

Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. Don't forget the Auction! There's still time to bid on some fabulous items! Visit the auction at www.auction.mantuapta.org or link to it from the PTA website. Categories close at 10:00 p.m. on the specified dates.

2. Our next Spirit Day will be Thursday, January 24. The theme is Twin Day! Friends should dress up like each other!

3. Class Booth Coordinators Needed

The 2008 Mantua Carnival will be on 8 March (early this year!). The theme is 'Under the Big Top'. We still need class booth coordinators for the following classes: Ballard-Smith, Andersen, Ariail, Baker, Borrelli, Cajati, Capps, Cecere, Davis, Garneski, Graap, Grice, Heatwole, Kaplan, Knodel, Lewis, Lewis, Malc, Morrison, Rutherford, Temple, Tomhave, Walrath, White, Wilson (5th) and Zimmerman. Booth coordinators choose the booth, schedule parent volunteers to man the booth and make a booth poster with the class. Contact Melissa Morgan (melissamorgan@cox.net) if you can coordinate the booth for your child's class.

4. GT Referral Forms Due

GT Center Referral Forms for FCPS students due to Mantua on February 8th. Please visit www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt or contact Eva Bousbouras at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu for additional information.

5. Summer Enrichment Camp Fair – January 30th

On Wednesday, January 30th, the annual FCAG Summer Enrichment Camp Fair will be at Oakton HS, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna 22181, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The fair will feature representatives from mostly-local camps that focus on academic, artistic, dramatic or other forms of summer enrichment, plus flyers from many other camps. The fair is sponsored by the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted, and is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960.

6. From the Volunteer Corner

"Many hands make light work."

It takes a lot of special people to make a project or event successful. Even the smallest tasks are important! So if you are available to do even short term, on-call tasks like unstringing beads, cutting fabric to make decorations or manning the phones for an hour on Secretary Day, please contact, Trish Williams at 703-865-8855 or email trishdowney@gmail.com Or Monica Cameron (monica.cameron@cox.net). We'd like to set up an "on-call" list of Helpful Hands to be contacted if we have small, odds & ends tasks that don't require a lot of time but are very necessary.

For example: The Ronald Hunter Family makes volunteering a family affair. Ron with wife Debra and kids Aubree (6th grade), Jaiden (Frost), Brandon (4th grade) and Caleb (Kindergarten) watched the American Idol show while unstringing and sorting all the beads from the icicles used to decorate the front lobby. Don't worry, we'll have next years 6th graders restring the beads for the Winter Wonderland. Let's see how creative they can be too!! The Hunters sponsor the Annual Raccoon Run; make weekly copies for teachers; work on the Yearbook; do Tuesday Folders... the list goes on!

Another family that enjoys helping others is the Esam Omeish Family. Mom, Badria with kids Abrar (at Frost now), Anwar (6th grade), and Yousef (2nd grade) graciously spent many hours creating individual mittens to decorate the pillars in front of the school. They cut different colored fabric to make mittens, added stitching to each, and strung them systematically on a rope like garland. Unfortunately, we didn't get to use them this year but you'll see them next year! Abrar and Anwar also have done many hours of volunteer work through Girl Scouts.

We are so fortunate to have families like these at our school!! We know there are many others that do so much. If you know of someone or a family that you would like to recognize for their Volunteerism, please let us know.

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