



# Mantua PTA Alert News

April 19, 2005

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## MANTUA'S ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM WINS THIRD PLACE IN THE VIRGINIA STATE FINAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to our Mantua team of 4th, 5th and 6th graders who won 3rd Place in the Virginia State Finals of Odyssey of the Mind! The team members included: **Josh Brandman, Eric Kirkland, Hannah Patton, Betsy Ryan, Josh Schiffres, Ryan Travis, and Brian Yudkin**. They won for their solution to the problem, "Stunt Mobiles" in Division I and their performance in a Spontaneous Problem.

The head judge stated that this year's "Stunt Mobile" problem was the hardest vehicle problem they had seen. The team designed and built two "stunt" vehicles without outside help. The vehicles had to have different power sources (but not be human-powered) and be able to complete five obstacle courses without any remote guidance or other assistance once they crossed the start line. Together, the two vehicles had to fit in 7x11x15-inch box. After crossing the finish lines, the vehicles had to hit targets and then break balloons.

The running of the stunt mobiles was incorporated within a team-created performance. The team's performance, "X-treme Cows," really "mooved" the judges.

The second part of the competition included a "Spontaneous" problem in which the team worked together to creatively respond to a "Hands On" structure problem, in a seven minute time period. The team did not know the problem ahead of time. The team was scored on their problem solving abilities, creativity and how well they work together as a team.

Teams from across the state competed Saturday, April 16 at James Madison High School in Vienna. Our Assistant Principal, Cheryl Thompson, came to cheer our team on!

### NOMINATIONS TIME FOR THE MANTUA PTA

It is time to nominate candidates to serve on our PTA's Executive Board. The nominating committee has been selected, and its members are now soliciting nominations for President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each position has a maximum -- but not mandatory -- term of two years.

Please contact any nominating-committee member with your nomination suggestions by April 29, 2005. The committee will present its slate of nominees to the PTA membership at the May PTA meeting on May 4, 2005.

The Nominating Committee members are:

Kate Marosek: 703-280-1902 or [krmarosek@cox.net](mailto:krmarosek@cox.net)

Jane Prosperi: 703-280-1188 or [pmj2@aol.com](mailto:pmj2@aol.com)

Cherie Curry: 703-273-5561 or [ccurry@harman.com](mailto:ccurry@harman.com)

Once again this year, nomination suggestions may be made online anonymously. Follow the link on the PTA web site at [www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org).

### MANTUA FACULTY AND COACHES GAME APRIL 22

Mark Your Calendars:

Mantua Faculty/Parent Basketball Game is this  
Friday Night at W.T. Woodson Gym.

Time: 7:00 P.M. Tickets and Pom-Poms are currently on  
sale each morning before school. 8:45-9:00a.m.

Cost is \$1.00 each.

Tickets will be sold at the door on the night of the game.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 1-7

**Volunteers needed!** Please  
contact John Jennison at  
(703) 591-5586 or  
[president@MantuaPTA.org](mailto:president@MantuaPTA.org).

### COME ONE; COME ALL to the Literacy Night and

**Heritage Showcase**

Thursday, April 28  
from 7-8:00 p.m. at

Mantua Elementary School

### KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS

#### RACCOON RUN

Our 5th annual Raccoon Run will be held, SAT MAY 14, 8am  
Fun Run & 8:30 for the 5K race. Registration can be done  
online at [mantuapta.org](http://mantuapta.org).

The race is guaranteed to be a great community event, so you  
don't want to miss it!! Register today to ensure getting a great  
Tee shirt!!! If you would like to volunteer to help, please con-  
tact Mary McCullough --[Mary.McCullough@tcwinc.net](mailto:Mary.McCullough@tcwinc.net) 703-  
385-9110 or Jennifer Cooper [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com) 703-426-2490

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the KIDS CARE CLUB will be April 27th  
from 3:30-4:30. We will discuss and prepare for the upcoming  
Raccoon Run. Please let Jennifer Cooper know if you can make  
it.-- [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com) or 703-426-2490

#### TSUNAMI BANDS

Bands are still available for \$2. Send in an envelope with pay-  
ment marked with your child's name and teacher and we will  
return it with a band(s). We are hoping to wrap this project up  
soon so we can send our proceeds to ROOM to READ to help  
rebuild the schools in the Tsunami stricken region. Questions,  
contact Jennifer Cooper [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com) or 703-426-2490.

#### 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  
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## NOTE – MUSICAL REVIEW PERFORMANCE DATE CHANGED!

