



Mantua PTA Alert News

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday, Nov. 23

Woodson Community
Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 24

2 Hour Early Dismissal
Hands on Science Registrations Due

Thursday, Nov. 25—Friday, Nov. 26

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS—
No School!!

Wednesday, Dec. 1

PTA Board Meeting - all are welcome

Mantua PTA Auction News: Next Phase

Lots of folks have picked up and are enjoying the auction items they've won in the Entertainment and Merchandise categories. If you were lucky enough to win one or more of these great items and haven't yet picked up your winnings, all you need to do is drop by the Mantua office with either your checkbook or the PayPal receipt you received when you used the auction's "Checkout" link to pay securely by credit card.

Two categories down -- four to go!

There are still great bidding opportunities in the Getaways, Services, Restaurants, and Faculty Fun categories. And the holiday weekend will be a fine time to review the catalogs -- and perhaps share the review with your friends and family! -- and bid.

Getaways and Services close at 10:00 p.m. on December 1, 2004. Restaurants and the incredibly popular Faculty Fun category close at 10:00 p.m. on December 8, 2004.

We'll see you online at
<http://auction.mantuapta.org/>.

HOS REGISTRATION DUE TOMMOROW, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER, 24

Registration forms (bright green) for the Architecture and Engineering winter session "Connectivity" were sent home in the November 10, Tuesday's folder.

- K-1 Dive into Dimensions
Mondays 1:35 pm &
Fridays 7:55 am
- 2-3 Towers and Tales
Mondays 1:35 pm,
Wed. & Fri. 7:55 am
- 4-5-6 Behind the Magic
Mondays 1:35 pm &
Fridays 7:55 am

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK JANUARY 31, 2005. The last day to register is TOMMOROW, NOV. 24. If you have any questions or if you need a form, please contact Randi Kirkland (703) 208-2262 or randi_kirkland@yahoo.com.

PRINCIPALS CORNER

Recent Highlights

•The Book Fair was held in the library from Friday, November 12th through Friday, November 19th. Thanks for all of the help from parent volunteers! It was a wonderful success!

•On Tuesday, November 16th, we had 28 graduate students from Gallaudet University visit Mantua Elementary for a tour of our programs.

•Also, on Tuesday, November 16th, Ms. Dini's primary music classes performed Bony Legs, a Russian folktale.

•On Wednesday, November 17th and Thursday, November 18th, we served 1,611 turkey dinners to staff, students and their families. It was a lovely event and we enjoyed having you all join us for a Thanksgiving celebration!

•Our day custodian, Cesar Granados, returned to work on Wednesday, November 17th. Cesar is still dealing with serious medical problems but has been deemed well enough to work on light duty. We are thrilled to have him back with us!

•On Thursday, November 18th, all sixth grade students participated in their second videoconference with individuals who are reenacting the Lewis and Clark expedition.

•The Drama Club performed three wonderful Mark Twain plays on Friday, November 19th and Saturday, November 20th. In addition, they will be sharing their talents with the school on Monday, November 22nd and Tuesday November 23rd.

•On Tuesday, November 23rd, Ms. Tomhave and Ms. Capps' classes will be performing a lovely musical entitled, The Turkeys Go On Strike.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

We are now collecting Labels for Education. There's all kinds of great school stuff that we can get!

Participating brands are Campbell's, V8, V8 Splash, Prego, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, and Franco-American. Please deposit your labels and lids in the red box located at the front of the school.

Questions can be directed to Jan Syers at mjfielder@yahoo.com.

Mantua 5th graders win Top Honor in FIRST LEGO League Virginia Regional Tournament

A team of six Mantua 5th graders won the top honor for their age group in the FIRST ("For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology") LEGO League Virginia Regional Tournament on November, 20, 2004. The 2004 Challenge, "No Limits," involves use of robotics technology to provide solutions for people with disabilities. The Director's Award was given to them for embodying the overall spirit of FIRST LEGO League, including good teamwork, engineering, and sportsmanship. The team also won first place in the category of Product Presentation, for their research, design, and presentation of a "Trash-bot" that would help disabled people take out their trash. The team consisted of six Mantua 5th graders: Robert Campion, Bradley Eshelman, Naveen Gupta, Nathan LaPierre, Michael Schneider, and Keiran Snow-Dawson. Their team, called the "Ro-Bobs", will now advance to the state tournament in Blacksburg, Virginia on December 5.

WOODSON COMMUNITY COALITION

Bring your student to an evening with STEVE FITZHUGH and learn how to MAKE RIGHT CHOICES, tonight (TUESDAY Nov 23) at 7pm in the FROST CAFETERIA.

