



Mantua PTA Alert News

September 21, 2004

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 9/22
Back to School Night
Grades K-3

Visit the Directory Validation Table to update your family info

Tuesday, 9/28
Back to School Night
Grades 4-6

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Everyone Wins With Sally Foster

The Sally Foster orders are rolling in. We're excited by the generosity the Mantua community shows with its vigorous participation in the Sally Foster fundraiser. Everyone wins with this fundraiser! Sally Foster only has the highest quality products. Most importantly, Mantua wins BIG with the 50% contribution for every sale made.

We have four special contests this year!

> **Guesstimating contest:** Children will guess the number of bugs on the Sally Foster paper posted outside the cafeteria and submit their guesses.

> **Safari Hunter:**

- On a Safari Hunt for an Animal Sticker you must look...
- Look with care no matter your age...
- One sticker per grade
- You just need to find the page!
- If you find one...bring the entire book in
- A Safari Hunter's special prize you will win!

> **Register on-line at www.sallyfoster.com:**

We will place the name of every child registered into a hat and pick a lucky winner.

> **Back to School Night- Drawing:**

Stop by our Sally Foster booth on Back-to-School night and enter our drawing.

***All contest winners will receive a special prize!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with tallying and delivering orders.

Order forms due by September 29 and will be delivered during the parent-teacher conferences in early November.

Questions please email: Lynn Richmond at lynnrichmond95@cox.net or Jeannine Davies at j9d Davies@cox.net

Thanks for your support Mantua!!!

A Note from the Prez

Thanks to all volunteers and contributors for the Teachers' Breakfast. We received dozens of thank you cards from teachers and staff. Your efforts are definitely appreciated.

Also, great job on the Ice Cream Social, again thanks to those many pairs of helping hands. The year is off to another good start, see you at the Back to School nights where we will vote on the budget and keep speechifying to a minimum.

Last Week's Highlights from Mrs. Fernandez

•On Tuesday, September 14th, we welcomed new parents at both a morning coffee at Corinne Habel's home and an evening event in the cafeteria. It was a pleasure to meet with new families and answer questions about our school! Many thanks to Corinne Habel and Shannon Waters for organizing these events and providing refreshments!

•On Wednesday, September 15th, our fifth grade students went on a field trip to the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap.

•On Thursday, September 16th, our new cafeteria hostess, Mrs. Huang, began work. The administrative and counseling teams, who have been covering the cafeteria for the past two weeks, are especially pleased to welcome Mrs. Huang to Mantua!

•On Friday, September 17th, we continued teaching and learning despite a power outage that impacted the school and surrounding community for about two hours in the morning.

•Also on Friday, September 17th, our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students welcomed the Woodson Marching Band. The Band sounded terrific and it was a special treat to see some of our former Mantua students!

Help Out a Family in Need Please help!!

Clothing is needed for 2 students
Girls Sizes 10 and 7
Pants, sweaters, coats, hat, gloves, shirts

Please bring clothing to
Lesley Kravitz in room 33.

REFLECTIONS -

"A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO..."

Have you heard of Reflections? Reflections is a PTA sponsored program that promotes the arts in the areas of Visual Arts,

Photography, Literature and Music. Students create a piece of artwork, take a photo, write a song or story about this year's theme, "**A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO.....**". Entries will be judged and winners will have their work submitted to the next level of judging. All participants will have their works displayed in school and will receive recognition at the end of year awards ceremony. We are now accepting entries. Deadline is November 5, 2004.

Rules and information can be picked up at the PTA bulletin board area, or contact Deanna Woo at dtwoo@aol.com.

Directory Validation

Please validate your directory information. You can do this online, during Back to School night on **Wednesday, September 22** at the Directory validation table, or by returning the forms included in your child's Tuesday folder.

Alert News Contributions

Send via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org or contact Mary Rustick at 703-591-7160.
Thanks to Jeriann Stone Mikesch and Donna Konigsberg for copying and distributing the Alert News.

