



# Mantua PTA Alert News

February 1, 2005

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, February 2**  
PTA Board Meeting

**Saturday, February 12**  
Talent Show

**Monday, February 21**  
President's Day -

## PE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS--

### HOOPS FOR THE HEART

After an amazing 2003 campaign to support the American Heart Association, the PE Dept is once again sponsoring HOOPS FOR THE HEART. The week of February 21, all PE Classes will participate in Basketball and other activities to help in the fight against our nations' No. 1 and No. 3 Killers—heart disease and stroke. The Hoops for the Heart program is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. It empowers students as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. The funds raised through pledges and donations will go to the American Heart Association to help support cardiovascular research and educational programs. Please help our kids help others. More information will be sent home next week in the Tuesday folder explaining how you can be a sponsor. Questions or if you would like to help, contact Mr. Collins or Mrs. Sherman.

## KIDS CARE CLUB

### TSUNAMI RELIEF BANDS

Would you like to help the victims of December's devastating tsunami, especially the children? You can by purchasing a Tsunami Relief Wrist Band. This band was designed by a Maryland 5th grader with the specific purpose of helping to rebuild schools and libraries in the devastated tsunami areas. The profits from the sale of the tie-dyed--yellow, blue and green, representing the sun, water and the earth, with the words RESTORE RELIEF REBUILD SCHOOLS BUILDING SCHOOLS TSUNAMI RELIEF 2005--wrist bands will go to ROOM to READ, a charity dedicated to rebuilding schools and libraries in South Asia. The Kids Care Club has ordered 2000 bands and will sell them for \$2 each. They should be available by mid-February. If you would like to place a "preorder", please send money or a check (payable to Mantua PTA) in an envelope clearly marked with TSUNAMI RELIEF/ YOUR NAME/ TEACHER/ #of BANDS requested. Envelopes can be placed in the basket marked Tsunami Relief by the teachers' mailboxes. Once the bands arrive, we will replace the money with the correct number of bands ordered and return the envelope to the student via the teacher.

Thanks again to Mary Gostel for researching and organizing this great cause.

### SHARE TO CARE--A TALENT SHOW

The KIDS CARE CLUB's 5th annual Share to Care Talent Show is shaping up nicely. We have auditioned over 50 wonderful acts from singing to dancing, acting to playing instruments. Mantua has sooooo much talent, it's amazing. So amazing you don't want to miss this fabulous evening of entertainment-- FEB 12 at 630 in the GYM. Doors will open at 5:45 and you can once again have a complete Dinner Theater experience by dining on Pizza in the Gym for just a \$1 a slice.

Tickets for the show are \$3 for Adults and \$2 for Children (6th graders and younger) with all proceeds benefiting our own Community Care Fund established to help Mantua families with emergent needs.

### YOU CAN HELP!!

We graciously accept donations of BAKED GOODS (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, Finger-food items, etc.) which will enhance our Intermission available TREATS. Items can be brought to school on Friday, Feb 11 or the evening of the performance.

### FOR PERFORMERS

Performers get in free!

**DRESS REHEARSAL** announcements will go out this week. Basically, ACT 1 performers will rehearse on Thursday, Feb 10 from 3:30-5:30 and ACT 2 performers will be on Friday, Feb 11, 3:30-5:30.

### ALL DANCE NUMBERS

Please turn in your CD's (music needs to be on a CD) with YOUR NAME(S), NAME of the SONG and

## PTA Membership Meeting—Wednesday, February 2

The February meeting is, as always, open to everyone. This month's agenda includes:

Discussing and voting on the Board's proposal to purchase some of the items on the Principal's Wish List.

A new installment of our Whom We Serve Program (WWSP).

Come learn about Mantua's Deaf and Hard of Hearing program.

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the library!

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## TC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

The Mantua Total Communications Program is running the second annual After School Program for the deaf and hard of hearing students for the next several weeks. After hearing the amazing presentation at the PTA meeting, I'm sure all of you will want to get involved. The Wednesday evening programs are for the deaf and hard of hearing students and their families. This is a time for the families, many of whom know little English or sign language, to learn how to communicate with their child.

