



Mantua PTA Alert News

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MERLIN'S MARKET PLACE

Ready to clean out those closets for the spring? Merlin's Market Place is in need of gently used books, toys, household items and sporting equipment for the Carnival's annual yard sale. No Clothing Please! Your donations are tax deductible for you and profitable for the school. Donations may be dropped off on Friday, March 11th from 4 – 8:00 PM. If you have any questions or need to drop off items earlier please contact Nancy Robinson at 703-352-0510 (mrsrobinson@Cox.net) or Cindy Dengler at 703-503-8080 (csdengler@cox.net).

For more info, you may obtain a flyer from the PTA WEB site at www.mantuaPTA.org.

Basket Coordinators Still Needed! We are still looking for a few good men or women!

The following classes still need a theme gift basket coordinator:

Ariail, Baker, Bousbouras., Brown, Endean, Goodrich, Graap, Moore, Pry, Wilson, and Woodburn.

No prior experience needed. Please contact Jane Love to volunteer at jllove@aftra.com or 503-2045.

Pre-order your tickets on-line NOW! For the latest information on the carnival, visit WWW.MantuaPTA.org.



CONGRATULATIONS JENNIFER COOPER

Our very own, Jennifer Cooper is being recognized by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations with a Citation of Merit for her volunteerism for Woodson Coalition, Mantua, Frost, WTW community, PTA and church activities. Stay tuned for more information on banquet date and time...Congratulations Jennifer!

I WAS THERE!

Order your "I was there" December 16th, 2005 memento. T-Shirts, poster, mouse pads will be available to order. Please visit www.mantuapta.org to view the photo. Check the PTA Bulletin board for order forms.

MAGNET SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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, 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.

HANDS ON SCIENCE SPRING REGISTRATION DUE THIS FRIDAY

Registration forms (light blue) for one of our most popular HOS sessions, SENSATIONAL SONICS : The Physics of Sound and Flight, were sent home in last week's Tuesday folder (2/15).

- K-1 Buzzers and Boomerangs
- 2-3 Air-O-Dynamics
- 4-6 Oscillations

Please see registration forms for details. **SPACE IS FILLED ON A FIRST COME BASIS**, so send in the registrations as soon as possible. Come join in the fun and participate in classes both indoors and outdoors this spring! **THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE THIS FRIDAY, 2/25.** Questions? Please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or e-mail randi_kirkland@yahoo.com

MOMS CONSIGNMENT SALE

Don't miss the Spring Moms of Mantua Children & Women's Consignment Sale on Saturday, March 5 from 8 am to 1 pm at the Mantua Clubhouse. Remember that it is CASH only and that the last half-hour is half price. There are always plenty of deals for your quickly growing children!

HOOPS FOR THE HEART

PLEASE TURN IN PLEDGE SHEETS!! Hoops for the Heart gets underway this week in all PE classes. All students will participate in fun basketball activities and learn why it is important to keep fit. Pledges need to be turned in nlt Friday--all proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross and their fight against heart disease. Contact Mr. Collins, Mrs. Sherman or Ms Donnelly if you have questions. Thanks for your support.

KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS

RACCOON RUN meeting will be held this Thursday at 7pm in the Cafeteria.

****HOWEVER, IF THE WOODSON BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS IN THE REGIONAL FINALS ON THURSDAY, THE MEETING WILL BE RESCHEDULED.** (We have become diehard fans. Should know the outcome by Tuesday whether they will advance.) The Raccoon Run is a great family and community event, so don't miss out in helping plan it. Contact Jennifer Cooper jal-cooper@aol.com 703-426-2490 to say you will help.

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WOODSON COMMUNITY COALITION

Next meeting: Wednesday, FEB 23, 2005 from 10-11am at Einstein Bagels (at the corner of RT 236 and Pickett) PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!! Contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or call 703-426-2490 if you have questions.

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 in 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.

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: **Feb. 23 – March 2, 9.** Please e-mail DeeAnn Jeremiah at 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.

WOODSON RENOVATION VIRTUAL TOUR

Individuals interested in information and taking a virtual tour of the Woodson High School renovation can go to:

<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/designconst/index.htm#whatsnew>

“HELPING YOUR CHILD IMPROVE SOCIAL SKILLS”

Parent Workshop offered at nearby JCC: “Helping Your Child Improve Social Skills,” is the title of a workshop for parents, offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency, on Wed. evening March 2nd from 7-9PM. Child Psychologists and Therapists from JSSA will be presenting this workshop about how to help children learn the specific skills needed to make and keep friends. Registration is limited; the fee is \$20.

Call (703) 204-9100, or email jnaiman@jssa.org for reservations.

FROST PARENT INFORMATION

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? Prize Donations? Contact Susan Oppenheim at eductoys@msn.com or 703-425-7276.

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.

Alert News Contributions

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