

# Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. Registration for Mantua Basketball will be open soon. If your child is in grade 3, 4, 5 or 6, please keep an eye out for the registration form in your Tuesday folder. Registration will also be available online.

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## 2. **SALLY FOSTER ORDERS DUE FRIDAY, SEPT 28!**

Please turn in your order forms to your child's teacher by this Friday. Along with the Spring Carnival, the Sally Foster program is our school's largest fundraiser for the year. We are hoping to top last year's profit of \$14,000. Thanks for your support of our school!

Remember, on-line ordering at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) is convenient and provides direct shipping to your home or that of an out-of-town friend or family member. Credit Mantua with our account number 503978.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Phillips, [kathyphysics@cox.net](mailto:kathyphysics@cox.net), 703-573-0146.

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## 3. **Back to School Night is This Thursday, 9/27, for Grade 4-6 Parents**

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.

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## 4. **Important Messages from the Office**

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 4:00 p.m.! If a student has forgotten his/her homework they will have to call a classmate.

If your child is going home with a friend **both** parents have to notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

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## 5. **Parking in the Horner Court Cul-de-sac:**

Beware! Cars will be ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in this area. Some cars may park parallel past the yellow curb towards the first house. However, you must keep a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

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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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:moepass@cox.net).  
Thank you for your support! - Troop 2276

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7. **Please continue to send in those membership envelopes for the Mantua PTA!** With your support, the PTA has funded and contributed funds for computers, software, library resources, musical instruments, stage sound equipment, and cultural/educational assemblies. The PTA sponsors the basketball program, book fair, spring carnival, Mad Science, foreign and sign language programs, fine arts festival, and volunteer programs. The PTA also produces the Yearbook, a weekly Alert News, and the Mantua School directory. **All families with at least one PTA member receive a Mantua School directory.** Send in cash or write a check to “Mantua PTA” for \$14 for a family membership or \$7 for a single membership. Include “PTA Membership,” member(s) name(s), your child’s name, and his/her class on the envelope. You may also mail your check to:

PTA Membership  
9335 Tovito Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
**THANK YOU!**  
Donna Stelling McGrath, PTA Membership

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8. The Reflections Program

Calling ALL students! Here is your chance to express your creativity. Think about the theme, I Can Make A Difference by... and what it means to you. Then create an original piece of artwork (no licensed characters please) in any of the following six categories: visual arts (painting, drawing, coloring, etc), musical composition (you may even have someone else perform it), literature (a story, poem, essay), photography (original photos), dance choreography, and film/video production.

When you are ready to submit your entry, just download an application form at [http://www.fccpta.org/reflections/docs\\_2007\\_2008/2007\\_08\\_entryFormpdf](http://www.fccpta.org/reflections/docs_2007_2008/2007_08_entryFormpdf) or pick one up at the parent information table in the school lobby.

The deadline for this program is October 26<sup>th</sup>. Selected awardees’ entries will be submitted to the next level to be judged along with other schools.

Please contact Elizabeth McPhilomy at [dutchboy3911@msn.com](mailto:dutchboy3911@msn.com) for further information.

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9. **Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!**

**MONEY FOR MANTUA WHEN YOU RECYCLE YOUR OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES, CELL PHONES, PDAS, AND LAPTOPS!**

Don't forget to bring in those used ink jet or laser printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops, or PDAs from home or work and place them in the gray rubber maid container in the front lobby of Mantua school. Includes any accessories like chargers, extra batteries, cases, headsets, etc. Mantua elementary earns money through the Cartridges For Kids program for all of the recycled items.

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