

Mantua PTA Alert News for March 4, 2008

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1. The next PTA meeting will be held next Tuesday, March 11th at 7 pm in the library. This reflects a date change from March 5th.

2. Mantua Carnival is "Under the Big Top" this Saturday, March 8th, 11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Get Your Tickets Now!

Advance sale tickets are available now either on-line at www.mantuapta.org or

starting Thursday morning in the cafeteria! Advance sale ticket passes provide 4 tickets for \$1 and are available in multiples of 20. On-line purchasing is easy with step-by-step instructions at the WEB site. These passes may be picked up at will call on either Friday evening or Saturday at the Carnival. On-site advanced ticket sales will start in the Cafeteria from 8:30 – 9:00 AM on Thursday and Friday and on Friday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM. For complete details or to get a ticket flyer visit the WEB site at www.mantuapta.org. Remember buy early and save. The day of the carnival tickets will be 3 for \$1. This year food purchases will be cash only; carnival tickets will not be used to buy food.

Four days and counting! Here are a few endnotes to remember:

Over 200 cakes are needed to make the Cake walk fun for all;

There will be TWO wonderful Moon bounces to enjoy; play games and earn points to receive your choice of prizes. For complete details and to see pictures visit the WEB at www.mantuapta.org ;

Buy raffle tickets to win one of many great prizes. Raffle tickets may be purchased on-line or in the Cafeteria at the same times and on the same days as the admission tickets. For complete details visit the WEB at www.mantuapta.org ;

Come to the Concession Stand (in the cafeteria) for food and refreshments or taste the out of this world Heritage Kettle Korn; Volunteer if you can.

One Special note – Please be respectful of our neighbors near the school. No Parking signs will be placed on the residential side of Horner CT and along the side opposite the sidewalk of Kirkwood. Please respect these signs and help us to keep the traffic moving and the roads clear.

3. Upcoming Dates for March 2008

- 1 Virginia School Census mailed out
- 4&5 Grade 5 SOL Test Dates - AM Only
- 5 PTA Basketball Playoffs
- 8 Carnival 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 9 Daylight Savings Times begins - 1:00 am
- 11 PTA Meeting 7:00
- 12 Spring Pictures and Class Pictures
- 13 Literacy/Heritage Night
- 17-21 Spring Vacation / Mantua Office Closed

4. Mantua Basketball Championship Games March 4th and 5th!

On March 4th, the 3rd and 4th grade girls championship game will be held at 6:00 followed by the 5th and 6th grade girls final at 7:30. On March 5th, the 3rd and 4th grade boys championship game will be held at 6:00 followed by the 5th and 6th Grade boys final at 7:30. Come out and cheer for your schoolmates!

5. Literacy Night/Heritage Showcase

On Thursday, March 13 th , Mantua will hold its annual Literacy Night/Heritage Showcase for students and their families. Mantua families from over a dozen countries will have displays and samplings at the Heritage Showcase in the cafeteria from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Classrooms will be open from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Families can tour the building to learn how students at every grade level acquire literacy across all areas of the curriculum.

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. 2008 Virginia School Census Fast Facts

“We’re Counting on You”

- The 2008 Virginia School Census begins March 1, 2008 and concludes

July 15, 2008.

- The commonwealth of Virginia requires each school division to conduct a

census **every three years.**

- Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) needs to count every person residing in

Fairfax **County who will reach his or her first birthday but not his or her**

twentieth **birthday by December 31, 2008.**

- For the 2008 Virginia School Census, each child counted will bring

approximately **\$3,000 back to Fairfax County Public Schools in tax dollars.**

- All households in Fairfax County are mailed a census form.

- There are four ways to respond to the 2008 Virginia School Census:

1) Respond online at www.fcps.edu/census.

2) Mail in the form.

3) Respond via fax to the 2008 Virginia School Census office.

4) Respond via interactive voice response system.

- **Children attending private schools and those home-schooled are counted in the 2008 Virginia School Census.**

- **All data collected are kept confidential.**

- **Data gathered help projections for future school needs.**

• Translation assistance is available in Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

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