

Mantua PTA Alert News for April 14, 2009

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**1. *Spirit Day is Thursday, April 16: College Shirt Day--Friends should show their school spirit, and wear college shirts!***

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

Mark your calendars! On Friday, April 24th at 7 PM, 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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**3. GIRLS ON THE RUN**

On April 21st, 7:30pm in the lower POD there will be an information gathering session for those parents interested in the GOTR program. Girls on the Run® is a non-profit prevention program that encourages preteen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. For more information prior to the meeting go to [www.girlsontherun.org](http://www.girlsontherun.org).

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**4. SPRING is here and...**

**so is the 9th Annual RACCOON RUN!**

All the fun is on SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009 at 8am for the Mile Fun Run and 830am for the 5K. Please register at <http://www.raccoonrun.mantuapta.org/>.

All students received a Pledge Packet before Spring Break. Prizes are awarded to those who collect the most donations. And... the class with the most participation, receives a free Pizza and Ice cream Party--Teachers count double!!

All proceeds benefit Life with Cancer, the Inova Fairfax Hospital program that has helped so many face the challenges of living with cancer.

To volunteer, please contact Mary McCullough, [mccullough@tcwinc.net](mailto:mccullough@tcwinc.net),

To be involved with the Kids Care Club contact, Amber McClain, [amberjaymc@msn.com](mailto:amberjaymc@msn.com),

Questions, contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com) 703-426-2490, or Joyce Montgomery, 703-323-5053.

See you at the race!!

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## 5. The Mantua PTA presents:

### Internet Safety Parent Workshop

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00-8:30 PM**

#### Mantua Library

Listen to a panel of experts from FCPS and the US Department of Justice discuss the dangers of the Internet and the ways we can help protect our children. Learn about "Project Safe Childhood," an initiative by the US Department of Justice to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Discover the "I-Safe Program," used by FCPS in our schools, and discuss ways to combat cyber bullying. A question and answer session will follow.

If you have questions concerning this event, please contact Amy Ivey at (703)280-1347 or [amymivey@gmail.com](mailto:amymivey@gmail.com) or Teresa McConnel at Mantua at (703)645-6384 or [Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu](mailto:Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu).

Childcare will be provided.

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## 6. TEACHER APPRECIATION

### LUNCHEON

**FRIDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-1PM**

To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA

(that's us parents) host the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Teachers enjoy a full lunch hour of delicious dishes courtesy of grateful parents. This year's theme will be "Gracious Maestros" (Thank you teachers - in Spanish) which will include all the fun stuff that comes along with the Spanish/Mexican flair such as tacos, nachos, rice, beans, sombreros and lots more! We'll transform the Library into a Mexican Fiesta!

Sooo, we'll need lots and lots of help from parents to make this event successful. If you would like to help decorate, set-up, bring food (see TF flyer for what each grade is asked to bring); clean-up or donate a gift to be used as a door prize, please let us know quickly.

A quick list of what we really need right now: Anyone who has a contact for a Spanish style Mariachi Band or Spanish style dance instructor? Anyone willing to help make large batches of Mexican rice, meat or beans? Anyone with a home-based business that would like to donate a few small products to be used as door prizes? If you have any questions, ideas or decorations, please contact Cee Cee Young (703) 992-0248 [pcyoung91@cox.net](mailto:pcyoung91@cox.net), Meri Farling (703) 354-5750 [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com), or Areille Zabih.(703)272-3311 [ajoy2beaster@aol.com](mailto:ajoy2beaster@aol.com)

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