

# Mantua PTA Alert News

## February 2, 2010



### Mantua's Online Auction Begins Today!

Now the fun really begins!! You are invited to check out the Mantua Online Auction and bid on lots of that have been donated by local businesses, our fabulous teachers, and Mantua families. It's quick and easy it's a lot of fun and it raises money for our KIDS! Whose child will have Rocky deliver balloons on his/her birthday, who will win the Disney Park Passes and enjoy Disney, who will go home with the Nintendo Wii or I-Shuffle, who will get the Cooking Experience, and who will get the gift card to Great American Restaurants?

Getting started is easy. Just go online to [www.mantuapta.org/auction](http://www.mantuapta.org/auction) and click on the Mantua Auction logo. In order to request a bidder number, and the bidding links are all there. And, as you bid, remember who this is for--our

The Tuesday Folder has a listing of the donations and the donor's name. Please remember to patronize the businesses that have generously given to Mantua's auction and thank them for their generosity to our school. Without their support, our fundraiser would be impossible. And who is it for--oh yes, our KIDS!

Every fundraiser is important especially when you're talking about our children's education! Please go online to see all the many items up for bid. Many of these "prizes" you may use on a regular basis such as tickets to the movies or restaurant gift cards. Other items, such as those in the Faculty Fun section, are especially for your kids. There is absolutely something for EVERYONE in this year's auction, so please take a little time, get online and have fun supporting our school.

Our first two sections, Restaurants/Good Eats and Novelties, will close on Feb. 9th. The next closing of Entertainment and Services/Activities will be on Feb 11th. The final sections, Getaways/Day Trips and Faculty Fun, will close on Feb 12th. All sections close at 10pm. Don't miss out on the fun and the chance to support our KIDS. Ready, Set, BID!

### PTA Meeting Wed. Feb. 3, 7 pm--Members Please Attend!

We will be voting on our proposed bylaws at the next PTA meeting--members please attend to vote! We need current members to meet our "quorum" needs. We need to pass new bylaws in order for the PTA to continue our operations! FREE CHILDCARE will be available...please contact Monica Cameron to reserve child care spaces at [monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net).

## Annual Talent Show is This Saturday, Feb. 6th!

Plan now to attend the show of the season in the gym this Saturday. It is always amazing to see how talented our students are. The show will begin at 6p.m. Doors are open and concessions are available for purchase beginning at 5:30. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for 6th grade or younger.

Proceeds support the PTA and Mantua's theatre arts programs which include Drama Club AND Talent Show. Your support AND your applause!

## Talent Show Needs Your Help and Baked Goods!

Help is Needed! Baked Goods (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.) for the Mantua PTA Talent Show! Are you interested in making a donation? We need single serving baked goods dropped off Saturday, February 6th between 3:30 and 5:00. If you have any questions, please contact Jeri Gloege at [jeri.gloege@gmail.com](mailto:jeri.gloege@gmail.com). Please help us make the Talent Show a success!

## Mantua Family Fun Night at Uno's Next Thursday, Feb. 11th

When the moon hits your eye like a big-a-pizza pie that's amore. It is a Mantua Family Fun Restaurant Night at Uno Chicago Grill (3085 Gatehouse Plaze, Merrifield) on Thursday, February 11th between 11:00 am and midnight. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with Mantua families and friends. Bells'll ring ting-a-ling-a-ling ting-a-ling-a-ling and "Vita bella." It will be another delicious and fun Mantua family fun night out. When you dine at Uno (or order take out) present the Mantua Donation Ticket and 20% of your check will be donated back to Mantua PTA. Purchases over \$20 will not be included. You must present the Mantua Donation Ticket with payment for Mantua PTA to receive the donation. Proceeds from the night will go to the PTA's day's proceeds. <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/UnoTicket.pdf> Questions? Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net).

## Budget Forum at Marshall HS, Feb 6, 9 am-Noon

You are invited to attend a Budget Forum hosted by the Fairfax County School Board on Saturday, February 6, 2011 at Marshall High School from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn more about the budget (the FY 2011 advertised budget is currently scheduled to be adopted by the School Board on February 4) and the budget process as well as how to communicate effectively for change. There will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. If you are planning to attend, please email [budgetforum@fcps.edu](mailto:budgetforum@fcps.edu) or call 571-423-1075.

## Girls On The Run

Due to a Fairfax County rule, we cannot participate in the on-line registration for Girls on the Run. Please go to the Mantua PTA web site and download the form. Please fill out all of the information and send it back in an envelope to the PTA/GOTR. Please include your payment with the registration form. There will be two spring sessions for girls.

One will meet on Monday/Thursday mornings from 7:45 - 8:45am. The other will meet on Wednesday/Friday from 3:45 - 4:45pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robert Silkowitz at 703-298-8888 or [Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com](mailto:Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com). All applications need to be in by Friday, February 5th.

## 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 counselor or submit any questions to Eva Bousbouras ([Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu](mailto:Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu)), Advanced Academics Resource Teacher.

## Mark Your Calendars: Ann Dolin Seminar March 4th

The Mantua PTA and Mantua ES Counseling Department are sponsoring a Parent Education Seminar on Thursday, March 4th, 7-8:30 p.m. in the library.

5 Proven Strategies for Raising an Academically Successful Student

Featuring: Ann Dolin, M. Ed.

President and Founder of Educational Connections, Inc.

and author of the upcoming book *Homework Made Simple: Solutions for Stress-Free Homework*

Check your Tuesday Folder for further information.

## Important Events in February

2/16 PTA Event: Online Auction Fundraiser

2/3 PTA: Monthly Meeting

2/4 Human Relations Committee, 8:30a.m.

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

2/19 Colonial Day (4th Grade)

## 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 your children ages 2-12 (potty trained) in pajamas to room 109 with a sleeping bag, pillow and snack supper. We will provide the babysitting.

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. support the summer mission project. Please call Lynn Swanson at 703-992-6465 or email [lynn.swanson@cox.net](mailto:lynn.swanson@cox.net) for reservations. Space is limited

## Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).

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