

Mantua PTA Alert News for April 29, 2008

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- 1. Now's The Time to Register for the Raccoon Run!**

Please make sure that you have registered for the Kids Care Club's 8th Annual Raccoon Run May 10th, 2008, in memory of the late Roberta Romano. The Fun Run will begin at 8:00 am with the 5K to kick off at 8:30, rain or shine! All proceeds go toward Life with Cancer.

2. Art Room Supplies Needed

Ms. Watkins is planning a simple machine project and requests the following materials be organized and brought to the art room:

containers, preferably white or transparent (clean)

feathers

beads

dominoes

spools from thread

buttons

costume jewelry

broken jewelry

ribbon

old keys

corks

bottle caps

shells

small seed pods

bolts, washers

plastic utensils

spools

coffee stirrers

colored craft sticks

Broken toy parts

Plastic sock holders

small tiles

small mirrors

orange juice can lids

toothpicks, preferably colored

chopsticks

paper or plastic core from inside used tape

colored tape

small material scraps

raffia

pom-poms

clothespins (plastic or wood)

small wood scraps, including dowels and lattice

papers of different weights, textures and colors (wrapping paper, wallpaper, colored comics, origami, sandpaper)

screws

3. Lunch Money – As most of you know, when our children forget their lunch money, the office is very kind to lend them money but we need to replenish the account. Please check with your children to see if they borrowed lunch money from the office and forgot to tell you. By reimbursing the office, funds will be available for the next person who needs to borrow for a day. Thanks for your help.

4. Camp Invention at Fairhill This Summer

www.campinvention.org

Camp Invention comes to Fairhill July 28-August 1 from 8:30am-3:00pm. The Camp Invention® program enhances children’s teamwork, inventive-thinking skills, and creativity during this weeklong summer adventure for those entering grades 1-6. Children have the opportunity to create miniature amusement park rides, study and design safety features in automobiles, and explore life on an alien planet! Children participate daily in five activity-oriented modules that foster science literacy, math, history, and the arts.

Scholarships and tuition assistance are available. Contact Peggy Einhorn at Peggy.Einhorn@verizon.net or (703) 560-0304 for more information.

5. FIELD DAY – Room parents have started to look for Field Day volunteers. This event will take place as follows: June 10th K – 2, June 11th, grades 5 & 6, finally June 12th, grades 3 & 4. The students love this event and we need many parents to help out that day. Please take a moment to look at your calendars so you can

offer to help when the room parent contacts you. Even if you only have an hour to spare, we can use your help.

6. Thanks for a Great Office Professionals Week A huge thank you to all the parents and students that showered the “front office ladies” and administrators with love and appreciation! Families and groups of friends coordinated and brought in daily lunch, flower bouquets, notes from kids, and lots of goodies during the entire week! We had such a great response that some families will be bringing lunch throughout the month. Thanks so much for recognizing how important their presence is in our kid’s lives at school.

7. **TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** is **FRIDAY, May 9th** from 12-1pm.

To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA (that’s us parents) hosts the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Teachers enjoy a full lunch hour of delicious dishes courtesy of grateful parents. This year’s theme will be “Hot Summer- Cool Teachers!” which will include all the fun stuff that summer will soon bring such as BBQ sandwiches, Grilled Hamburgers, chilled salads, fresh fruit, ice cream, and lots more! We’ll transform the library into a summer vacation!

Sooo, we’ll need lots and lots of help from parents to make this a successful event. If you would like to help decorate; set-up; bring food (see TF flyer for what each grade is asked to bring); clean-up; or donate a gift to be used as a door prize, please let us know quickly.

A Quick list of what we really need right now: **WE NEED A BBQ GRILL** for this event- anyone willing to bring one or two to school for the day? Anyone want to grill? Anyone have any summer decorations they can lend? Anyone have a home-based business that would like to donate a few small products (with your business card) to be used for the door prizes? Anyone have a Scouting or Service Group that would like to make 100 small gifts as mementos to give to every teacher that attends the luncheon? Last year we gave lovely beaded bookmarks crafted by the Omeish Family. If you have any questions or ideas or decorations, please contact

PTA Hospitality coordinators DeeAnn Jeremiah 703-383-8393 djeremiah@cox.net ; Monica Cameron, 703-359-4298 monica.cameron@cox.net; or CeeCee Young at pcyoung91@cox.net.

8. Auction Coordinator Still Needed

We are in need of an energetic team to pump up the volume and dollars in one of the school's top annual fundraisers. The auction can be either online or live or any combination you choose. There are extensive history and materials available to the coordinator to facilitate the planning. We also have several experienced auction coordinators that are available and happy to help the Coordinator. If you are interested in this challenge, please contact Nicole Armstrong at nicolearmstrong@aol.com or 703-573-1216.

9. Volunteer Spotlight is on : Vatsana "Vat" Ross

Vat is mom to Abbey (Mrs. Baker's class) and Bella Ross (Mrs. Johnson's class) and wife to Andy Ross. She is soccer coach for Bella's team (she thought she didn't know anything about soccer other than running, kicking, and there's a goal involved). She enjoys art and graphics and does the marketing for their family-owned company (RTEC: Ross Tree Expert Co.) She loves the Mantua community and Mantua families, "Compared to my elementary school days, Mantua "rocks", Vat says. Vat was one of the volunteers that submitted a design for the first ever Mantua E.S. Certificate of Appreciation. She is very talented, super funny and very gracious with her time to support the Mantua community and school. THANKS Vat!!

10. Some Honorable Parent Contributions to Highlight:

What a great response to our call for designers of a Mantua Certificate. We had several parents create designs for the Mantua Certificate of Appreciation. All their

designs will be given on CD to Mrs. Fernandez and the front office to use for special events. The designs were fantastic! We have such talented parents! Here's who you can pat on the back when you see them: Graphic Designer, Lauren (Mom) and Samantha Terry (4th grader); Mary Prettyman (mom to 4th Grader Mark); Kay Hathaway (Civil Engineer and mom to 5 grader Lynn) ; Susan Coren (mom to Sam (K) and David (2); Michele Levine-Niez (mom to 6th grader Daniel).

11. A reminder to cut off your engine while idling at the Kiss and Ride or parking lot if you're waiting more than 30 seconds during pick-up and drop-off.

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