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May 1 is 'Mismatch' Spirit Day!

Spirit Day is Friday, May 1: Mismatch Day. Friends should show their school spirit, and wear mismatched clothing!

**Remember, students need to wear or bring appropriate footwear for P.E. and recess.

Raccoon Run is May 9

Rocky is ready, are you??? Get those running shoes out and get ready...the 9th annual Raccoon Run benefiting Life with Cancer is just around the corner!

Rain or shine on May 9 at 8am the race will begin right here at Mantua, winding through our beautiful neighborhood. Includes prizes for all age categories, food and drink, t-shirts, Frizbees and waterbottles.

Sign up now at www.raccoonrun.mantuapta.org or mail your registration to 3800 Moss Brook Court Fx 22031. Meanwhile, keep those pledges coming! Prizes for the most donations. (Donation checks can be made payable to 'Life with Cancer'). And remember the class with the most race participants wins a pizza/ice cream party. Teachers count double!!

To volunteer, contact [Mary McCullough](#), for Kids Care Club information, contact [Amber McClain](#).

Any Questions contact [Jennifer Lewis-Cooper](#) 703.426.2490, or Joyce Montgomery, 703.323.5053
See you on Saturday, May 9th!

The PTA wants YOU!

We are always looking for new folks to help with PTA activities throughout the year. Everyone is welcome so don't hesitate to contact us to find out how you can support the school's activities both in, and out of, the classroom. Many jobs can even be done in the evening via email.

The PTA Executive Board positions are all open for vote. We encourage many nominees to run for office. We currently do have nominees for President, 2nd VP (Membership & Fundraising), Secretary and Treasurer.

The First Vice-President(s) position is currently seeking nominees for 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 the position:

Broadly oversee the 13 outreach committees (many staffed by veteran committee chairs), assist with the planning and coordination of PTA events, maintain front lobby parent resource table and bulletin board with updated materials, organize 'First Day Folder' stuffing party in August, assist with Parent Education events, attend monthly PTA meetings.

The following Committee positions are also open for the 2009-10 school year:

Volunteer Coordinator: Communicates with teachers and parents to seek and organize volunteers for direct classroom and school-wide volunteering jobs, parties and events;

Hospitality Chair: Organizes Back-to-School Breakfast, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Appreciation Week and provides light refreshments at monthly PTA meetings;

School Directory: Using data from several sources, lays out and prints school directory in Oct/Nov.;

Field Day Volunteer Coordinator: Using data from volunteer coordinator, works to ensure all classes have parent coverage for Field Day events;

Kid Care Club: Organizes approx. 9 monthly, after-school children's meetings, works with the club members to sponsor several charitable and civic-minded activities

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Carnival Co-Chair: Shares responsibilities with seasoned co-chair, Missy Greene, and helps organize our largest fundraiser of the year.

School Year Book: Multiple committee members needed to supervise yearbook production, manage book orders and maintain financial records;

Reflections Art: Coordinates a school-wide, nationally acclaimed cultural arts competition;

Chess Club: Assist chess club coach as needed.

Science Programs: Develops relationship and coordinates with participating science program to offer after/before-school program.

Please contact any of the Nominating Committee members to find out more about available positions within the PTA: [Trish Williams](#), [Monica Cameron](#), [Amy Ivey](#) or [Nicole Armstrong](#).

Internet Safety Parent Workshop

The Mantua PTA presents:

Internet Safety Parent Workshop

TODAY, Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00-8:30 PM in the Mantua Library, childcare will be provided.

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 [Teresa McConnel](#)

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Thinking About Summer Reading?

We are too, so the Library and PTA are sponsoring an ONLINE Bookfair Monday May 4th through Friday May 22. Our bookfair vendor for many years, Bookworm Central, can make their entire warehouse of books and games available for shopping this way. A detailed brochure and the URL (Web address) will go home with your student(s) in today's Tuesday Folder. Your purchases will be available for pick up at school in early June. Thanks in advance for your generous support.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org; include "Alert" in the subject line. Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

For more information, please visit our website:
www.MantuaPTA.org

Sincerely,
Mantua Elementary School PTA

