

Mantua PTA Alert News for March 3, 2009

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1. Office News: Parents of 5th graders, please be sure to look for your health flyers regarding the TDap booster, and parents of rising 6th grade females look for HPV flyers. In addition, 2009-2010 Kindergarten registration has started. Parents/guardians may pick up registration forms in the front office.

2. The Mantua PTA Carnival Theme Cake Decorating Contest Begins!

The carnival is in only a few short weeks—Saturday, March 28th, 11:00-3:00. The cakewalk is a much-anticipated event, and the cake decorating contest never seems short on talent. Get those sprinkles ready! Look for the flyer in your Tuesday folder or find one online at www.mantuapta.org. There are great prizes to be won, and every participant who does not place in the top three will receive carnival tickets. We are looking forward to the many creative ways our carnival theme is interpreted this year: "Mantua Goes Green".

3. "A Year with Frog and Toad" presented by The Young Hearts

Student-directed, Student-Performed, Student-Run

Friday, March 6 at 7 P.M.

Saturday, March 7 at 2 P.M. and 7 P.M.

Robert Frost Middle School

4101 Pickett Road

Fairfax, VA 22032

Student/ Seniors \$10

Adults \$15 Tickets and information:

www.youngheartsLTN.org

All proceeds benefit:

The Young Hearts is a group of mostly teenagers who have raised over \$300,000 to fight blood cancers and related diseases. Committed to supporting the search for cures, these students are applying their exceptionally creative talents to the production of a musical which will not only be fun for everyone but will also benefit this worthy cause. Although a few adults are helping, the entire production is student-inspired, student-directed, and student-performed.

Tickets are available for purchase on the Young Hearts' web site www.youngheartsLTN.org or by mail with ticket requests sent to the Young Hearts, 8971 Colesbury Place, Fairfax, VA 22031. Tickets will be for sale at the door while they last. The Young Hearts Foundation is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Tax-deductible contributions through the Young Hearts in any amount will be appreciated, and acknowledged in the program.

If you are interested in joining the Young Hearts or if you have any questions, please send an email to youngheartsLTN@gmail.com. .. The Young Hearts are not endorsed by FCPS or this school.

4. Kids Care Club Book Drive

During the month of March, the Kids Care Club will be holding a book drive in honor of Dr. Seuss. We will be collecting NEW or like NEW books for the local chapter of the Pajama Program which provides books to needy children who are waiting to be adopted. Please place donated books in the large bin in the front foyer of the school. Thank you for your support!

5. Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Award

The Virginia Lottery is conducting a Super Teacher Award contest. Nominations must be submitted on or before March 6, 2009. We have many Super Teachers at

Mantua! The Virginia Lottery has chosen the following criteria to use in their selection process:

Passion and commitment to the teaching profession

Innovation and creativity in the classroom

Involve parents and families in their students' education

**If you would like to nominate a teacher, please go to
<http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/>**

Nominations can be mailed or submitted online but must be received by March 6, 2009.

6. Human Relations Committee at Mantua

There is a Human Relations Committee which is now meeting at Mantua. This committee is appointed by the principal (FCPS regulation 4910.1) to be "representative of the entire school community through which all groups - students, administrative staff members, teaching staff members, support personnel, and parents - may express human relations concerns and may be consulted about and involved in efforts to promote good human relations in the school."

This committee met on Jan. 15, and will meet again on March 5 (8:30 A.M.- 9:15 A.M.) in the Mantua library. Meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa McConnel, Chairperson, at Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu

7. WT Woodson Girls Basketball Camp

June 22-26. Contact Coach Pat Neri at pcneri@verizon.net for further information or go to the web site of www.wtwoodsonsports.org and look under camps.

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