

Mantua PTA Alert News for September 16, 2008

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Mark your calendar: Back-To-School Night for parents of Preschoolers through Third Graders will be this Thursday, Sept. 18.

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1. Sally Foster Sales in Full Swing

The PTA receives 50% of every dollar sold and you and your family and friends receive high-quality gift wrap, scrumptious chocolates and interesting gift selections.

You can register your student at www.SallyFoster.com so friends and family can order online and your student will receive their prize credits. Online orders ship directly to the purchaser's home (no delivery for you!) and shipping is FREE for orders over \$70. Mantua's online registration number is 503978.

The Mantua PTA will give away a NINTENDO Wii SPORTS PACKAGE at the end of the sale. Any student who sells at least 15 items will be invited to an after-school ice cream party. At the party, a drawing will be held for the Wii and other great prizes.

Additionally, the top student seller will receive a \$25 gift card and the class with the highest percentage of students participating in the sale will receive a \$50 Barnes & Noble giftcard for their classroom library! The sale ends Friday, Sept. 26. Don't delay! Sell today to neighbors, friends and family.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@cox.net, 703-573-0146.

2. Back - To - School Nights for Parents

Thursday, Sept. 18: Parents of Preschool – 3rd

Tuesday, Sept. 23: Parents of Grades 4 - 6

6:30–7 p.m. Meet the Resource Teachers & Specialists

7:05–7:20 p.m.: Presentation by Mrs. Fernandez, Principal, Gym

7:20–7:30 p.m.: Presentation by Mr. Green, PTA President**, Gym

7:35–8:05 p.m.: Meet Your Child's Teacher

8:05-8:35 p.m.: Meet Your Child's Teacher -- Second Session for Parents with two or more children

**Tables with PTA Programs will be set up in the gym. Please stop by any time between 6:30-8:35.

3. Box Tops for Education Earn Cash for Our School

It's easy! Just clip the Box Tops logo from many of your everyday household items. Each logo is worth 10 cents for Mantua! Turn them in at your convenience to the designated box located by the PTA information table. Participating brands include General Mills cereals, Hefty, Pillsbury, Ziplock, Huggies, Betty Crocker, many fruit snacks/roll ups, Kleenex, Scott, Cottonelle and many more.

4. Reflections Program Kicks Off

Calling ALL students! Here is your chance to express your creativity. Think about the theme, WOW! and what it means to you. Then create an original piece of artwork (no licensed characters, please) in any of the following six categories: visual arts (painting, drawing,

coloring, etc), musical composition (you may even have someone else perform it), literature (story, poem, essay), photography (original photos), dance choreography, and film/video production.

Official rules will be on the Mantua PTA website and at the parent information table in the school lobby. When you are ready to submit your entry, just download an application form at http://www.georgiapta.org/documents/Reflections_Official_Entry_Form.pdf Drop off your entry with application to your teacher or in the box marked "Reflections" in the school office.

The deadline for this program is Monday, Oct. 27. Selected awardees' entries may be submitted to the next level to be judged along with other schools.

Please contact Elizabeth McPhilomy at dutchboy3911@msn.com for further information.

5. Security Announcements from the Office

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 4 p.m.! If a student has forgotten his/her homework they will have to call a classmate.

If your child is going home with a friend, both parents have to notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents, then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

6. Important Change for Alert Submissions

To submit an article for the Alert, please send it via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org. You MUST include "Alert" in the Subject to avoid being marked as spam (long story). Brevity in your submission is celebrated.

Also, please respect the Friday evening deadline for turning in submissions. The Alert is submitted to Ms. Fernandez for review on Monday mornings, and obviously needs to be compiled over the weekend.

Thanks for your understanding.— Carrie Clawson

7. Mantua Basketball Just Around the Corner

The Mantua Basketball League is ramping up for the 2008-2009 season! Registration forms will be going home in the Tuesday folders very shortly. Registration will close on October 15 and Player Evaluations will be October 18 (boys) and 19 (girls). If your child is in grades 3-6, please keep an eye out for these forms and turn them in as soon as you can! Don't miss out on the fun! Any questions can be sent to Rob Luftglass at mantuabasketball@mantuapta.org.

8. Cavalier Cruise Fall Flower Fundraiser

You can purchase beautiful mums during the Cavalier Cruise Fall Flower Fundraiser sponsored by W.T. Woodson High School PTA and by doing so, support an extremely worthy cause. The Cavalier Cruise is an all night drug and alcohol free graduation party for Woodson seniors. So please, come support this fundraiser and give your garden a lift! Order forms will be available in the office, and online at www.cavcruise.wtwoodsonpta.org. Any questions please contact Donna Cipicchio (703/426.4272 or TwoD3cpo@verizon.net).

9. Cub Scout Pack 1533 Welcomes New Year

Calling all first- through fifth-grade boys! Welcome to the new year of Cub Scouts!

Scouting is a great activity where boys can work with friends and parents to learn the ways of scouting, go camping and hiking, and participate in community events. Our first event of the new year is our annual overnight camping trip to Quantico on Oct. 4. We'll have fishing, hiking, campfires and ball madness for everyone to enjoy. Parents, look for the Scout sign-up table at Back-to-School night. We will be accepting applications for new scouts. We'll see you there!

Information on Unsubscribing

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