

Mantua PTA Alert News

January 26, 2010



Last Day for Donations Wednesday January 27th

We've been receiving so many wonderful and unique donations that we've decided to extend the donation deadline to **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th!** Please find a hard copy of the donation form in Tuesday Folders or go to the website and complete the on-line donation form. Donations may be dropped off at the Mantua Office through January 28th. Please don't delay! The Auction begins on Tuesday, February 2nd (after the long weekend).

We have received donations for every taste, price point, and interest. Here are some of the **GREAT** donations so far:

New this year...Special Delivery from Rocky for your child

New this year...Reserved Parking at Mantua ES

Nintendo Wii

Afterschool Cooking and Craft Class w/ Mrs. Sottolano

Godiva Chocolates

Dinner for 10 at Marrakesh Restaurant

Gorgeous Frame and \$200 GC to Art & Frame of Falls Church

Handmade Earrings & Necklace Slide

Golf Foursomes at Jefferson Golf Course and Laurel Hills Golf

Free Use of Medium Moonbounce from Bernie's Amusements

UltraZone Laser Tag Party

Dance Lessons from Arthur Murray

Admission to the French Cooking Experience with Francois Dionot

Sunday Brunch at Lansdowne's On The Potomac Restaurant

Homemade All American Roast Beef Dinner courtesy of The Cameron's

Cake Decorating Class w/ Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Sherman

Afterschool Cooking and Craft Class w/ Mrs. Sottolano

See Alexandria By Water Cruise by Potomac Riverboat Company

Gift Certificates to Great American Restaurants, Sea Pearl, Four Sisters, Glory Days Grill and many more!

Just a few more days until you get start bidding on these and many other **FABULOUS** items!!

To make a donation online, go to: www.mantuapta.org/auction/makedonation.html

On the right side, in pink, you'll see the link for donations.

Please contact Jackie O'Brien at jacmail5@cox.net or 703-280-1980 if you have questions regarding Mantua Auction.

Join Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is a 10-12 week before and after school program that uses the power of running to help prepare grades 3 through 8 for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

Each session of the twice-a-week program is led by trained female coaches who guide and mentor girls using running, playing games, and discussing topics such as dealing with body image and the media, resisting peer pressure, making healthy decisions, and contributing to the community. Along the way, the girls train together to walk or run (5K or 10K mile) running event and celebration.

The goal of the program is to empower the girls with greater self-awareness, a sense of achievement, and a sense of team building to help them become strong, contented, and self-confident young women.

How Much Does It Cost?

*The Girls on the Run program fee includes:

- Lessons conducted by certified GOTR® coaches
- Participation in the 5K running event and celebration
- Healthy snacks at the end of each program session
- Official GOTR t-shirt
- Official GOTR 5K race t-shirt
- Water bottle
- Comprehensive insurance

The fees for the Spring 2010 Girls on the Run program are:

- Standard fee: \$165
- Fee for Coaches Daughters: \$85
- Families that Qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program: \$70 (with the Free and Reduced Lunch Program form)
- Free and Reduced Lunch Program families with income below \$30,000: \$17 (with the Free and Reduced Lunch Program form)

Additional accommodations can be reached with the Girls on the Run of NOVA Executive Director as needed. No girl will ever be turned away due to financial need.

*The fee structure has been revised to align financial aid specifically with the needs of the families we serve. Financial assistance is now determined by individual Free and Reduced Lunch Program forms rather than by the Free and Reduced Lunch Program percentage of the school.

How Do I Register?

Because of the popularity of the Girls on the Run program and to ensure that everyone has a fair chance to participate, an automated lottery system is used to select up to 20 participants at random for each Girls on the Run program. The online lottery for the Spring 2010 Girls on the Run program will begin on February 6, 2010. A link to the lottery system will be posted on our web site (www.gotrnova.org) at 7am on this date. The registration lottery will be open until February 14 to give everyone ample time to register for the lottery.

The randomly selected participants for each program will be notified via email the week of February 15th; winners and those participants not selected.

How Can I Learn More?

To learn more about the Girls on the Run program or how to register for the program, please visit our new web site: (www.gotrnova.com). You can also call our office (703-273-3153) and talk to a member of our program staff. The Girls on the Run coach at your school can provide information and help.

Thanks for your support of Girls on the Run!

Save the Date! Carnival is March 20th This Year.

Our annual PTA sponsored Carnival will be held on Saturday, March 20th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be games, a cake walk, a snack station, and more. As in the past there will be a poster contest, cake-decorating contest, raffle sale and lots of prizes. Watch your Alert newsletters for more information on opportunities to assist with the carnival. If you have any questions you may contact the Carnival Coordinator Missy Greene at 703-426-1433 or missyfay76@msn.com. See you there!

Advanced Academics Referral Form, due Feb 5th (Grades 2-6)

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of advanced academic services for students. While some 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 5th 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 or submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras (Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher.

Important Upcoming Events

JANUARY

1/28 Second Grading Period Ends

1/29-2/1 SCHOOL CLOSED: Student Holidays

FEBRUARY

2/TBD Pyramid Art Show

2/16 PTA Event: Online Auction Fundraiser

2/3 PTA: Monthly Meeting

2/6 PTA Event: Talent Show, 6pm
2/10 Winter Band Concert
2/11 PTA Event: Community Spirit "Restaurant Night" @ Uno's
2/15 SCHOOL CLOSED: Washington's Bday/President's Day
2/18 Colonial Day (4th Grade)

Dessert on Broadway Performance, WT Woodson HS, 1/28-1/30

Tickets are on sale now for this year's Dessert on Broadway performance by the Choral Department. Enjoy delight and tasty treats against the backdrop of a wonderfully updated set in Cavalier Hall. Tickets are \$14 and they are selling fast, so place your order today at woodsonchorus.org. Performances are Thursday, January 28 at 7pm; Friday, January 29 at 7pm; Saturday, January 30 at noon and 7pm.

Valentine's Babysitting Event: Kids' Night Out/Parents' Night Out

sponsored by St. Matthew's UMC Youth

February 12 from 6:00-10:00PM at St. Matthew's UMC, 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Please bring children ages 2-12 (potty trained) in pajamas to room 109 with a sleeping bag, pillow and snack supper. We will provide board games, a movie and lots of fun while you enjoy a night out for Valentine's day. The event is a fundraiser for youth mission trip. 40 youth will be serving in Romney, W. Virginia this summer with the Jeremiah Project. Your support the summer mission project. Please call Lynn Swanson at 703-992-6465 or email lynn.swanson@cox.net for reservations. Space is limited

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

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