

# Mantua PTA Alert News

## March 2, 2010

### MANTUA CARNIVAL 2010



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### Get Your Raffle Tickets for Fabulous Prizes at the Carnival Now!

Check out the exciting prizes from our generous donors! Support programs and resources for our students by purchasing raffle tickets now for the Spring Carnival. Tickets will be drawn at the carnival but winners do not need to be present at the carnival to win. Tickets can be purchased at the carnival, or on the mornings of March 18&19 from 8:00-9 a.m. and on Friday, March 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m., or during the carnival. Avoid the line and make your purchase now! Look for information in this week's Tuesday folder. Be sure to take the opportunity to thank our donors, who made this possible.

#### 2010 RAFFLE PRIZES:

\$500 cash and a \$500 gift to Mantua PTA \*\*\* Judy Wonus, RE/MAX Allegiance

\$350 Target gift card \*\*\* Bill Rakow, RE/MAX Xecutex, Realtors

Flip Video Ultra Series Pocket-Sized Digital Camcorder & Two \$25 iTunes gift cards \*\*\* Clay and Kathie Kime, RE/MAX Preferred Properties

22' flat screen computer monitor \*\*\* Alliance Micro

\$150 American Express gift card \*\*\* Team Freiman - Smith Barney

Nano iPod \*\*\* Anne & Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster Realtors

Mountain Bike \*\*\* Carolyn Wilson, Long & Foster

\$100 Game Stop gift card \*\*\* Mary Thyfault Clark, RE/MAX Allegiance

EPSON Ultra High Definition R260 Photo Printer \*\*\* Sandra Jennings

Polaroid P310 Photo Printer \*\*\* Sandra Jennings

\$65 Noodles & Company Meal Kit

\$50 Wegmans gift card, \$25 Great American Restaurant gift card

**PTA Meeting Wed., March 3rd, 7 pm (Library) -- Members PLEASE Attend!**

We will be voting on our proposed bylaws at the next PTA meeting--members please attend to vote! We need 20 current members to meet our "quorum" needs in order to pass new bylaws so the PTA can continue operations. FREE BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE! Please contact Monica Cameron to reserve childcare spaces at: [monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net) or 703-359-4298.

### Superintendent to be Guest on NPR

FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale will be a guest on the Kojo Nnamdi show on National Public Radio station WAMU (FM 88.5) on March 4 (rescheduled from February 24) from noon to 1 p.m. to discuss the FY 2011 budget

### Frost/Woodson Community Service Hours Opportunity at Carnival for Setup/Takedown

If you have Frost or Woodson students that need community service hours the Mantua Spring Carnival can fill their need. Your students can pick up 2 to 4 hours depending on if they work one or both days. Please send an e-mail to Sally Meyer, [smeyer824@verizon.net](mailto:smeyer824@verizon.net), if your student is interested.

The setup/takedown date/times are:

Friday March 19, 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Saturday March 20, 3:00PM - 5:00PM

### Please Don't Park Your Car in Neighborhood Crosswalks

There is a new crosswalk at the corner of Horner Court and Lido Place (off of Prince William Dr.), but neighbors have observed parked cars (most likely from school traffic) blocking children from using that very crosswalk. Please don't park there and block the children from crossing safely at that very busy intersection. As a reminder, county and state law prohibits parking within 20 feet of a cross walk.

### Super Teacher Awards, Sponsored by VA Lottery and VA PTA

Once again the Virginia Lottery has teamed up with the Virginia PTA to sponsor Super Teacher Awards. Two years ago a Mantua teacher was honored with this award. Let's see if we can bring the award back to Mantua this year! For all the rules and online submission information visit [www.valottery.com](http://www.valottery.com) and look for the Super Teacher link. Letters must be no more than 500 words and the deadline is March 5, 2010. At the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in May we recognize each teacher that has been nominated and present them with their letters so please give Jan-Marie Fernandez a copy of your letter. You may nominate more than one teacher. Even if you feel you are not a great writer, your child's teacher will appreciate that you took the time to write a letter on their behalf. Let's see how many teachers we can nominate this year!

## This Week! Ann Dolin Seminar Thursday

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

Attention 6th Grade Parents - As you know, Parent Night at Frost has been scheduled the evening of March 4th as well. Feel free to come to the Ann Dolin presentation afterwards.

## Mantua PTA Wants YOU!

Yes, it's that time again when we look for great folks to be nominated for the PTA Executive Board which consists of President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. Thus far, Nicole Armstrong has accepted the nomination for her second year as President. All Board positions can have more than one nomination. Voting for the Board slate will be done in June and position terms run from June through June. There are also many opportunities to help chair committees within the PTA; please contact PTA Nominating Committee of Amy Ivey, Lori Prendergast, and Monica Cameron.

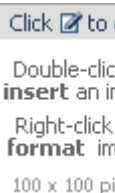
## FCPA Superintendent Modifies Recommendation for Makeup Days

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Jack D. Dale has modified his recommendation to the Fairfax County School Board on how to make up four instructional days that have been lost due to inclement weather. Based on feedback from parents and employees, the Superintendent is recommending that FCPS follow the original 2009-10 calendar, which includes a full day of school on Monday, April 12, and school on June 23, 24, and 25, to make up the four-day deficit, and allow the use of June 28, 29, and 30 as subsequent makeup days, if needed, due to future school closings in winter. The School Board will make a final decision on the makeup plan at its regular business meeting on March 4.

## Front Entrance Display

A group of parents in the school would like to fund a display for our main entrance portico that displays a "Rocky Raccoon" with an "M" for those times when we don't have seasonal display mounted. This group plans to collect private donations to fund the \$550 project. Here is a preview of the display that we'd like to donate to the students of Mantua E.S:

<http://mantuapta.org/documents/Rocky-M.pdf>. We ask you to bring your comments and thoughts to the March PTA meeting, where we'll present our plan. PC  
Andrea Mains



## Important Upcoming Events

## MARCH

3/3 PTA: Monthly Meeting, 7pm

3/4 Ann Dolin Seminar, 7 pm

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

3/14 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](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

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