

Mantua PTA Alert News for March 24, 2009

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1. ***Show your spirit on Friday, March 27 : Community Helper Day--Friends should show their school spirit, and dress like their favorite community helper. Please remember to wear or bring appropriate footwear for P.E. and recess.***

2. **"Mantua Goes Green" Carnival is this Saturday, March 28th, 11 a.m.—3 p.m.**

Get Your Tickets Now!

Advance sale tickets are available starting Thursday morning in the cafeteria! Advance sale ticket passes provide 4 tickets for \$1 and are available in multiples of 20. . Ticket sales will start in the Cafeteria from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday and on Friday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM. Look for the flyer in this week's Tuesday folder for full details. Remember: buy early and save. The day of the carnival tickets will be 3 for \$1. **This year food purchases will be cash only; carnival tickets will not be used to buy food.**

Four days and counting! Here are a few endnotes to remember:

Over 200 cakes are needed to make the Cake walk fun for all;

Buy raffle tickets to win one of many great prizes. Raffle tickets may be purchased in the Cafeteria at the same times and on the same days as the admission tickets. For complete details visit the WEB at www.mantuapta.org ;

Come to the "Think Green Cuisine" (in the cafeteria) for food and refreshments or taste the out of this world Heritage Kettle Korn; Volunteer if you can.

One Special note – Please be respectful of our neighbors near the school. No Parking signs will be placed on the residential side of Horner CT and along the side opposite the sidewalk of Kirkwood. Please respect these signs and help us to keep the traffic moving and the roads clear.

3. Think Green Cuisine (restaurant portion of the Carnival) needs Baked Goods!

We are in need of baked goods to sell at the carnival. Let your kids get involved and help bake items that can be sold individually. i.e. brownies, cookies, a slice of cake or cupcakes. We need them dropped off to the cafeteria anytime after 2:00 PM on Friday March 27th the evening before the Carnival. Junior Girl Scouts- here's a way to earn credits towards your bronze awards. Please contact Cee Cee Young pcyoung91@cox.net to volunteer and let us know what you are bringing.

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. Mantua's Brain Based Learning Program Featured on FCPS website

There are celebrities walking the halls of Mantua ES! There is an excellent video on the FCPS website highlighting the pilot program in place at Mantua this year. Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/cable-tv/archive/0809/ss0809.htm> and be sure to scroll down to view "brain based learning at Mantua ES" towards the bottom.

6. Breakfast at Mantua

Did you know that Mantua serves breakfast every morning?

The cost is only \$1.50 for students.

A favorite breakfast item has returned: French Toast Sticks with Syrup.

The breakfast menu is always listed on the monthly lunch menu.

The menu has a variety of hot and cold items to choose from.

The Office of Food Service has told us that our numbers are low. We have to have an average of 35 students daily per quarter in order to keep our breakfast program. September through December we averaged 21 students daily. If it stays low the breakfast program will no longer be available after Spring Break. Instead we will only be able to provide a Breakfast Box consisting of cold items.

7. Ram Sports Camp offered at Robinson Secondary School

...from the Rams' Athletic Boosters:

This will be our eighth consecutive year for Ram Sports Camp at Robinson Secondary School. Our camp has grown from a total of 150 campers the first year of camp to over 900 in the summer of 2008. Our mission is to offer quality instruction in many different sports for students in the Greater Fairfax area. We have been successful due to the coaching and teaching staffs of Robinson Secondary School, "The Home of Champions," they provide a majority of our instruction.

A variety of activities are offered, including tennis, basketball, cheerleading, gymnastics, indoor soccer, football, field hockey, lacrosse, and track and field.

The activities are broken up into sessions. AM runs from 8:30 – 12:30 and PM runs from 1:00 – 3:30. Campers are welcome to participate in multiple sessions each week. We also offer an Extended Day program from 3:30-5:00 for those families who have childcare concerns. Campers who are

participating all day will have a supervised lunch break from 12:30 – 1:00.

For full information and registration, go to www.ramsathleticboosters.com.

8. The PTA wants YOU!

We are always looking for new folks to help with activities throughout the year. Whether you sew, bake or can organize an event, we need you. Everyone is welcome so don't hesitate to contact us to find out how you can support the school's events.

The PTA Executive Board is looking to fill several Board positions as well. The First Vice President (s) position will be open next year. The VP job can be done by one person or co-chaired by two as was done this year.

Here is a brief description of what they do now:

Oversight of the 13 Outreach Committees; Assist with the planning and coordination of PTA events; Maintain Front Lobby Parent Resource Table and bulletin board with updated materials; Organize Folder Stuffing party in August; Assist with Parent Education events; Attend monthly meetings.

Please contact the Nominating Committee members to find out more about available positions within the PTA: Trish Williams (trishdowny@gmail.com) , Monica Cameron (monica.cameron@cox.net) and Amy Ivey (a.m.ivey@att.net) and Nicole Armstrong (NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com)

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