



Mantua PTA Alert News

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“A SEA OF THANKS”

The Annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - "A Sea of Thanks" will take place in the library on Friday, May 6TH from 12:30 - 1:30pm. We need your help with the much anticipated event. The following classes should bring the following items:

Preschool:

Bottled liter drink and a salad topping (example lemonade and a bowl of croutons)

K & 1st grade:

unique / fancy breads or muffins

2nd Grade:

bags of pre-made salad mix

3rd grade:

vegetable toppings (cucumbers, tomatoes, etc)

4th grade:

protein! (toppings like chicken strips, turkey, ham cubes, cheese, shrimp)

5th grade:

cookie desserts

6th grade:

cakes / pies / cheesecake

We also need volunteers for set up (11:00-1:00) and clean up (1:00-3:00). Please e-mail Chris Purcell at novapurcells@cox.net and let her know you are helping out and what you are bringing!

Please volunteer to staff a teachers room, contact Priti Jain at atulpriti@yahoo.com.

COALITION NEWS

Reminder TONIGHT
Tuesday, May 3, 7pm at
Jennifer Cooper's
3805 Sandalwood Court (Ridgelea).
jalcooper@aol.com
703-426-2490

LOST AND FOUND

Many winter coats, hats and gloves are in the lost and found area. All lost and found items will be donated to charity on May 16, 2005.

DON'T PANIC: Neighborhood Watch and Anti-drug Program

The PTA and Mantua Neighborhood Watch are co-sponsoring a program Thursday evening at the Mantua ES cafeteria from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Norm Neiss of the Neighborhood Watch will describe the program in Mantua and ask for volunteers. Fairfax County police will discuss the recent rash of vehicle vandalism that includes shot out windows and thefts. Joe Draper of the FCPS will discuss the county anti-drug program. Parents are urged to come to learn, to ask questions, to recognize the signs of trouble, to GET INVOLVED and to help turn back the recent increase of problems. For more info, email President @MantuaPTA.org.

KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS

NEXT MEETING—THURSDAY, MAY 12 from 3:30-4:30 in the Cafeteria. Come help stuff the race packets for the RACCOON RUN.

KIDS CARE CLUB 5th RACCOON RUN

Sat May 14 8am FUN RUN; 830am 5K RACE—Rain or Shine

There's still time: SIGN up today at mantuapta.org

Get PLEDGES and WIN--Sony Digital camera or a Network Walkman Get the most CLASSMATES to register and WIN--Class Ice Cream and Pizza Party VOLUNTEER to help--contact Mary at mary.mccullough@tcwinc.net 703-385-9110 HELP us help LIFE WITH CANCER and the many families affected by cancer.

QUESTIONS: Contact Jennifer Cooper jalcooper@aol.com 703-426-2490

GIRL SCOUT BROWNIE TROOP 923 - COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

One of Mantua's own GS Brownie troop will be collecting items needed for dogs/cats/birds/small animals, etc. for a local shelter as their community service project for the year. A box marked "Brownie Troop 923 - Animal Shelter Collection" will be in the front lobby from Tuesday, May 3rd to Friday, May 20th, please consider donating to a worthy cause.

Thank you for your donation!!

PTA Closet Spring Cleaning

It is time to get rid of the old to make room for the new. If your committee, club or group has stuff in the closet, please visit the closet and help clean it up and move things out.

Alert News Contributions

Send via email to 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.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED

Please join us for the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted Spring Membership Meeting.

Our featured speaker is Dana Johnson from the College of William & Mary and author of "Mathematics Curriculum for Gifted Learners" in Comprehensive Curriculum for Gifted Learners and "Adapting Mathematics Curriculum for High Ability Learners" in Content-Based Curriculum for High-Ability Learners.

This session for parents will address some of the issues that face educators and families in the quest for appropriate experiences in mathematics education such as:

- * Which is more important? Acceleration or enrichment?
- * How much acceleration is appropriate?
- * What can parents do at home to support the development of math talent?

Where: Kilmer Middle School,
8100 Wolfrap Rd. Vienna, VA 22182
Time: 7:30 PM-9:30 PM
Date: Wednesday, May 4th

The meeting is sponsored as a service to the community by FCAG.

For information call 703.917.7960. **ADMISSION IS FREE** and open to non-members.

SPECIAL NOTE:MUSICAL REVIEW **PERFORMANCE DATE CHANGED!**

The 6th grade musical revue, originally scheduled for mid-May, has now been rescheduled 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 as soon as possible. (If you have already responded to our previous posting, please note that these are NEW performance/rehearsal dates!)

FROST NEWS

Rising 7th grade parents **ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND Frost PTA MEETINGS**. If you or someone you know is the parent of a rising 7th grader, here is something you won't want to miss! You and your friends are invited to the next PTA meeting! We will provide snacks and drinks and great opportunities! Come and get acquainted with Frost in a very important way!

The meeting will be on Monday, May 9 at 7pm in the Frost school library. All are welcome....even if you don't have a rising 7th grader!

For more information contact Laura Mead at FPSquared@cox.net ;703-876-2688.

Frost PTA Opportunities

Please consider being on the 2005-2006 Board of the Frost PTA! There are Executive-Committee positions (especially VP) and committee-chair positions available (Clinic/Health, 8th grade dance (rising 7th grade parent position), Frost beautification, Frost Family Festival, Giant coordination, hospitality, JCC Teen Night, Magazine Sales, Frost Efacts editor, Reflections, Volunteer Database, and Woodson Community Coalition). Please don't be shy! Volunteer today. No experience necessary! Also, let your friends know about these great opportunities! For information, contact Laura Mead at 703-876-2688 or FPSquared@cox.net.

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