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HANDS ON SCIENCE FALL SESSION

HOS REGISTRATION DUE FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

Good News!

**Announcing New Grade 2-3 "Spectrafun" Class
Mondays, 1:35 – 2:35 p.m.**

HOS registration forms (bright yellow) were sent home in last week's Tuesday folder, 9/13.

PLEASE HELP! LEADERS NEEDED

Leaders for additional HOS classes are needed for:

K-1, Mondays 1:35-2:35 p.m.

2-3, Fridays 7:55-8:55 a.m.

Without leaders, eager students must be turned away.

Questions? Contact Randi Kirkland
(randi_kirkland@yahoo.com or phone (703) 208-2262)
Or visit the HOS table at "Back to School" night on
Wednesday, 9/22.

FLEX Program needs your help!

The Foreign Language Experience Program (FLEX) needs teachers for Spanish and Italian this fall for kids in grades K-6. This is a paid part-time position and curriculum is provided by the County. Classes will begin in October and continue for 15 weeks. If you are interested in teaching or know somebody who might be, please contact Linda Halstead at 703-503-5175 or pajusihalstead@cox.net.

KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS-FIRST MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPT 30—3:30-4:30

School Cafeteria.

All K-6 Mantua Students are welcome! We will discuss projects and ways we can help others throughout the year. Our first project will be collecting NEW winter items for children in our local shelters. These children are in need of socks, scarves, gloves and hats. The KIDS CARE CLUB will be supporting the county's Human Service Council as part of this year's VolunteerFest with the theme, "Building Communities One Day at a Time."

If your child would like to attend, please contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490 or fill out the permission slip below and send it in to your child's teacher.

KIDS CARE CLUB Permission Slip

I give permission for _____ to attend the KIDS CARE CLUB meeting in the school Cafeteria on Thursday September 30 @ 3:30 PM. I understand that my child must be picked up no later than 4:30pm on this day.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

On-line Auction

This Fall, the Mantua PTA will host an Online Auction. It will feature hundreds of fabulous items donated from businesses, parents and our incredible faculty.

Please be a part of one of our major fundraisers of the year by serving on the Auction Committee and/or generously donating to the Auction (parent donation forms will be coming home soon in the Tuesday folders).

There will be an auction meeting on **Thursday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Faye Henris. If you would like to be a member of the Auction Committee (even if you cannot attend this meeting), please contact Faye Henris (faye@henrisff.com or 703-280-1080) or Carole Thomas (caroleandjay@aol.com or 703-978-6159).

MOMs Consignment Sale

Saturday, Oct. 2

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community-wide sale features quality clothing (newborn to size 20), toys, sports equipment, maternity wear, books, videos/DVDs and infant equipment. At the Mantua Pool & Clubhouse on Pentland Place. Take Route 236 to Prince William Drive, left on Glenbrook Road, left on Pentland Place. From Route 50, take Barkley Drive, right on Glenbrook Road, left on Pentland Place. For info contact Elizabeth Wasserman at ewasserman@cox.net.

Cub Scouts

Parents with boys in grades 1-5, are you interested in spending more time with your boys doing fun things like camping, singing, and lots of other fun activities?

Boys, are you interested in spending more time with your parents showing them how you can develop more leadership, character, and citizenship skills?

We will have a table set up at **Back To School Night Sep 22 & 28.**

Join Cub Scout Pack 1533 for "Join Scouting Night" on September 30th in the cafeteria starting at 7:30 p.m.

For more info contact Mel Yudkin (703-641-8779 or yudkin@cox.net) or Craig Oliver at 703-280-0239.

ATTENTION
K, K-1, 1 AND 1-2 PARENTS

**NEEDED:
CLASSROOM
COORDINATORS FOR
TAKE HOME READING**

The class room coordinator will be responsible for organizing the volunteer schedule so that there would be a volunteer to listen to children read every day. The coordinator will also be the main contact for that classroom and help keep the materials organized.

If you are willing to be a classroom coordinator please contact Judy Regan at JRegan04@cox.net.