

# Mantua PTA Alert News

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### 1. Mantua Book Fair is Coming...

Mark your calendars...the Book Fair will be held this year from November 8th to 16th in the library. Hours will be from 8:30 until 4 most days, with late hours on Tuesday the 13th until 8:00. Proceeds from the book fair benefit the library; in this way our purchases affect our own children as they visit the library every week. There will be books for a variety of interests!

#### ...Volunteers needed!

If you are able to help staff the book fair this year, please call or email Claire Fritzinger at 703-205-9033, or [plntclar@speakeasy.net](mailto:plntclar@speakeasy.net). Help is especially needed for set-up on Thursday, 11/8, from 11-2, and clean-up on Friday, 11/16th, from 12-2:30, but help is appreciated on any day.

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### 2. Active Parenting Now Workshop

**Connect with your kids today! Childcare available!**

- learn communication skills that you can use for the rest of your life
- reduce power struggles with discipline skills that really work
- develop your children's pride and inner strength
- teach a true sense of responsibility

use an interactive workbook that you take home and keep as a resource

**When:** Fridays, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, and Nov. 30 from 7:00-9:00pm

**Where:** Mantua Elementary School Library

**Instructors:** Counselors Teresa McConnel, K-3 & Allison Ayoub, 4-6

**Cost:** \$14

If you are interested in attending, please contact Erin Spilman at [erin.spilman@cox.net](mailto:erin.spilman@cox.net). Please RSVP by October 15 and let me know if you will need childcare. If you have questions, please contact Teresa McConnel at [Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu](mailto:Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu) or call (703)645-6384. A \$5 donation for childcare is appreciated.

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3. **FLEX (Foreign Language)** Classes are forming for French, Italian, and American Sign Language. Look for registration materials in the 10/9 Tuesday folder. Registration forms will be due on Friday 10/12. Sixty minute classes will be held before or after school for 10-15 weeks. Classes will begin the week of 10/29.

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### 4. Registration for the Mantua Basketball League is now open!!!

Please register your 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th or 6 th grader at <http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/basketball.shtml> . Registration Forms were also sent home in Tuesday Folders. The deadline is October 16 so please don't delay – your child wants to be part of the fun!

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**5. MAD SCIENCE: Going, Going, Gone!**

Registration for Mad Science has been extended a few more days. Please contact Peggy Einhorn for a registration form or pick one up from the office PTA basket marked Mad Science. Classes will begin the week of October 15 th . Return the form to school and a check made payable to Mantua PTA ASAP to be considered for a space. The only spots remaining are in Thursday afternoon classes from 3:40-4:40, and Friday morning classes from 7:50-8:50. I need more 4th-6th grade students to enroll in the Friday morning class or it may be cancelled.

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**6. VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS:** Do you have some time to help out on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>? Please contact Neita Lindholm from the Clinic if you can help from 9:15 to 11:30. If you cannot volunteer the entire time, just let her know what time you are available. Thanks so much in advance for helping with this very important task and no experience is necessary. Ms. Lindholm can be reached at [Neita.Lindholm@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Neita.Lindholm@fairfaxcounty.gov) or you can stop in the Clinic.

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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. Advertise in the Mantua Student Directory**

Advertise your business in the Mantua Student Directory to be published in October. Half page ads run \$200 and whole page ads run \$400. We are also running a silent bid for the coveted back cover of the directory. Please contact Mary Townley for more information on advertising: [metownley@aol.com](mailto:metownley@aol.com)

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**9. TAKE HOME READING PROGRAM**

An informational meeting for all volunteers and others interested in volunteering for the Take Home Reading program is set of Thursday, October 4 at 11:00 am in the upper pod . It should only last 45 minutes. Take Home Reading will begin the week of October 8. Most classroom are still in need of volunteers, contact your class room teacher or Mary Townley: [metownley@aol.com](mailto:metownley@aol.com)

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**10. 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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