

Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. Reminder: School Picture Day is THIS Thursday, September 20th. Make sure you have your picture order forms turned in!

2. ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT FOR SALLY FOSTER SALES!

Don't forget that every Sally Foster sale, whether on-line or on the order form contributes 50% to Mantua . This money pays for many great programs for your children, such as field trips, software, books, author visits and much more. The Sally Foster product line is of the highest quality; your friends and family will thank you for giving them the opportunity to buy.

Here are some of the exciting contests this year to award our Sally Foster sellers:

The classroom with the most participants will win a PIZZA PARTY!

The top student seller will win a \$25 Blockbuster card (in addition to all the wonderful Sally Foster prizes).

The classroom with the top dollar sales will win a \$50 Barnes & Noble giftcard to used for the classroom library.

3. Back to School Night is This Thursday. 9/20, for Preschool through Grade 3 Parents

Back to School Night for Grades 4 through 6 will be next Thursday, September 27th.

The Schedule will be as follows:

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Meet the Resource Teachers and Specialists

7:05 – 7:20 p.m. Presentation by Mrs. Fernandez, Principal

7:20 – 7:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Greene, PTA President** , Gym

7:35 – 8:05 p.m. Meet Your Child's Teacher

8:05 - 8:35 p.m. Meet Your Child's Teacher -- Second Session for Parents with 2 or more children

8:05 – 8:35 p.m. Deaf Program in Room 54

**Tables with PTA Programs will be set up in the cafeteria. Please stop by any time between 7:30-8:35.

4. Updated Phone Numbers for Girl Scouts

Would your daughter like to be a Girl Scout? Scouting is for girls from kindergarten through high school. It's never too late to start! Girl Scout troops at Mantua camp, hike, sing, visit museums and theaters, do service projects, earn badges on a wide range of interests and yes, even sell cookies. Best of all, while having fun and making friends, girls learn how to

solve problems and have confidence in themselves. For more information about Juniors (grades 4-6) contact Robin Antzoulatos at antzoul@covad.net or 703-205-9897. For Brownies (grades 1-3) contact Peggy Einhorn at peggy.einhorn@verizon.net or 703-560-1165. For Daisies (kindergarten) contact Maureen Pass at moepass@cox.net or 703-385-1004.

Look for our display table at Back to School night! Our Troop Organizers will be available to answer your questions.

5. Interested in Boy Scouts?

Parents with boys in grades 1-5.....are you interested in spending more time with your boys doing fun things like camping, singing, and lots of other fun activities?

Boys, are you interested in spending more time with you parents showing them how you can develop more leadership, character, and citizenship skills?

Join Cub Scout Pack 1533 for Join Scouting Night on Wed, September 26, in the Mantua cafeteria 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Parents and boys will get a preview of what cub scouting is all about and get a chance to participate and meet with the whole Pack.

Additionally, we will have a table in the Mantua cafeteria for both Back To School nights, on September 20 & 27. We will have information available and you will have another opportunity to join scouts and Pack 1533.

For more information check out the Pack website at: <http://www.mymantua.org/pack1533> or contact Allen Clark (703-725-7130, scouts@mymantua.org).

6. Give the Gift of Life – Donate Blood

Girl Scout Troop 2276 is holding a blood drive with the American Red Cross in the cafeteria at Mantua Elementary School on Saturday, October 27th from 12:00 – 4:00 P.M. Please go to the following website or click on the link below to schedule an appointment to give blood:

<http://www.membersforlife.org/rccm/mobilesch/login.php?sponsorcode=14555>

Questions? Email moepass@cox.net.

Thank you for your support! - Troop 2276

7. Thanks for Your Help with Teacher and Staff Welcome Breakfast! A big thanks to all the parents who contributed to make the breakfast a success. It was a wonderful way to start out the year and let our teachers and staff know how much we support them.

8. FLEX (Foreign Language) Classes are forming for French, Italian, and American Sign Language. Currently there is no teacher for Spanish classes, although an active search is underway. Look for registration materials in the next few weeks and classes to begin sometime in late October. Sixty minute classes will be held before or after school for 10-15 weeks. If you would like to volunteer to help run Mantua's FLEX program, please contact Linda Halstead at 703-503-5175 or pajusihalstead@cox.net (preferred).

Fairhill Elementary School is offering Arabic and Chinese FLEX classes after school on Mondays/Fridays beginning in early October. All FLEX classes are open to all Fairfax County students, but parents are responsible for transportation. If you are interested in learning more about these classes, please contact the Fairhill ES FLEX Rep, Lillian Sun Tadlock at lilliansun@gmail.com or 703-89-9427.

9. PTA Directory: The PTA Directory Chair will be accepting advertisements for the 2007-08 Mantua Student Directory. Contact Mary Townley if you are interested in placing an ad. 703-204 2254, metownley@aol.com

10. PTA OPPORTUNITIES –The committees listed below still need a chairperson. Please consider helping out with any of these activities – they are the things that make Mantua such a terrific place to go to school. If a contact person is not listed, please contact Bob Greene at president@MantuaPTA.org for more information.

Drama Club – Due to its popularity, each year a lottery must be held to determine the participants. At this time, we need someone to be the overall person in charge as well as play directors. Someone has agreed to help with the paperwork, check writing and other behind the scenes activities. Please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at sixkavjians@aol.com.

Kids Care Club – Community service is a big part of Mantua and this group is involved with leaf raking for our senior citizens, collections for local FCPS, and the Raccoon Run. Please contact Amber McClain at amberjaymc@msn.com to help her with this group.

Yearbook – Ms. Dunfee (Distance Learning Lab Teacher) is already starting to take pictures for the yearbook. She needs some parents to help her in class on Monday mornings and after school on Thursdays for about 1 ½ hours. This parent(s) will also help distribute order forms for the books and help hand out the books in June. Please contact Ms. Dunfee at jane.dunfee@fcps.edu or stop by the Distance Learning Lab.

Community Spirit Coordinator – Local restaurants offer nights where a part of the sales are donated to the school. If you have a small amount of time and could make some calls to these establishments, we could use your help.

Volunteer Coordinator – This person helps to schedule volunteers during events such as the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in May. You will work with another coordinator.

Webmaster – The PTA was fortunate to have our webmaster stay on from last year but she no longer has children at Mantua so it would be great to have her train someone and help phase them into the job. This person updates the website periodically, keeps the calendar up to date, helps with the auction as well as membership information. If you have a computer background or are just interested in learning and helping out in this position, please contact Loan Pham at phamloan@aol.com.

Auction – This is in the planning stage and need people to help with solicitation letters, follow up phone calls to local businesses, and other assorted jobs. Please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at sixkavjians@aol.com to help.

Chess Club – A teacher ran this popular club last year. Any parent interested in taking it over?

We could also use representatives to the County Council and Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council.

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