



## Mantua PTA Alert News September 15, 2009

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### Back to School Night Starts This Thursday!

Back to School Night for Preschool through 3rd Grades is this Thursday, September 17th. Be sure to watch your Tuesday Folders for complete details. Back to School Night for Grades 4-6 will be next Thursday, September 24th.

### A Note About the Bus Schedules:

To all the parents with children riding buses: thanks for your patience. The Transportation Dept. and the school are working overtime to make the major adjustments necessary to get students to home and school on time. Please continue your understanding and patience. I promise it will be accomplished, hopefully by the end of this week.

Thank you,

Ms. Thompson, Vice-Principal

### The Mantua PTA Welcomes YOU to Back-To-School Night

We are pleased to offer the following opportunities at Back-to-School Night:

-Sign up for a PTA membership for the 2009-10 school year

-Bring your Safeway and Harris Teeter Grocery Cards and sign up to have the grocery stores donate a percentage of your purchases to your child's school!

Note: Grocery Store Programs must be renewed each school year!

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- Sign up for one grocery store program and put your email on the list to receive an invitation from One Cause, an online shopping program and you will receive one ticket to enter the raffle for a FREE Entertainment Book!
- Purchase a 2010 Entertainment Book for \$30. Buy one for yourself or give one as a gift! The book quickly pays for itself, with coupons like \$20 on Safeway groceries, discount movie tickets, and many local restaurants and services!
- See and order this year's SpiritWear! T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Pajama Pants, Basketball Shorts, AND Sweatpants are available this year.
- Buy a brand new Mantua Car Magnet for \$6 (or 2 for \$10). Show everyone how proud we are of our school!
- Get information about and sign up for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Drama Club, Kids Care Club, and other wonderful programs sponsored by the Mantua PTA!
- Sign up to volunteer in your child's classroom and around the school. Ask any questions you may have about different volunteer opportunities!
- Sign up to get a New Family Sponsor or be a New Family Sponsor! If you are new to the school, a Sponsor will communicate with you throughout the year and be available to answer any questions you may have.

### Mantua Drama Club is Back for its Second Season!

Are you interested in singing and performing on stage? Do you want to get some practice in before going for the Tony? Are lights, music and props your thing? Do you dream of building and painting backdrops for a musical production? Are costumes, stage management or directing your ultimate career goal? If the answer is YES to any of those questions, you should join the Mantua Drama Club! We are holding an information session on Tuesday, September 15th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Mantua cafeteria. Please come by and learn more about the 2009 Mantua Drama Club!

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If you know Drama Club is for you, please go to the Mantua PTA website and download the Drama Club packet [HERE](#). Fill it out and bring it with you along with your dues to the information session on Monday, September 15th or drop the packet and your dues off in the PTA mailbox in the office. Please be sure to put your packet and dues into an envelope marked for the Mantua Drama Club.

For more information, please contact Jeri Gloege at [jeri.gloege@gmail.com](mailto:jeri.gloege@gmail.com) or come by the Information Session on September 15th! Hope to see you there!

### Mantua Spirit Wear!

Mantua Spirit Wear is now on sale and all orders are due Wednesday, September 30. This will be your only chance all year to place an order so act now. In addition to Mantua t-shirts and sweatshirts, the very popular plaid pajama bottoms are back this year and for the first time we will be offering longer basketball type shorts and sweatpants. Samples will be on display at back to school night. Please note the youth sweatshirts run small so order a size larger than you think you need in that item. Order forms are available on the PTA website [HERE](#). Delivery is at the end of October and they make great gifts for teachers and kids so think ahead for the holidays! For more information contact Jacquie Heller [eeblessed@aol.com](mailto:eeblessed@aol.com).

### Volunteering at Mantua Elementary: Supporting Our Children and Their School!

Volunteers make many special things possible for Mantua school children. In addition, volunteering gives you the chance to know your children's school, teachers, community and other parents better. Please support Mantua Elementary and your children by becoming a volunteer! Volunteer Signup Sheets will go home in this week's Tuesday Folder. Please fill them out and send them back on Wed/asap OR you can sign up to volunteer online [HERE](#). If you would like to read more about the different jobs, click [HERE](#). If you have any questions

different jobs, click [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Volunteer Coordinator Teresa LeMair at [teresalemair@aol.com](mailto:teresalemair@aol.com) or 703-862-8702.

