



Mantua PTA Alert News

March 7, 2006

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mark your calendars because Literacy Night is coming to Mantua on Thursday, March 30th. Children must accompany their families, as they are the tour guides for the evening. More information will follow in the Tuesday Folder in the next few weeks ... hope to see everyone there!

HURRY! A FEW SPACES LEFT FOR THE SPRING HOS SESSION...SOLAR ENERGY

Solar Energy is one of the two most popular HOS sessions and classes (15 of them so far) have filled up very quickly! There is still limited space available in the following classes...

- K-1 Fridays 7:55 am
- 2-3 Fridays 7:55 am
- 4-5-6 Mondays 1:35 pm
- Wednesdays & Fridays 7:55am

All registrations must be received by THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 10. Solar yellow registration forms went home two weeks ago in the 2/21 Tuesday Folder. Descriptions of the classes and the registration form can also be found on the Mantua PTA website - mantuapta.org. Questions? Please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or e-mail at randi_kirkland@yahoo.com.

KIDS CARE CLUB

RACCOON RUN T-SHIRT DESIGN – The Kids Care Club is sponsoring the 1st T-Shirt Design Contest for the Raccoon Run. A flyer should be in your Tuesday Folder today but here's the deal. Artwork needs to be on an 8 1/2 x 11 paper, use ONLY black and red ink, there can be one entry per student, only students can submit artwork. The following needs to be on the shirt:

**6th Annual Mantua Kids Care Club
Raccoon Run
Saturday, May 13, 2006
5K and 1 Mile Fun Run**

Please put student's name, grade and teacher in the lower right hand corner. Place the entries in the box in the main office by Friday March 24th. The winner will be announced on Good Morning Mantua on March 27th and receive a Raccoon Run t-shirt and a \$100 US Savings bond.

KIDS CARE CLUB MEETING – our next meeting is Thursday, March 23rd in the Cafeteria from 3:30 – 4:30. We will discuss the Raccoon Run and make posters for the event. Look for permission slips in a future Tuesday Folder. If you should have any questions, please contact Patti Taheri at mptaheri@cox.net or Donna McGrath at dsm721@cox.net.

RACCOON RUN – the race will take place on Saturday, May 13th – 8 am for the 1Mile Fun Run/Walk and 8:30 am for the 5K. All proceeds to benefit Inova Fairfax Hospital Life With Cancer. Registration forms are available at raccoonrun.mantuapta.org. If you need further information, you can call (703)426-2490.

ADDITIONAL LEADER NEEDED FOR 3RD MONDAY AFTERNOON HANDS ON SCIENCE CLASS!!

Our two Monday afternoon K-1 classes are already full and we are now adding a third class! BUT...WE NEED A LEADER FOR THE CLASS !!! Come join in the fun...

- You do not need to have a science related background, just share your enthusiasm
- Training, all materials and detailed lesson plans are provided
- Leaders are compensated.
- Space is reserved in HOS classes for the leader's children.
- Classes are limited to eleven students.

WITHOUT A LEADER THE K-1 CLASS WILL BE CANCELED AND 11 STUDENTS WILL BE VERY DISAPPOINTED!!

Please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or e-mail randi_kirkland@yahoo.com for more information ASAP ...even if you only think you might be interested. PLEASE HELP and have some early FUN WITH THE SUN! Thank you!

Youth Art Month Tips: Discussing Art With Children

The art department wishes to inform everyone that *March is Youth Art Month (YAM)*. You can celebrate your child's art by hanging it in a special place in your home. Mat and frame their art work for a spectacular effect.

When discussing art work with your children it's better to let them talk. If you aren't sure what something is you can ask: "Tell me about this area. . ." It's also a good idea to refrain from using phrases like: "I like it!" Instead comment on their perseverance, dedication and exceptional ability to make choices. Sometimes artists have great success and sometimes great failure. The key is to encourage them to try!

Often what looks like a blob of paint has an elaborate explanation!

Enjoy making and viewing art with your children!

Alert News Contributions

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