



Mantua PTA Alert News

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Hurry! Mantua's Online Auction Closing Today!

Did you take advantage of the snowdays to do some bidding on the great items in the Online Auction? It's not too late, but hurry! Faculty Fun and Getaways/Day Trips close today, February 16th, at 10 p.m.

Just go online to www.mantuapta.org/auction and click on the Mantua Auction logo. Instructions, how to request a bidder number, and the bidding links are all there. You can pay with PayPal or send a check to the office.

Every fundraiser is important especially when you're talking about our children's education. Please remember to patronize the businesses that have generously given to Mantua's auction and thank them for their generosity to our school. There is absolutely something for EVERYONE in this year's auction, so please take a little time, get online and have some fun while supporting our school.

Let the Games Begin! Enter the 2010 Mantua Carnival Poster Contest

The Mantua PTA Carnival is coming! The Poster Contest is the first Carnival Event. Encourage your child to create a poster for the carnival, and win tickets for the carnival games.

Contest Rules-each poster must:

- Be the student's own work completed at home. 1 poster per student.
- Use standard poster board (any size up to 22" x 28").
- Be about the carnival theme-THE OLYMPICS.

Optional-The poster may state the carnival date, a booth or activity.

·Include student's name, grade, teacher and homeroom number on the back of the poster. NOT FRONT.

·Be submitted in the Poster Contest Box located in the front office NO

LATER THAN Monday, March 1st at 4 PM.

Posters will be judged on the use of the carnival theme and creativity. Winners will be announced during the morning news. Participants may pick up their posters at the carnival.

PTA Bylaws Vote Postponed to March 3 Meeting, 7pm

Our February meeting was canceled due to snow. We will be voting on our new bylaws at the March meeting in the library. Please mark your calendars: we will need at least 20 PTA members to vote. There should be free childcare...stay tuned. Hope to see you then!

Snow Make-Up Days

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From the FCPS website at <http://www.fcps.edu/about/09-10cal.htm>, below are the snowmakeup days for this winter. After 10 days, FCPS will ask for a waiver from the state. The following information will likely be updated because of the snow day on Monday, February 15th. Check the above site to watch for any changes.

Days Missed (Date)/ Makeup Date

1 (Dec. 21) / No makeup required

2 (Dec. 22) / No makeup required

3 (Dec. 23) / No makeup required

4 (Feb. 3) / ~~Feb. 15~~

5 (Feb. 5) / April 12 (*Reminder: this is a full school day, not early release.*)

6 (Feb. 8) / Will not be made up

7 (Feb. 9) / June 23

8 (Feb. 10) / Will not be made up

9 (Feb. 11) / June 24

10 (Feb. 12) / Will not be made up

SCA Candy Gram Postponed

Due to the weather and the loss of Valentine's Day, the SCA has postponed its Candy Gram sale until March. We will send out more information when the time comes. Thank you!

Governor McDonnell to Undo Proposed Freeze of Local Composite

Index

Governor Bob McDonnell announced that he will support updating the Local Composite Index (LCI), the formula which determines state and local education funding responsibility, in the upcoming budget. The move will mean another proposed change to the introduced budget, which froze the LCI at its current level. The LCI has historically always been adjusted every two years to account for changing local economic conditions. The proposal to freeze the Index was unprecedented, and would have cost certain localities in Northern Virginia \$128.3 million in state education funding. Read the entire press release at: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/LCI-PressRelease.pdf>

FCPS Budget Forum Moved to Feb. 20th, 9 am - Marshall HS

Postponed because of snow, the Budget Forum hosted by the Fairfax County School Board will now be held on Saturday, February 20, at Marshall High School from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn more about the advertised budget adopted by the School Board on February 4 and the budget process as well as how to communicate effectively for change. In addition, two breakout sessions will feature principals who will share the budget impact on their schools. Other session topics include how central office staff supports schools and budget realities and misconceptions. There will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. If you are planning to attend on February 20, please e-mail budgetforum@fcps.edu or call 571-423-1075.

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 Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

2/16 Online Auction Closes

2/19 Colonial Day (4th Grade)

MARCH

3/3 PTA: Monthly Meeting, 7pm

3/13 Talent Show (new date), 6pm

3/13 Cub Scout Pack #1533 "Blue & Gold Dinner"

3/20 PTA Event: Spring Carnival, 11am-3pm

3/25 Heritage & Literacy Night

3/29-4/2 SCHOOL CLOSED: Spring Vacation

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

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