

Mantua PTA Alert News for March 13, 2007

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1. Mantua's Heritage Festival and Literacy Night will be this Thursday, March 15th. The Heritage Festival will be held in the cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Literacy Night will begin at 7:00 p.m. Literacy Night for the deaf program will occur on March 14th. It will begin at 6:30 p.m.

2. Carnival Poster Contest Winners

Let's extend a warm thank you to all who entered the Great American Heroes Poster Contest and congratulations to the following winners:

Kindergarten :

- 1st place--Jack Cameron
- 2nd place--Kylie Edington
- 3rd place--Mike DeCarlo

1st grade:

- 1st--Austin Spencer
- 2nd--Mackenzie Williams
- 3rd--Trevor Mason

2nd grade:
1st--Makaila Gailus
2nd--John DeCarlo
3rd--Sarah Cox

3rd grade:
1st--Mary Jane DeCarlo
2nd--Ethan Olswang
3rd--Julia Rogers

4th grade:

1st--Madeleine Tunnard
2nd--Jessica Rogers
3rd--Olivia McGrath

5th grade:

1st--Jessica Laiti
2nd--John Eidson

6th grade:

1st--Brian Yudkin
2nd--Alie Parent
3rd--Rebecca Wassel

Tickets will be delivered to your classrooms. Posters will be displayed in the library.

3. Help Needed: Set-up and Clean-up for the Mantua Carnival

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up for the Carnival. We will need a “ few good men ” to help with the set-up of the wooden booths on Friday, March 23rd plus many other hands to help ensure a smooth set-up. Clean - up will begin right after the Carnival ends on Saturday, March 24. Remember that “many hands make light work ” . Anyone who is interested or knows of middle or high school students who would like to earn community service hours, please contact Jeanne Baker at 703 207-9150 or jbaker1964@cox.net . Thank you in advance for your support.

4. **Great American Heroes Class Basket Coordinators** still needed in the following classes:Heatwole, Churchwell, Bench, Shelton, Leonard, Wilson, Temple, Walrath, Baker, McEntee, Finneman, White, Malc, Davis, Cecere, Blanchard, Johnson, Ballard-Smith, Lee, Endean, Shelton, Kruse-McConville, Moore, Borelli. This is a fun and easy job with point by point instructions and support from start to finish. Please email pmj2@aol.com , Jane Prosperi within the week for theme ideas.

5. **Desserts needed** for Mantua's Deaf/Hard of Hearing After School Program which is currently **EVERY** Wednesday until May 2nd.

Desserts can be home made or store bought.

Desserts can be left in the front office.

6. **Spring into action with the Mantua Carnival on March 24!**

- Volunteers are needed to work from 10:30 to 3:30 in the cafeteria. Please give an hour or so of your time and help out by serving food, taking tickets, scooping ice cream or a little of everything. Older kids looking for community service hours are welcome. Please look at your calendars and let us know when you will be coming. One hour shifts available.

- Calling all bakers! Donations of homemade cookies, muffins and cupcakes needed for the Mess Hall (cafeteria) at the carnival. Add your special touch to our carnival with your favorite treats from home. A table for donations will be set up in the cafeteria after lunch on Friday, March 23. Please no nuts.

Questions or responses may be directed to Maggie Weddell at 703.272.8813 or Magwood95@cox.net.

7. **Be a Hero—Take a Chance on the Mantua Carnival Raffle !**

Get ready to buy your Carnival raffle tickets! We have great prizes again this year thanks to our terrific donors. Judy Wonus is again donating the cash grand prize of \$500. In addition, Judy has generously offered to make a direct contribution of \$500 to the PTA, so that all of us at Mantua are winners! Additionally, Carolyn Wilson of Long & Foster has donated a cool Mountain Bike; Citibank Fairfax a \$200 Target card; Bill Rakow of RE/MAX Xecutex a great portable DVD player; Mary Thyfault Clark of Weichert Realty GameBoy DS or a Leapster (winner's choice); Sarah and Anne Harrington a Nano Ipod; Clay and Kathie Kime of RE/MAX Preferred Properties set of two walkie talkies; Cherie Curry of Harman Industries a pair of Ipod speakers; there are also gift certificates to Noodles & Company, Wegmans, Great America Restaurants, and CostCo. Tickets may be purchased on-line or at the door. We'll also be selling tickets before school on the days just prior to the Carnival and at the big event of course. Don't miss your chance to win one of these great prizes and join us in thanking our great donors should you have the opportunity. For up-to-date Carnival information visit www.mantuaPTA.org .

8. **REMINDER - RACCOON RUN T-SHIRT CONTEST** – Again this year Kids Care Club will help to support the 7th Annual Raccoon Run to benefit INOVA Fairfax Life With Cancer. The t-shirt design

contest has started – you should have a flyer in your Tuesday folder but just in case All submissions are due March 23rd. Please use a white piece of paper, 8 ½” x 11” and use black and red ink only! Artwork must be original and somewhere you need to include: 7th Annual Mantua Kids Care Club Raccoon Run, Saturday, May 12, 2007, 5K, 1 Mile Fun Run. If your design is selected for the t-shirt, you will win a \$100 bank card! If you have any questions regarding the t-shirt contest, please call Joyce Montgomery at 703-323-5053. Please turn your submission in to the main office. This is a great way to kick off our support of a good cause!

9. HANDS ON SCIENCE SPACES STILL AVAILABLE -- There are 7 spaces available for the Friday 7:55 a.m. 4-5-6 class, 3 spaces available for the Friday 7:55 a.m. K-1 class, and 3 spaces available for the Wednesday 7:55 a.m. 2-3 class. Please call or e-mail Elizabeth Johnson at (202) 307-3543, (703) 383-1412, or elizabeth.johnson@usdoj.gov. Registration form and registration fee of \$65 are due now; classes to start after spring break.

10. Summer Enrichment Camp Fair

If you are looking for a camp that offers advanced academic or performing arts programs, nature or science programs, or a mix of those programs with sports and other traditional summer camp options, attend the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted Summer Enrichment Camp Fair on Tuesday, March 27th, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna 22181. The fair is free and open to the general public. It will include representatives from the Johns Hopkins University-Center for Talented Youth, Nysmith, TIC (Technology is Cool) Camp, Exploring Engineering, Fairfax Collegiate, Math Enrichment Services, Mathtree, Shenandoah Performs, Science Camp Watonka, Congressional School, Camp Rim Rock, Camp Horizons, Best Academy, Little Picasso and other summer programs. For more information, call 703-917-7960.

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