### Money For Mantua When You Recycle

Don't forget to bring in those used ink jet or laser printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops, or PDAs from home or work and place them in the gray Rubbermaid container in the front lobby of Mantua school. You can also include any accessories like chargers, extra batteries, cases, headsets, etc. Mantua elementary earns money for recycling all of the items through the Cartridges For Kids program. Be green and earn Mantua some green!

### Parent Handbooks

There are limited quantities of the "hard copy" 2009-10 Parent Handbook at the school office and at the Parent's Corner table near the front entrance. For online access to the Parent Handbook, click [HERE](#).

### Thank You from the Hospitality Committee

The Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast was a great success! Thank you to everyone who donated the wonderful food -- the teachers enjoyed the delicious buffet, and even had some fruit and bagels to enjoy later in the teachers' lounge! Also, a huge thank you to the great volunteers! The cafeteria was completely transformed, and the teachers appreciated the effort.

If you weren't able to contribute any time or food to the breakfast, don't worry! We'll have plenty of other opportunities for you as the year progresses. Look for additional events in future issues of PTA Alert News!

### Girls on the Run

Just a reminder than Girls on the Run registration will be via the GOTR website [GOTR Web Site](#). Registration starts at 9:00am on September 17th. Once you have

starts at 9:00am on September 17th. Once you have registered please put your payment in an envelope and mark it with PTA/GOTR. The program is open to all girls in grades 3-6. Details on program times are on the PTA web site. If you have any questions, please email Robert Silkowitz at [Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com](mailto:Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com).

### Would your Daughter like to be a Girl Scout?

Scouting is for girls from kindergarten through high school. It's never too late to start! Girl Scout troops at Mantua camp, hike, sing, visit museums and theaters, do service projects, earn badges on a wide range of interests and yes, we even sell cookies. Best of all, while having fun and making friends, girls learn how to solve problems and build confidence in themselves.

For more information contact the following Troop Organizers-

Daisies (kindergarten-1) contact Jan Syers at [mjfielder@yahoo.com](mailto:mjfielder@yahoo.com) or 703-876-9686

Brownies (grades 2-3) contact Robin Antzoulatos at [antzoul@cox.net](mailto:antzoul@cox.net) or 703-205-9897

Juniors (grades 4-5) contact Elizabeth Johnson at [Elizabeth.Johnson@usdoj.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Johnson@usdoj.gov) or 703-383-1412

Older Girls (grades 6-12) contact Elizabeth Johnson at [Elizabeth.Johnson@usdoj.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Johnson@usdoj.gov) or 703-383-1412

### Support the PTA by Sending in Your Membership Envelopes This Week!

Please continue to send in those membership envelopes for the Mantua PTA! With your support, the PTA has helped to fund new computers and software, field trips, library resources, teacher education and cultural/ educational assemblies. The PTA sponsors the basketball program, book fair, spring carnival, before and after school language programs, fine arts festival, and volunteer programs. The PTA also produces the Yearbook, Parent Handbook, a weekly Alert News, and the Mantua School directory. Remember- each family will receive one copy of the PTA Student Directory with membership!!! Send in cash or write a check to "Mantua

membership!!! Send in cash or write a check to "Mantua PTA" for \$20 for a family membership or \$10 for a single membership. Include "PTA Membership," member(s) name(s), your child's name, and his/her class on the envelope. Or, save a tree and join online at the PTA website [www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org). This year, in our effort to "be green," membership cards will be available upon request.

THANK YOU!

Shannon Murphy, PTA Membership

### Mantua Cotillion

The Junior Cotillion invites all 5th and 6th graders to join the Mantua Cotillion this Fall. Dance and etiquette classes will be held at the Mantua Swim and Tennis Club beginning in October. The program will include six lessons in Ballroom and Contemporary Dance along with instruction in social and dining etiquette. The dining program features a five course tutorial dinner held at The Country Club of Fairfax. The season concludes with a Junior Cotillion Ball at the Country Club of Fairfax in April 2010. Please contact DeLane Ryan at (703)978-6749 or email [JuniorCotillion@aol.com](mailto:JuniorCotillion@aol.com).

### Important Dates for September

September 15- Volunteer Orientation

September 15- Sally Foster Fundraiser Begins!

September 15- Drama Club Information Session

September 17- Back to School Night,  
grades Preschool-3

September 24- Back to School Night,  
grades 4-6

### Community Events

Support the Woodson Crew Team--see what's going on at <http://wtwcrew.org/>

## Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).  
Submissions appreciated by the Friday before  
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For more information, please visit our website:

[www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org)

Sincerely,  
Mantua Elementary School PTA