The 6th grade musical revue, originally scheduled for mid-May, has now been re-scheduled to Tuesday, June 14th. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Thank you.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MR. LARSEN...

Mantua's music teachers, Ms. Dini, Ms. Northouse, and I, are looking for parent volunteers to help with the 6th grade musical revue. Our 6th graders have signed-up for production teams on which they will work. These teams are dance/choreography, scriptwriting, lighting/sound, costumes/make-up, props/set design, stage crew/ushers, and program design/marketing. Our ideal volunteers will have skills specific to theatre production and will act as a "team captain," working with a small group of 6th graders toward our spring production.

Note: we are looking for a choreographer to create the dance segments for several specific numbers. Although scheduling will be somewhat flexible (depending on your schedule), we envision that volunteers would be able to spend time with one group of kids before school or after school approx. once per week from Mid-April through June, and perhaps more often in mid-June.

The week of June 7th-14th will require extra time as we will have tech/dress rehearsals prior to our show on Tuesday, June 14th. If you would like to help us, or have any questions, please e-mail Mantua's music teachers, via Mr. Larsen, at [lee.larsen@fcps.edu](mailto:lee.larsen@fcps.edu) as soon as possible. (If you have already responded to our previous posting, please note that these are NEW performance/rehearsal dates!)

Thank you very much for your time and attention to our special request! – Mr. Larsen

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

**GLORY DAYS GRILL** (*all No. Va. locations*): will contribute 10% of your total food purchases to the Mantua PTA when you dine any Monday - Thursday from 4:00 p.m. till closing or any Sunday from 11:30 a.m. till closing from now through June 3rd! Simply ask your server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt), and drop it into the box marked Glory Days Grill Receipts in the Mantua office. Questions? Contact Julia Margulies at [margfam2@aol.com](mailto:margfam2@aol.com).

**CAMPBELL'S LABELS**: Participating products include: Campbell's soups, beans, juices, Spaghettios, and gravies; Franco-American gravies and pastas; Pepperidge Farm soups, breads, cookies, crackers, frozen pastries and desserts; Swanson broths and canned chicken; V8 juices; Prego pasta sauces; Pace products.

Please deposit labels in the red box at the front of the school. Questions? Call Jan Syers at (703) 876-9686.

**PEPSI BOTTLE CAPS**: Save Those Pepsi - iTunes Bottle Caps!!!

They're worth 75 cents each to the Mantua PTA Look for winning Pepsi - iTunes bottle caps on specially marked 20 oz. and one-liter Pepsi products (PEPSI-COLA, DIET PEPSI, PEPSI WILD CHERRY, SIERRA MIST, MOUNTAIN DEW, DIET MOUNTAIN DEW, and MOUNTAIN DEW CODE RED) Winning game pieces can also be found on specially marked 32 oz. and 44 oz. soda cups. 2. Bring the caps to school and put them in the Pepsi-iTunes collection box. This Pepsi - iTunes promotion ends April 11th and all game pieces must be collected and sold by May 16th.

Go to [www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com) or [www.itunes.com](http://www.itunes.com) for additional details on the Pepsi - iTunes promotion. Contact John Miller (703-764-1416, [johnakm@netzero.net](mailto:johnakm@netzero.net)) if you have any questions.

**e-SCRIP**: If you have been thinking about using eScrip for on-line shopping, now is a great time to activate an eScrip VISA account. From April 1 through June 30, for each new account activated, Mantua will earn \$25; for each new account that accumulates \$1500 of net purchases, Mantua will earn an additional \$25. Throughout the year, Mantua earns 2% of annual expenditures on the account. For details and to activate an account, go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or contact Donna Yudkin at (703-641-8779).

## CAVALIER CRUISE FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Finally... Think Spring! The Cavalier Cruise Flower Fundraiser is underway. Proceeds fund the Class of 2005 Alcohol and Drug Free Graduation Celebration. We offer a wide variety of plants in an array of colors --impatiens, petunia, vinca, salvia, alyssum, begonia and beautiful hanging baskets of impatiens, geraniums and ivy. Our prices are competitive and we make it so easy to shop. Just place your order with a check by April 19th and pick up your flowers on Saturday, April 30th in front of WTW from 10-1. We will also deliver your flowers for an additional fee of \$5 (minimum order of 2 flats). Why stand in line at a crowded nursery? Order forms are available in the main office, attendance office, activities office, the March issue of Cavalier Chronicles or [cbauer6168@aol.com](mailto:cbauer6168@aol.com).