



# Mantua PTA Alert News, continued



## The Mantua PTA Auction Is Coming

Bidding Starts in November

The auction is one of our school's largest fundraisers, raising about half of the money used by the PTA to purchase computer equipment, implement programs, and meet other school needs that benefit Mantua and our children. This year's auction will be held online only.

Once the auction begins the bidding closing dates are as follows:  
Entertainment & Merchandise: 11/30  
Getaways & Services: 12/7  
Faculty Fun & Restaurants: 12/14

We would like the entire community to participate by donating to the auction and by bidding often and generously. We urge local and Mantuan owned businesses to support the auction by becoming auction sponsors.

### **Please Donate**

Please consider making a donation to the auction - every family in the neighborhood has something to donate! Check out the Mantua PTA web site at [www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org). You can tell us about your donation online or by filling out the form sent home.

### **Volunteer**

The auction needs volunteers, too. Please consider helping us make the auction a success. We need volunteers to help with publicity and to solicit area businesses for donations. If you can help, please contact Carole Thomas ( [caroleandjay@aol.com](mailto:caroleandjay@aol.com) or 703-978-6159) or Faye Henris ( [faye@henrisff.com](mailto:faye@henrisff.com) or 703-280-1080).

## **WOODSON COMMUNITY COALITION**

Welcome back everyone! Hope the school year is starting off great for everyone. The Woodson Community Coalition is looking forward to another great year, providing our students, parents and community with positive, preventive programs to foster a safe, drug and alcohol free environment for our children.

To get things rolling we will have our first meeting on:  
THURSDAY, Sept 29 , 7:30pm, @ JCC  
(The Jewish Community Center is located on Rt 236 and the intersection of Guinea and Rt 236 next to the Fire Station)

Please also mark your calendars for a PARENT and TEEN program offered at GMU: Teens and Alcohol: Promoting Dialogue on Underage Drinking...Sept 27 @Harris Theater GMU  
You are invited to an interactive discussion on the challenges and the consequences of underage alcohol use. Learn what we can do in our homes and our community to promote healthy choices.  
Look forward to seeing you there.  
Thanks again for your interest.  
Jennifer Cooper  
Woodson Community Coalition Rep  
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## **NEW GRADES 4-5-6 MONDAY AFTERNOON HANDS ON SCIENCE CLASS**

The new Monday 4-5-6 class, "Earth Power" will begin at 1:35pm . Please refer to the HOS flyer for the description of the class. The topic for the fall session is Natural, Non-Solar Energy. Please contact Randi Kirkland if you have any questions at (703)208-2262 or e-mail [randi\\_kirkland@yahoo.com](mailto:randi_kirkland@yahoo.com)

## **HELP! ADDITIONAL K-1 AND 2-3 MONDAY AFTERNOON LEADERS NEEDED FOR HANDS ON SCIENCE CLASSES**

We need additional HOS class leaders for an additional Monday afternoon K-1 class and a 2-3 class. The one-hour classes are held right after school from 1:35 to 2:35pm . Training, all materials, and detailed lesson plans are provided. Leaders are compensated, too. You don't need a particular science-related background. Just bring your enthusiasm and desire to share! If you think you might be interested in leading one of these classes please contact Randi Kirkland, as soon as possible, at (703)208-2262 or e-mail [randi\\_kirkland@yahoo.com](mailto:randi_kirkland@yahoo.com) Thank you!

## **HANDS ON SCIENCE REGISTRATION DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

Registration forms (bright green) for the fall HOS session, "Natural, Non-Solar Energy" were sent home in last week's Tuesday folders. Classes are filled on a first-come basis, so register as soon as possible!!

K-1	Motion Commotion	Mondays 1:35pm & Fridays 7:55am
2-3	Action Attraction	Mon 1:35pm , Wed & Fridays 7:55am
4-5-6	Earth Power	Mon 1:35pm , Wed & Fridays 7:55am

Classes begin the week of October 24. If you have any questions please contact Randi Kirkland at (703)208-2262 or mail to [randi\\_kirkland@yahoo.com](mailto:randi_kirkland@yahoo.com).

For those of you that are new to Mantua , please stop by the HOS table in the cafeteria at both "Back to School" nights to find out more about this wonderful program!

## **Printer Cartridge Recycling Program!**

Earn Money for Mantua – Save the Environment too.  
Recycle Empty Printer Cartridges... 125 million lbs are dumped into landfills annually, let's reuse them instead. Raise Funds for our School! We earn from 25 cents to \$8.00 per cartridge. It's easy to do! Just bring your empty ink jet or laser cartridges from home or work and place them in the rubber maid container in the front lobby at Mantua school. Or, if you use more than 6 laser cartridges in a month period, I could help you set up a program at your home or office. Sponsoring a cartridge recycling program will cost nothing (OK, a little time, a box or two, and shipping tape) and Mantua receives the funds directly! Interested? Call Karen Pollard at 703-280-5854 (h), 703-308-3948 (wk) or send an e-mail at [pollard.karen@epa.gov](mailto:pollard.karen@epa.gov). They take old cell phones, PDAs and laptops too.