

Mantua PTA Alert News for December 23, 2008

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1. *Be ready for Spirit Day next tomorrow, December 23rd: Show your school spirit and wear Mantua colors—red and white!*

2. During the Winter Break, 12/23/2008-1/2/2009, the Mantua Office will be closed. It will reopen on January 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

3. IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

The PTA Student Directory is now being distributed to all families with a paid PTA membership. With your support, the PTA has funded and contributed funds for field trips, classroom libraries, teacher training, computers, software, library resources, musical instruments, stage sound equipment, and cultural/education assemblies. The PTA also sponsors the Basketball program, Book Fair, Spring Carnival, Drama Club, before and after school Foreign and Sign Language programs, Fine Arts Festival and Volunteer Programs. If you'd like to join the PTA (and get a great directory!) please fill out the form found in your Tuesday folder or contact Shannon Murphy at shannon.murphy29@verizon.net with any questions.

4. Mantua’s Beautification Program Update

We would like to thank all of the parents and students involved in creating a winter woodland scene in our front lobby! We are very appreciative of all of their hard work throughout the school year as part of our school’s beautification program. We would like to give special thanks to Andrea Mains, our volunteer landscape architect and parent, who has led the school grounds beautification program.

Unfortunately, the county Fire Marshall stopped in on Tuesday, December 16th for an annual inspection and told us that the winter scene had to be removed immediately from the front lobby. There are regulations related to safe student evacuation from the building and the use of fire retardant materials that required us to remove our beautiful display. Many thanks to the parents, staff and students who stepped in once again to help move the winter scene to the front garden. They also volunteered their time to hang the student made snowflakes and gingerbread people throughout the school building.

We wish all of our families a lovely holiday season and all the best in the New Year!

5. Drama Club Wizard of Oz DVDs Available!

The PTA will also be selling DVDs of The Wizard of Oz starting Dec. 12th for \$10. We will not be selling CDs or VHS versions at this point. Please send your checks to the front office if you want a copy and make the check out to the Mantua PTA.

6. Mantua spirit wear orders are in and have been delivered to classrooms. The new pajama bottoms were very popular! Thank you for supporting the PTA and we hope you enjoy wearing the new Mantua logo proudly. If you have any questions about your order, contact Jacquie Heller IMMEDIATELY eeblessed@aol.com 703.691.8085

Need a last minute gift for a 4th-6th grade girl? The vendor accidentally printed us 12 instead of 2 pink hooded sweatshirts in Adult size small with the Mantua Elementary logo. We can return them but I thought I'd offer them up for sale first. The orders were distributed to the kids today and my daughter reports there were lots of kids wearing them as soon as they got them so it is a hot item. Yours for the discounted price of \$19. Contact Jacquie Heller eeblessed@aol.com or 703.691.8085

7. Deadline for Auction Donation Extended—Donate Today!

Please help us make this auction a success with your donation(s). It is very easy to donate online by going to the Mantua PTA website at <http://www.mantuapta.org/makedonation.html>. If everyone donates one item, our auction will be a great success! Every family receives a raffle ticket for each donation they make (limit 3 tickets per family) to be entered into the drawing to win a Nintendo DS!

8. GT Center Referral Form – due Feb 6th (Grades 2-6) Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of gifted services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school/district committee. If you wish to refer your child for consideration for these additional services, the deadline is February 6th for submitting the form to the Mantua office. More information and a link to the referral form is located at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>. If you wish to have a paper copy of the referral, please contact the school office. Please submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras (Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu), GT Resource Teacher at Mantua.

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