



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**FLEX (Foreign Language Classes)** start the week of Oct. 11th. There is still space available in classes listed below. Please complete registration form found in school lobby and leave with payment in PTA Mailbox. Confirmation notices for those students already registered are in today's Tuesday folders. Please contact Linda Halstead at [pajusihalstead@cox.net](mailto:pajusihalstead@cox.net) (preferred) or 703-503-5175 for further information .

French	7562 203	Tuesday 7:45-8:45	Gr 1-3
French	7562 204	Thursday 7:45-8:45	Gr 4-6
Italian	7582 203	Thursday 7:45-8:45	Gr 1-3
Italian	7582 202	Wednesday 7:45-8:45	Gr 4-6
Sign	7582 200	Thursday 3:30-4:30	Gr 1-3
Sign	7582 201	Monday 7:45-8:45	Gr 4-6
Spanish	7552 213	Wednesday 3:30-4:30	Gr 1-3
Spanish	7552 214	Thursday 3:30-4:30	Gr 1-3
Spanish	7552 212	Monday 1:30-2:30	Gr 4-6

## Hands on Science

Good News for Grades K-3! If you think you missed out -- it's not too late! Your child can still be part of our 15 Hands On Science classes for the fall session of Natural, Non-Solar Energy. We have a few spaces available at the following times: **Wednesdays at 7:55 a.m.** 2-3, Action Attraction: 3 spaces **Fridays at 7:55 a.m.** K-1, Motion Commotion: 3 spaces 2-3, Action Attraction: 2 spaces Please contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262 or email [randi\\_kirkland@yahoo.com](mailto:randi_kirkland@yahoo.com) to register and reserve a space. Registrations will be taken in the order received until Friday, October 7.

## Kids Care Club News

Thanks for the Hurricane Katrina donations – the children of New Orleans will appreciate our good thoughts and help. Our first meeting is this Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 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 6<sup>th</sup>. My child will be picked up at 4:30 in the Cafeteria.

Contact name and number:

\_\_\_\_\_.

We'll see you on Thursday.

Donna McGrath ([dsm712@cox.net](mailto:dsm712@cox.net)) and Patti Taheri ([mptaheri@cox.net](mailto:mptaheri@cox.net))

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## 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.

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. Even if you do not have a child attending Mantua Elementary School, please consider donating to the auction because the PTA supports the community itself in many ways.

### Booster Support

Do you feel like you'd like to help out, but don't have anything to donate?

Please consider helping us achieve our goals by being a booster with a cash donation of \$25 or more. Checks can be made payable to Mantua PTA and can be sent to:

Mantua Auction  
c/o Carole Thomas  
Mantua Elementary  
9107 Horner Court  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
Bidding

The bidding begins in November and will have staggered close dates which are as follows:

Entertainment & Merchandise: 11/30  
Getaways & Services: 12/7  
Faculty Fun & Restaurants: 12/14

### 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).

## Parenting Classes Offered by FCPS Family Services

FCPS Family Services and Involvement Section (FSIS) offers a variety of Parenting Classes. Those listed below are all held at **The Brown Building, 9735 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22031.**

Thursday, October 13 – 6:00-9:00pm

*How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk*  
One 3-hour session; \$25 per person/\$40 per couple

Monday, October 17 and Monday, October 24 – 7:00-9:30pm

*When Families Get Angry/Conflict Resolutions*

Two 2 ½ -hour sessions; \$40 per person/\$60 per couple

For details and to register, **contact Bernadette Malamud at 703-277-2622.**

Saturday, October 22 – 9:00am-12noon

*Single Parenting Class*

One 3-hour session; \$25 per person/\$40 for two people

Weekly in English and Once a Month in Spanish – call for schedule, see below

*Co-parenting: Two Parents, Two Homes*

\$40 person/\$60 for two people

Wednesdays: October 5, 12, 19, 26 -- 7:00-9:30pm

*Strengthening Your Parenting Skills*

\$60 per person/\$90 for two people

Saturday, October 29 – 9:00 am-12noon

*Step Parenting and the Blended Family – Yours, Mine, and Ours!*  
\$25 per person/\$40 for two people

For details and to register, **contact Susie Johnson at 703-277-2666.**

The Parent Resource Center offers the following Parent Workshop:

*IEPs: Changes to the Process and Forms Owing to the Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Act*

Tuesday, October 18 – 10:30am-12:15pm

Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church, VA

or

Wednesday, October 19 – 7:30-9:15pm

Belle Willard Admin. Center, 10310 Layton Hall Drive, Fairfax, VA

Register by calling 703-204-3941 or e-mailing:

[Tia.Marsili@fcps.edu](mailto:Tia.Marsili@fcps.edu)

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