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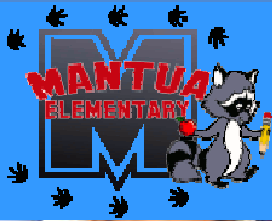
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# Mantua PTA Alert News April 13, 2010



## School Pictures April 21st

Mark your calendar for school picture day on Wednesday, April 21st. More details will arrive via your Tuesday folder.

## Administrative Professionals Week Next Week

Administrative Professionals Week begins April 19th! Our wonderful Mantua office staff work so hard throughout the year and now it's time to show them just how much we appreciate all they do! To thank these wonderful ladies, we will be providing them with special treats as well as lunches during this week. If you are interested in helping to provide meals or to participate in any other capacity, please contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com or Deanna Firth-Freemyer at firth-freemyer@yahoo.com. If you have a chance to stop by the office and say a quick "thank you", it will be appreciated.

## Stress-Free Workshops for Parents, April 15

Public schools and non-profit community organizations in Fairfax have partnered to sponsor Stress-Free Workshops for Parents on April 15. The Workshops are practical, engaging and humorous. Parents will leave with a dozen practical tools they can implement the next morning with their children, with the following objectives:

Creating a calm home--eliminate yelling and arguing.

Creating stress-free mornings and homework time.

Improving focus, attention and behavior in school.

Reducing anxiety, sensory and sibling issues.

Eliminating defiance and disrespect.

Thursday, April 15 10:00am - 12:00pm

George Marshall High School / 7731 Leesburg Pike / Falls Church, VA 22043

Thursday, April 15 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Daniels Run Elementary / 3700 Old Lee Hwy / Fairfax, VA 22030

There is no need to register--just come out and bring friends.

## PTA Executive Board Positions

The PTA Executive Board wants you! We're looking for folks who like to work as a team for the common good of the school and its students and parents in school year 2010-11. If

you are interested in being on the PTA Board please contact any of the following nominating committee members: Monica Cameron at 703-359-4298 or email [monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net) ; Amy Ivey at 703-280-1347 or email [A.M.Ivey@att.net](mailto:A.M.Ivey@att.net) or Lori Prendergast at 703-362-0888 or email [LoriPren@yahoo.com](mailto:LoriPren@yahoo.com)

ABOUT THE PTA BOARD: Nominations will be accepted for all positions with voting to occur at the June PTA meeting. Board responsibilities include attending monthly PTA meetings for a one year term from June through June; budget development; and planning and coordinating PTA activities, in addition to job-specific responsibilities. All positions, except President, can be either co-chaired or job-shared. The Board slate consists of the positions listed below.

**PTA President:** Collaborates between school administration and PTA board to plan and execute events and programs, communicates relevant FCPS and local/state/national PTA information to school families, and plans and runs the monthly PTA membership meeting. (Nicole Armstrong currently serves as President and has accepted nomination for a second year.)

**First Vice President(s):** Oversees committee chairs responsible for community outreach to ensure programs are manned and managed. Attends PTA events as necessary, assists with coordination if needed, and provides communication from committees to Executive Board. (Amy Ivey currently serves as VP1 and has accepted nomination for a second year.)

**Second Vice President (s):** Oversees committee chairs responsible for membership and other revenue generating programs to ensure programs are manned and managed. Attends PTA events as necessary, assists with coordination if needed, and provides communication from committees to Executive Board. (Teresa Lemair currently serves as VP2 and has accepted nomination for a second year.)

**Treasurer:** (Julie Lifland is finishing her 2 year as Treasurer. There are no nominations for the position as of yet. Please consider if you have an accounting background.)

Record deposits using QuickBooks. Make actual deposits at PTA bank.

- Record disbursements using QuickBooks. Enter, print and sign (with another PTA officer) checks for valid PTA expenses
- Reconcile bank statement with QuickBooks monthly
- Prepare annual PTA tax return
- Prepare PTA budget at beginning of school year
- Report at PTA meetings on PTA's cash position and financial position in relation to the budget
- Attend events and count cash

**Secretary:** Attend monthly PTA meetings and record minutes. Responsible for correspondence between PTA and other agencies and preparing meeting agenda, including managing PTA mail. (Lori Prendergast is nominated for this position.)

**Summer Opportunities at Fairfax County Public Schools**

Summer camps are being offered at several FCPS elementary and middle schools. Kids Campus: Goes to Africa, and Foreign Language Experience are two themes. For more information, refer to [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses) (Kids and Teens) 703.658.1293. The link is also posted on [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org).

## Human Relations Committee Meeting 4/15

The next meeting of the Human Relations Committee will be held this Thursday April 15 from 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the Mantua library. All are welcome.

## Family Fun Night April 23rd

The PTA is sponsoring a Family Fun Night Book and Toy Swap on Friday, April 23, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00 in the school cafeteria. Clean your rooms and closets. Find those gently used books, comic books, magazines, puzzles, board games, DS games, Pokemon cards, Legos, Hot Wheels, Webkinz, Beanie Babies, Polly Pockets, or any wanted book or toy. Bring your items to the family fun market to trade, sell or give away. Lots of fun things will be found. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If a language translator is needed, please contact Ken Moles at [kenmoles@cox.net](mailto:kenmoles@cox.net). Any questions, contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net).

## Update on FCPS Budget

For a current look at how the FCPS budget is doing at this point, please visit the FCPS budget newsletter The Bottom Line here: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011/bottomline040910.html>.

## Important Upcoming Events

4/19-4/25 School Administrative Professionals Week  
4/21 School Picture Day  
4/23 PTA Event: Community Spirit "Family Fun Night"

## Community/Pyramid Events

Woodson HS Boys' Soccer Game on 4/30 is also "BRYC Soccer Family Night"  
Any child wearing a BRYC soccer jersey and accompanied by a paying adult can get into the WTW vs. Lake Braddock boys' soccer games free. JV game is at 5:30; Varsity is at 7:00. Baja Fresh will be selling food at the stadium and the concession stand will be open.

## 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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