

Mantua PTA Alert News for February 26, 2008

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1. We will be having our next Spirit Day on Monday, March 3. The theme is Pajama Day for Read Across America Day. Friends should come to school dressed in their pajamas!

2. Get Your Mantua Carnival Raffle Tickets!

We have great prizes again this year thanks to our terrific donors. This is a record-breaking prize list: \$500 cash and a \$500 gift to Mantua PTA from Judy Wonus, RE/MAX Allegiance; \$350 Best Buy gift card from Bill Rakow, RE/MAX Xecutex Realtors; Four tickets to the Washington Capitals vs. Carolina Hurricanes April 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. from Emerson Network Power/Liebert Corporation; \$250 American Express gift card from Smith Barney – Team Freiman; Flip Video Ultra Series Pocket-Sized Digital Camcorder & Two \$25 iTunes gift cards from Clay and Kathie Kime, RE/MAX Preferred Properties; iPod Nano from Anne & Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster Realtors; 19' flat screen computer monitor from Alliance Micro; Mountain Bike from Carolyn Wilson, Long & Foster; \$100 Target gift card from Citibank Fairfax Branch; Bose In-ear Headphones from Emerson Network Power/Liebert Corporation; \$100 Game Stop gift

card from Mary Thyfault Clark, RE/MAX Allegiance; and gift certificates Noodles & Company, Wegmans, Great American Restaurants, Lifetime Fitness, and Costco. Tickets may be purchased on-line or at the door. Ticket order forms from last week's Tuesday folder are due March 5th. 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.

3. Carnival Desserts Needed

The concession stand in the cafeteria needs desserts for our hungry Carnival guests on March 8th. Your donation of a store-bought or homemade cake is greatly appreciated. Please contact Nicole Armstrong at NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com or 703-573-1216.

4. Mantua School Spirit Night Tonight!

All families, teachers and staff members are invited to experience "A Taste of Korea" tonight, February 26th. Families can arrive and eat dinner anytime between 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Cho's Garden (9940 Lee Hwy-next to PJ Skiddos -703-359-9801). Please come join fellow Mantua school parents of Korean heritage help us order Korean favorite foods. So if you've been interested in trying a new restaurant but were hesitant because you wouldn't know what to order, here's an opportunity to have fun with other families and enjoy great food!

There are many choices of foods to discover!

5. Carnival Class Basket Coordinators Still Needed for the Following Classes

Rynbrandt, Zimmerman, Blanchard,

Leonard, Walrath, Endean, Malc, and Kruse-McConville

If you can volunteer for one of these classes, contact Carole Thomas at 703-978-9578 or caroleandjay@aol.com. She'll help you get started!

6. Lido Place Walkway Public Hearing on March 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

Attention Mantua families: The Board of Supervisors has a walkway project identified as the Lido Place Walkway Project Number W00700 (W719). This project consists of the construction of approximately 650 linear feet of 4-foot-wide concrete walkway, including

some re-grading of the existing yards, driveways, drainage ditches and the installation of one 15-inch concrete culvert along Lido Place between Southwick Street (Route 978) and Horner Court (Route 2571).

The construction of this project requires the acquisition of one (1) sidewalk easement and five (5) grading agreement and temporary construction easements in the Providence District. Although the Land Acquisition Division (LAD) has been negotiating to acquire these land rights since April 25, 2007, as of this date, it has been unable to reach resolution due to property owner concerns about the project. Repeated deferrals to move forward on the project have meant increases in project costs. Thus, condemnation is necessary.

Pursuant to section 15.2-1903 (Supp.2006) of the Virginia Code a public hearing is required before property interests can be acquired by eminent domain proceedings. To demonstrate your support for this walkway project, it's important that you attend the public hearing. Let's provide a safe walkway for our children to get to and from school. For more info on the hearing, please call Fairfax County Government Center at 703-560-6946. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/012808lido.htm>

Bob Greene, PTA President

7.Upcoming Events At-A-Glance:

February:

26th: School Spirit Night at Cho's Garden

March:

1st: MOM Consignment Sale: 8am-1pm in Mantua Clubhouse

5th: PTA Meeting, 7 pm, library

8th: Carnival: 11am-3pm: "Under the Big Top"

13th: Heritage and Literacy Night

15th-23rd: Spring Break

8. Reflections Art Program: Again, many thanks to all of the students who participated in this year's program! This week, students may begin picking up their work located in the office near the PTA mailbox. Also, next year's theme has been announced..."Wow!" More to come this spring.

9. Box Tops for Education: Please keep those Box Tops coming! Box Tops bring in hundreds of dollars in cash to our school each year. At this time we are not collecting Campbell's Soup labels as it requires thousands of labels to select from limited items in a catalog. You may drop the Box Tops in the designated box at the PTA welcome table in the school's foyer.

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