to order high-quality gift wrap and scrumptious treats. Please remember to get your children's forms to school by September 29. Thanks to your generous support, your children will enjoy many extras not paid for by FCPS!

Let your children know that there's still time to play the fish-estimating game. The game rules and the sample piece of Sally Foster paper are located in the hallway outside the cafeteria. Using the paper sample, estimate how many fish (total, spotted, and striped) would be on an entire 18-foot roll of paper. Have your children go into the cafeteria to write down their guesses and put them into the fish bowl. The closest guess wins a Kid's Door Alarm, the second closest wins a Mini Skateboard, and the third wins a Spy Ear, Light-Up Wand, and a Ball Game Puzzle.

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!

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## ***Candidate Debate in October***

The Mantua Citizens' Association will sponsor a debate on October 22 at 8:00 p.m. in the Mantua E.S. cafeteria.

Debating candidates will be:

- for Providence Supervisor: Planning Commissioner Linda Smyth vs. Jimmy Hyland
- for House of Delegates- Delegate Chap Petersen vs. Jack Rust
- for State Senate- Ron Christian vs. Delegate Jeannemarie Devolites.

This debate is for community members only! Candidates have agreed not to make it a political rally and not to bring an entourage.

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**Don't Forget to Send in your RSVP for the Auction!**  
**Sunday, October 19, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

Tickets are \$20 per person through September 30<sup>th</sup>, \$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.

*Check out [mantuaPTAuction.org](http://mantuaPTAuction.org) to see the growing list of auction items, including exciting entertainment, super services, great getaways, marvelous merchandise, fantastic faculty fun, remarkable restaurants, and more.*

## ***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](http://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 a recent Tuesday folder. Questions about donations can be directed to Pam Promisel at [ppromisel@cox.net](mailto:ppromisel@cox.net) or 703-280-9812.

## ***Hands on Science Registration Extended Now Due This Thursday***

Hurry! Spaces are available for the following classes:

- K-1            Mon, 1:35 p.m.  
                  Fri, 7:55 a.m.
- 2-3            Mon, 1:35 p.m.\*  
                  Wed, 7:55 a.m.  
                  Fri, 7:55 a.m.
- 4,5,6        Wed, 7:55 a.m.  
                  Fri, 7:55 a.m.

But send in registration ASAP! Space is limited. Questions? Contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262 or [Randi\\_Kirkland@yahoo.com](mailto:Randi_Kirkland@yahoo.com).

*Thanks and welcome to our new K-1 leaders!*

\* The 2-3 Monday 1:35 class can accommodate additional students, but only if we can get one more class leader for this slot. **Please volunteer!**

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### ***Alert News Contributions***

Send via email to [brandman@erols.com](mailto:brandman@erols.com). Questions? Call 703-383-1005.  
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## ***Mantua Basketball is Back***

The storm has left us a bit off our schedule, but Mantua basketball season is almost upon us, and registration is about to begin. Player-placement evaluations will take place November 8 & 9; details will follow soon. Detailed information and registration forms will be available both in hardcopy and online on the basketball page (under Activities) of the PTA web site in the near future. So watch your Tuesday Folders, and watch the web!



### **Kids Care Club Permission Slip**

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the KIDS CARE CLUB meeting at Mantua Elementary School on Tuesday, September 30, at 3:30 p.m. in the lower pod. I understand that my child must be picked up no later than 4:30 p.m. on this day.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_