

Mantua PTA Alert News, continued



EARN MONEY FOR MANTUA WHILE GROCERY SHOPPING

Three stores in our area support education; for each of these programs, you must enroll or renew each school year. Please take a few minutes to do so now and earnings will accumulate all year long.

- Giant's A+BonusBucks (October 2 – April 1)
Visit www.giantfood.com and click on "A+ Bonus Bucks." Designate Mantua (code: 01887) and follow the easy instructions. You can enroll or renew in a Giant store as well.
- Harris Teeter's Together in Education
Go to www.harristeeter.com and, along the top bar, click on "Community" and then "Together in Education." Select "Link to your school" and enter personal data and Mantua's code: 4458. You may also give our code to a store clerk to link your VIC card.
- Safeway's Club Card for Education
Visit www.escrip.com and, whether you are newly enrolling or just renewing, click on "renew your commitment to Safeway." To renew, enter EITHER: your e-mail address, your phone number, or your card number – and your renewal will be immediately confirmed. To enroll for the first time, just select "sign up now" and follow six easy steps (Mantua's ID is 6662473). Another way to enroll or renew is by calling 1-800-801-4973.

Book Discussion with the Principal

Principal Jan-Marie Fernandez will be hosting a book discussion group on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. The group will be discussing the book "Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness: Five Steps to Help Kids Create and Sustain Lifelong Joy" by Edward M. Hallowell. This book is available for purchase online -- we checked BarnesandNoble.com (if you access barnesandnoble.com via schoolpop.com, Mantua gets a 2.5% rebate) and Amazon.com (no rebate, however). Unfortunately, it is not available through the public library.

FLEX (Foreign Language Classes) Forms due Friday

Registration forms which were distributed in last week's Tuesday folder are due no later than **Friday, Sept. 30th**. Please be sure to include full payment with forms and place in PTA mailbox marked "FLEX". Classes will begin the week of Oct. 11th. Confirmation notices will be sent out in next Tuesday's folder. Please contact Linda Halstead for further information at 703-503-5175 or pajusihalstead@cox.net.

HURRY—ONLY A FEW SPACES LEFT FOR HANDS ON SCIENCE

Good news! It's not too late!

We have a few spaces available in the following classes for the fall HOS session: Natural, Non-Solar Energy:

K-1 Motion Commotion.

Mon 1:35 pm -- NEW CLASS!

Fri 7:55 am -- Class #2

2-3 Action Attraction.

Mon 1:35 pm -- Class #2

Fri 7:55 am -- Class #1

4,5,6 Earth Power

Mon 1:35 pm -- NEW CLASS!

Wed 7:55 am -- Class #1

Fri 7:55 am -- Class #3

All other classes are full. Registration forms (bright green) were sent home in the September 13 Tuesday folders.

Contact Randi Kirkland at (703)208-2262 or email randi_kirkland@yahoo.com if you have questions or need a registration form. SPACE IS LIMITED. Registration must be received by THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29!

Kids Care Club News

Our Hurricane Katrina donation box is off to a great start! We appreciate everyone taking a few minutes to think about the students who will put our "extras" to good use. Remember, the collection box will be available through October 1st. Our first meeting is on Thursday, October 6th – all are welcome to meet us in the Cafeteria from 3:30 – 4:30 to get our Leaf Raking for Seniors project underway. Please make sure you have a permission slip with you if you plan on staying and parents, you need to let us know if your child can leave with someone else or if they will be going to daycare.

I give permission for _____ to attend Kids Care Club on Thursday, October 6th. My child will be picked up at 4:30 in the Cafeteria.

Contact name and number:

_____.

We'll see you on the 6th.

Donna McGrath (dsm712@cox.net) and Patti Taheri (mptaheri@cox.net)

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PTA Membership

Our 2005 – 2006 PTA membership drive is now underway. PTA membership dues fund your PTA's administrative costs (e.g., the printing costs of the student directory that members receive as part of their membership) and many of the enriching programs the PTA sponsors.

What better way to support all our children and their teachers than by joining the Mantua PTA! A Mantua PTA family membership (both parents) is only \$14.00 and an individual membership is \$7.00. You can join the PTA at Back to School Night. However, the best and most convenient way for you to join the PTA is by using the online membership sign up facility on our PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org (you can access the membership facility directly at <http://www.mantuapta.org/about/membership>).

Student Directory Ads

If you are interested in placing an advertisement in the student directory, please contact Carole Thomas at caroleandjay@aol.com for more information by September 30th.

Help a Fellow Mantua Family - Donations for Cameron's Cause!

As many of you know, one of Mantua's own, 8 year old Cameron McClain, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), Philadelphia Chromosome positive (PH+), in November 2003. He went through chemotherapy, a bone marrow transplant (a wonderful gift from his brother Connor) and was symptom free in order to go home in April 2004. On August 5, 2005, a feverish Cameron was taken to his Oncologist. Test results confirmed that Cameron's PH+ ALL had returned.

Unfortunately, insurance does not begin to cover all of the financial costs of treatment. A non-profit account at SunTrust called "Cameron's Cause" has been setup for those wishing to donate. If you wish to make a donation, please send in a check made out to Cameron's Cause. Write Cameron's Cause on the envelope. Alternatively, you can send a check to: Pam Promisel, 8938 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax, VA 22031. Thank you!

Art Room Volunteers and Supplies Needed

The art room welcomes parent volunteers for the following:
during class support
supply preparation
hanging art work

We take your garbage!!! Please consider donating the following items (found objects):

corks, paper towel tubes, soda and water case boxes, cardboard masking tape rolls, interesting objects (bottle caps, thread spools, stamps for pressing, nuts, bolts, buttons, old jewelry, etc.), tissues, antibacterial dish soap, yogurt or large baby food containers

* All donated items should be free of anything that might prick little fingers and should be washed in hot soapy water.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Jen Watkins
Mantua Art Department

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.
Submissions are appreciated by the Friday before distribution.
www.mantuapta.org