NEXT COALITION MEETING:

Coalition Connection Coffee on Tuesday, December 7 at 10 am at the JCC.

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Announcing..REFLECTION Results!

Congratulations to students who participated in this year's Reflections! 17 students created works of art in the categories of Literature, Visual Arts and Photography to this year's theme, "A Different Kind of Hero". Great job to all!

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
K	Jacob DeLange
1st	Taylor Sarlo Grace Smoot
2nd	Katharine Cox, Hannah Fritzinger Caroline Taheri
3rd	Mari Berger Joshua Smoot Emily Cox
4th	Jamie Kravitz Denise Davies Brian Yudkin
6th	Johannah Gehman Hannah Konigsberg Ethica Burt Ben Newman Amanda Woo

In addition, the following students won 1st in their division/category. Their works of art will be submitted to the District level of competition, to be held at the end of December.

Literature/Primary Division (K-2):
Taylor Sarlo

Literature/Intermediate Division (3-5):
Emily Cox

Literature/Middle Division (6-8):
Ben Newman

Visual/Primary Div (K-2):
Grace Smoot

Visual/Intermediate Div (3-5):
Mari Berger

Visual/Middle Div (6-8):
Johannah Gehman

Photography/Primary Div (k-2):
Grace Smoot

Photography/Intermediate Div (3-5):
Joshua Smoot

Art work will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy. Thank you to the students who participated and Good Luck to the students entering in the District level!

THE SCHOOL SKATE PARTY IS FAST APPROACHING

Make sure this fun event's on your calendar! On Sunday, December 5th, we have Skate-N-Fun Zone to ourselves from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Admission is only \$3 per skater. Bring your own skates or rent roller or in-line skates for \$2.50. There are good deals for food, laser tag, and moon bounces, plus there are lots of arcade games. You'll have a great time!

Everyone is welcome! The facility-use agreement has a 100-person minimum, but Skate-N-Fun Zone can accommodate many more, so bring along as many friends as you wish -- the more, the merrier!

Questions? Contact Donna Yudkin (DQY@cox.net or 703-641-8779).

WIZARD VS. HAWKS - SPECIAL

Come enjoy a special opportunity to watch the Washington Wizards play the Atlanta Hawks on Sunday, January 2 at Noon. The Wizards have extended an offer for Club Seats (that normally go for \$90) for just \$30 per seat (plus \$5 per order). To take advantage of this great offer, please contact Jill Buxbaum (202-628-3200 X6980 or jbxbaum@washsports.com) and let her know you are from Mantua. Please act quickly -- there are only a limited number of seats available for this great rate.

SPORTS MAGNETS STILL AVAILABLE

If you missed the chance to buy a magnet during the basketball player placement evaluations, you can still get one or more if you are shopping for the holidays! I still have plenty of the basketball, soccer, and baseball magnets -- each just \$3. To order them, contact Donna Yudkin at 703-641-8779 or DQY@cox.net.

KIDS CARE CLUB

NEXT KIDS CARE CLUB MEETING:
Thursday, DEC 2 3:30-4:30 in the cafeteria to discuss our December Holiday Giving project. Please contact Jennifer Cooper jalcooper@aol.com 703-426-2490 to say that you can come.

We will be collecting for 3 families in need to make their holiday wishes come true. Keep in mind as you shop the sales this weekend the following needs: (gender, age, size): G17L, Baby 6mo, 12M, B14L, G5sz6, B18?, G20, G9, B10, B12, B14, B16. Clothing, toys, gift cards (Target, Sports Authority, Borders, etc.) make great gifts. Specific items will appear on our SNOWMAN SCENE at the end of the week--pick a snowman and donate an item. We will also provide holiday baskets to these families so food items and grocery gift cards are great donations too. The Kids Care Club thanks you again for your support and wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving.

KEEP THE EYEGLASSES COMING!!

Eyeglasses are still being collected until Wednesday, November 24 when we break for Thanksgiving. All donations will support the Lions Club/LensCrafters project of repairing them for those in need.

CLOTHING & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Cub Scout Pack 1533 is sponsoring a clothing and school supply drive to help assist the children in Afghanistan.

For the next two weeks the Cub Scouts will be collecting used and new clothing: coats, childrens' clothing, shoes, socks, blankets, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap. We would also like to send some basic school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons and pads of paper and notepads

Monetary donations are requested from area businesses and/or charity organizations to assist with mailing costs. Please make checks payable to Pack 1533 and note Adopt-a-Village project. A box will be placed outside of the front office at school marked "Adopt-a-Village". Please contact Pam Pavord (pamrosetti@cox.net or 703-273-0106). Your donations are appreciated.

Alert News Contributions

Send via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org or contact Mary Rustick at 703-591-7160.

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