This is a time of great joy for these students! Please volunteer to:

- Make 2 dozen goodies (non-messy finger foods in a disposable container – like cookies, brownies, cupcakes).
- Deliver them to the Mantua office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- Mark them as “**TC DESSERTS.**”

You may send them in with your child in the morning if this is more convenient for you. The dates are as follows: January 19, 26 February 2, 9, 16, 23 – March 2, 9. Please e-mail DeeAnn Jeremiah at [djeremiah@cox.net](mailto:djeremiah@cox.net) and let me know which dates you can help. We need about 4-5 volunteers each week. I thank you in advance for your kindness, which will enable TOTAL COMMUNICATION fun for families who have many obstacles to hurdle.

## **TJ Student Groups Sponsor Techstravaganza for Girls**

On Saturday, April 9th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, several student groups at TJ High School for Science and Technology are sponsoring a Techstravaganza for elementary and middle school girls in Fairfax County. There will be booths with hands-on science experiments as well as booths staffed by TJ students who are members of TWIST (Tomorrow's Women and Science and Technology), GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science), WISE (Women in Science and Engineering), CORE (Community Outreach Efforts), and Keyettes. In addition, there will be speakers for the girls and their parents about women who work in math, science or technology. TJ is located at 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria.

### *Alert News Contributions*

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

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## **KEEP SENDING IN THOSE BOX TOPS!**

Mantua has already earned \$630 from the Box Tops for Education program! Please keep sending in your box tops so that we can earn even more! The program for this school year ends earlier than you'd think -- on March 31st.

PLEASE submit all of the box tops you've been saving by March 15 so that there is time to count/batch them and mail them to arrive before the end of the month. If you have any questions, contact Donna Yudkin at [DQY@cox.net](mailto:DQY@cox.net) or 703-641-8779).

## **Magnet School Programs**

Special interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional programs are available at the Bailey's and Hunter Woods

Elementary Schools for the Arts and Sciences for select students. Applications are available online. The applications must be post marked by March 1, 2005. For more information on the magnet program

see the program

website: [www.fcps.edu/DIS/OEIAS/magnet.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OEIAS/magnet.htm) or call Jean Frey or

Marjorie McCarthy at Bailey's at 703-575-6836, or Stephen Hockett or

Diane Beers at Hunters Woods at 703-262-7400. For questions regarding the application process, you may call the magnet information line at

703-846-8740.

## **FROST PARENT INFORMATION**

### **Rising 7th grade Parents...Mark your calendars!**

Parent Orientation for Frost will be on March 3rd at 7pm. There will be more details forthcoming.

### **FROST FAMILY FESTIVAL...March 31st from 5:30pm-8pm.**

One of the primary purposes of the Festival is to acquaint rising 7th graders and their families with "middle school life". School tours, musical performances, classroom demonstrations and other activities will provide students and their families an excellent preview of life as a middle school student.

### **FROST BINGO**

Have fun and help support Frost Middle School by playing Frost Family Bingo on Sunday, February 27, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Frost cafeteria, 4101 Pickett Road, Fairfax. Prizes for this PTA fundraiser include (as of late January) restaurant dinners and movie tickets, gift certificates from local merchants, tutoring time, Mary Kay cosmetics, Discovery toys and Longaberger baskets. Watch for prize list updates! Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Snow date is March 6. Save money and buy your tickets early! Tickets for 20 rounds of bingo will cost \$12 per person, or \$35 per family (parents and children) of three or more people, if purchased in advance. Mail orders to Susan Oppenheim, 4501 Starr Jordan Drive, Annandale, VA 22003. Make checks payable to Frost PTA. Be sure to include your name, phone and e-mail. Tickets will be held at "will call" on Bingo day. Tickets at the door will cost \$15 per person or \$45 per family. Refreshments and bingo card daubers will be for sale.

Questions? Do you have a prize you can donate?

Contact Susan Oppenheim at [eductoys@msn.com](mailto:eductoys@msn.com) or 703-425-7276 .