



# Mantua PTA Alert News

November 15, 2005

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## Book Fair This Week Only in the Library!

This week is your only chance to visit the Mantua PTA Book Fair! This is one of the PTA's major fundraisers for the school. There are some wonderful and interesting books this year, as well as some games and gift sets. You can do a little of your holiday shopping while supporting the school. Don't forget the teachers' wish lists while you are there!

### Book Fair Hours:

- Tuesday, 11/15: 8:30 am—8 pm (Special extended hours one night!)
- Wednesday, 11/16: 8:30—4 (Combine the Thanksgiving Luncheon and Book Fair shopping in one trip!)
- Thursday, 11/17: 8:30—4
- Friday, 11/18: 8:30—12 noon (Your last chance—avoid the rush by shopping earlier!)

***Sally Foster Order Discrepancies?***  
**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES WITH YOUR SALLY FOSTER ORDER TO LYNN RICHMOND AT [lynnrichmond95@cox.net](mailto:lynnrichmond95@cox.net) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 16. AFTER THIS DATE, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ADJUST YOUR ORDER.**

## Registration Begins for Hands On Science Winter Session

Registration forms (bright blue) for "Mechanical Energy" will be in this week's (11/15) Tuesday folder. Please refer to the flyer for the details and schedule for the following classes:

- K-1. Spinners
- 2-3. The Toymaker
- 4-6. Bright Ideas

Come join the fun!

**Remember classes are filled on a first come basis. So send in your registration ASAP.**

Last day to register will be **Wednesday, November 30.**

## Mantua Drama Club presents "Witchy, Wacky, and Wild"

Join us for an evening of comedy, drama, dancing, singing, and lots of laughs. Meet some hilarious witches, hear fabulous music, and enjoy wonderful singing and dancing!

- 1st and 2nd graders will delight you in "The New Broom."
- 3rd and 4th graders will astound you with "The Trial of Hansel and Gretel"
- 5th and 6th graders will keep you laughing with "Boarder Skirmish"
- 4th thru 6th graders will entertain you with songs from famous Broadway shows

Performances Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the Mantua Gym. Admission is by donation. Bring the whole family!

*Saturday's performance will be sign interpreted.*

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## ***Let the Bidding Begin!***

We're pleased to announce that the Mantua PTA Online Auction is **open for bidding!** Browse the catalogs, get your bidder number, and get started!

This year's items are exceptional. Our new ***Just in Time Specials*** category has items you'll want to have *just in time* for Colonial Day or Thanksgiving. We've got beautiful colonial-style dresses, food items (Honey Baked Ham Gift Certificate, Panera Bread Gift Certificate, Whole Foods Gift Certificate), Tickets to the Ballet (November 23), and a wonderful Picnic Basket.

The ***Merchandise*** category has some lovely art work, an extraordinary collection of sports memorabilia, home theatre and stereo systems, tennis rackets and tennis bags, furniture, toys, books. You've got to browse this category to believe it!

The ***Entertainment*** category has ski packages, opera at The Met, theatre tickets, amusement park tickets (Disney and Kings Dominion), golf, sporting events, and so much more!

**All the categories are open**, but not for long! Categories will close as follows:

- Just in Time Specials: Tuesday, November 22
- Entertainment and Merchandise: Wednesday, November 30
- Getaways and Services: Wednesday, December 7
- Faculty Fun and Restaurants: Wednesday, December 14

The Auction's a great way to support our school, pick up some true bargains donated by so many of our local merchants, parents, and school staff and teachers -- and have fun, too! Go to <http://auction.mantuapta.org> to start!

Many Thanks to our sponsors!

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## **KIDS CARE CLUB**

**LOST & FOUND** – Are you missing a lunch box? Jacket? Sweatshirt? During the Thanksgiving Lunches, please check the lost and found (in the hallway by the sixth grade) to pick up any items they may have left on the playground. Anything still available after Thanksgiving will be donated.

**LEAF RAKING** – Thanks to all of the families who helped out on Saturday to rake for our senior community. They were delighted to have us help them out again this year. A big thanks to the boy scouts who volunteered to rake at several homes.

**BOOK COLLECTION** – If you have any gently used books (for all ages) or would like to purchase books at the book fair for The Children's Inn at NIH, we will be accepting donations through November 18<sup>th</sup>. The families who are staying at the Inn while their children are receiving medical care greatly appreciate our help.

## **Odyssey of the Mind Sign-Up for Students and Parents K-6**

For Students, there is still time to sign up for Odyssey of the Mind teams. For Parents, there is an excellent information/training session for interested parents/coaches this Saturday, November 19 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at Mark Twain Middle School (about 20 min from here). The cost is \$20 to cover materials, food, etc. For more information, to register for a team, or to register and get directions for the information/training session, please contact Randi Kirkland at (703)208-2262 or email

[randi\\_kirkland@yahoo.com](mailto:randi_kirkland@yahoo.com). The Odyssey of the Mind Official Website is <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com>.

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