

Mantua PTA Alert News for March 31, 2009

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**1. *The Mantua Office will be closed during Spring Break (4/6-4/10). It will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on April 13th.***

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**2. Mantua PTA Spring Carnival a huge success!**

Thanks to everyone who helped "Mantua Go Green" with the carnival. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. A special thanks to our raffle sponsors: **Judy Wonus**, RE/MAX Allegiance, **Bill Rakow**, RE/MAX Xecutex, Realtors, **Clay and Kathie Kime**, RE/MAX Preferred Properties, **Adam Warshavsky**, Smith Barney – Team Freiman, **Carolyn Wilson**, Long & Foster, **Anne Harrington & Sarah Harrington**, Long & Foster Realtors, **Mary Thyfault Clark**, RE/MAX Allegiance, and **Cherie Curry**, Harman Industries. Enjoy those prizes!

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**3. Basketball Madness comes to Mantua!**

Mark your calendars! On Friday, April 24th at 7 p.m., Mantua staff members will be taking on the Freedom Hill Eagles for a basketball game at Marshall High School. The game will be a "white out" so show your Mantua spirit by wearing white to the game. More information to come in the upcoming weeks!

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**4. SPRING BASKETS FOR THE CHILDREN AT SHELTER HOUSE:** Junior Girl Scout Troop 4333 is collecting donations for 3 days only – from March 31 to April 2 -- to make spring baskets for the children at Shelter House, one of Fairfax County's shelters for families without a home. There are approximately 40 children at Shelter House. Did you know that according to Fairfax County's 2008 Point in Time Survey, 1,835 persons were identified as being homeless on January 24 2008; 1,091 were persons in families, of which 670 were children? We are accepting donations of candy, new toys, plastic eggs, gift cards, and spring items to put together a basket for each child currently at Shelter House. Look for our basket in the lobby!

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**5. Thanks from Kids Care Club**

The Kids Care Club would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated to the book drive, it has been very successful so far. We are entering our final week of the drive, so if you are interested in donating a NEW or like-new book to go to a needy child waiting to be adopted you still can. The books will be collected in the foyer through the end of the week and will be delivered during spring break.

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**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.

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