



# Mantua PTA Alert News

September 28, 2004

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Tuesday, 9/28

Back to School Night  
Grades 4-6

### Wednesday, 9/29

Sally Foster Orders Due  
Community Congressional Debate

### Thursday, 9/30

Kids Care Club Meeting  
Cub Scout Night

### Friday, 10/1

Flex Registrations DUE

### Saturday, 10/2

MOMs Consignment Sale

## SALLY FOSTER DEADLINE APPROACHES

The Sally Foster order deadline is rapidly approaching. Please return your order forms to school by Wednesday, September 29. Remember that every Sally Foster product you buy or sell contributes 50% to Mantua. So...shop till you drop!

Thank you to everyone who visited our Sally Foster booth at Back-to-School night last week. We hope you enjoyed seeing the great Sally Foster products. (We know you enjoyed the chocolate samples!) We picked three names out of the hat to win some fabulous Sally Foster prizes. Our winners were Shari Shade, Rosalin Housepian and Jay Schiffrés. Congratulations!

Don't forget to look for the safari animals in your catalogs. Contact us when you find them. And...make sure your children participate in the guesstimating contest at school.

Thank you again for supporting Mantua. Stop by our booth at this week's grade 4-6 Back-to-School night.

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## PROVIDENCE PLAYERS

Providence Players of Fairfax, formerly known as the Frost Players, proudly present our fall offering (our seventh season!). Providence Player members are comprised primarily of parents and students in the Mantua, Frost, and Woodson pyramid. Membership is open to all who want to work on stage or behind the scenes to provide affordable, quality Community Theater to our area.

We'll open October 15th, with the perennial favorite, Heaven Can Wait by Harry Segall. This comedy-fantasy brings us Joe Pendleton, a fighter with a big heart and an unfortunate problem. An overzealous "escort" has taken him before his time to the pearly gates! With the assistance of his heavenly companions, the mysterious Mr. Jordan and the unfortunate escort, 7013, Joe does some body hopping before finding his true destiny, along the way finding true love and solving a murder!

Heaven Can Wait runs October 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th at 7:30 PM and October 24th at 2 PM (matinee). We perform at our new venue, the newly renovated James Lee Community Center Theater- 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church Virginia 22042.

Information about our new season is available on the web: [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org). There you will also find ticket pricing and a map to our new venue, James Lee Community Center Theater. See you at the show!

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

• On Tuesday, September 21st, two principals from New Zealand spent their morning at Mantua. They observed in Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. Buck's classrooms and met with Mrs. Fernandez to discuss ideas for the development of gifted and talented programs in New Zealand.

• Wednesday evening, September 22nd, we welcomed many parents to Mantua's Preschool through 3rd Grade Back-To-School Night. Our primary teachers did a wonderful job highlighting a typical day and presenting an overview of the academic program.

• On Wednesday, September 22nd and Thursday, September 23rd, Mrs. Tingler, Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. Beverly attended a two-day workshop focused on the principles of Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

• In accordance with FCPS safety policies, Mantua completed their weekly fire drills and a tornado practice. We were very impressed with how quickly and quietly students completed these drills.

## COMMUNITY CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE - WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday at 8pm September 29, the Mantua Citizens Association will sponsor a debate between republican Congressman Tom Davis and democrat challenger Ken Longmyer, a retired foreign service diplomat, at the school cafeteria. All are invited to attend.

The Mantuan community is fortunate to sponsor one of the few agreed upon debates and it is your opportunity to ask questions and listen to the answers from the two candidates.

### Alert News Contributions

Send via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org) or contact Mary Rustick at 703-591-7160.

Thanks to Jeriann Stone Mikesh and Donna Konigsberg for copying and distributing and to Stacy Burdetsky for proofreading.

## A Note from the PTA President

We had a great Back to School Night for the parents of our K-3 graders. Every attending parent agreed to give eight hours of parental service hours to the school. We will be presenting the same challenge to the parents of 4-6th graders on Tuesday the 28th.

As authorized by the PTA, I gave a speech to the school board in support of the sale of surplus land with the proceeds going to advancing the construction and acceleration of new elementary schools and renovation of Woodson, Glasgow and other schools. The formal version of the remarks will be posted on our website.

## MANTUA PTA MEETINGS

Mantua PTA meetings are held on the first Wed of every month at 7:00 pm in the school library. Everyone is invited to attend. It is a great way to keep in touch with what is going on at school.

The schedule of meetings is: Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, June 1.

## Directory Validation

Please validate your directory information online or by returning the forms included in your child's Tuesday folder.

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## New 2-3 Monday 1:35 Hands On Science Class Additional HOS Classes, too!

Thanks to two new leaders, we have two new Monday "Illusion" classes available!

We have space available in the following classes:

Monday	2-3	1:35(Class #2) NEW!
Friday	K-1	7:55 (Class #3)
	2-3	7:55 (Class #4)
	4-5-6	7:55 (Class #3)

All other classes are filled.

See yellow flyer in Tuesday Folder for more information. Questions? Call Randi Kirkland (703) 208-2262 or email [randi\\_kirkland@yahoo.com](mailto:randi_kirkland@yahoo.com)

## FLEX PROGRAM

FLEX Registration Forms due this Friday, OCT. 1. Forms were distributed in last Tuesday's folder or can be found in the front lobby. Please be sure to include payment w/ your registration form. All completed forms must be in the PTA mailbox in the office by October 1 for placement. Please contact Linda Halstead at 703-503-5175 or [pajusihalstead@cox.net](mailto:pajusihalstead@cox.net) for any questions. Classes begin the week of Oct. 18th.

## REMINDER!!!

### KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS

FIRST MEETING THURSDAY, SEPT 30—3:30-4:30  
School Cafeteria.

A reminder that our first meeting is open to all K-6 Mantua Students. We will discuss projects of collecting NEW winter items for children in our local shelters. DONATIONS of socks, scarves, gloves and hats can be left in the box in the front foyer from OCT 4 -15.

If your child would like to attend, please contact Jennifer Cooper, [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto: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

## 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.

### Reflections Theme Search for future 2005-2006

Have a great idea for the next Reflections theme? The National PTA is looking for a student suggested theme. The winning student will receive \$100 and recognition at the National PTA convention. Submit your theme today! Theme applications can be picked up at the PTA bulletin board area or the PTA website. Deadline for a new theme is October 27, 2004.

Rules and information can be picked up at the PTA bulletin board area or the PTA homepage at [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org) (click Activities/Events, click Reflections). For questions, contact Deanna Woo at [dtwoo@aol.com](mailto:dtwoo@aol.com).

## 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 on September 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](mailto:yudkin@cox.net)) or Craig Oliver at 703-280-0239.

## Mantua Basketball is Back!

Registration has begun for another great season of the Mantua Basketball League. Boys and Girls in Grades 3 - 6 can participate in one of the best house leagues around. All games and practices will be held at Mantua. You can learn more and register on line through the Mantua PTA website [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org). Information will also be sent home in a future Tuesday Folder.

Volunteers are always needed to make the league a success for everyone. If you are interested in volunteering please complete the back of the registration form. If you are willing to be a coach or assistant coach, please contact Rob Mead at [Mantuaball@cox.net](mailto:Mantuaball@cox.net).

Registration will end October 26 and Player Evaluations will be held on Saturday and Sunday November 6 & 7.

## 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](mailto:ewasserman@cox.net).