



Mantua PTA Alert News September 29, 2009

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Picture Day Next Wednesday, October 7

Smile! Picture Day is coming next week and will be held in the gym. Watch your Tuesday folders and backpacks for order forms.

Sally Foster

We are entering our final week of our Sally Foster promotion. This fundraiser earns the Mantua PTA up to 50% of every dollar sold!!! Don't forget to turn in your child's Fuzzy Monkey and Neon Monkey forms so they can receive their incentive prizes. Remember, for every 10 items sold, your child earns an entry into our raffle drawing for such great prizes as a party for 30 friends, gift cards, group movie passes and even a Nintendo DSi!

Update Your Student Directory Information

The PTA is currently collecting parent contact information for the upcoming Student Directory. Please help us in this process by either confirming or correcting your data when you receive the notice. Thank you!

Mantua Elementary Chess Club

Chess Club is beginning October 20th for Grades 3 through 6. We welcome complete beginners, players with experience, as well as those who have played in the Chess Club previously. Each player will participate in the club every other Tuesday from 3:45 to 4:45 depending on

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every other Tuesday from 3:45 to 4:45 depending on experience. A schedule will be distributed prior to October 20th.

Please print and complete print this form

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009-10ChessClub.pdf>

and return it to the PTA mailbox in the Mantua Main Office before Friday October 9th.

If you have questions, please contact carolannsmall@verizon.net.

Order Your Yearbook Today and Save! Don't Miss the Deadline.

Pay Online (by Credit Card) by December 1st: \$18.00

<http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A09887047>

Pay to PTA (by Check) by December 1st: \$20.00

If paying by check, make check payable to Mantua PTA Yearbooks and return via Tuesday Folder or PTA Box in an envelope marked Yearbook, please include your email address for confirmation

Price subject to change

Pay Online (by Credit Card) AFTER December 1st: \$22.00

Pay to PTA (by Check) AFTER December 1st: \$24.00

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR YEARBOOK PURCHASES IS JANUARY 17, 2010!

Active Parenting Today Workshops

Connect with your kids today! Learn better communication skills, reduce power struggles with discipline skills that really work, build your child's confidence, teach responsibility. These topics and more will be explored in three workshops scheduled for the following Thursdays: October 22, 29, and November 5, 2009, 6:30-8:30 pm, at Mantua Elementary. Mark your calendars now and look for more details and registration

calendars now, and look for more details and registration information in your child's Tuesday folder and online at www.mantuapta.org. Childcare will be provided! Sponsored by Mantua's Counseling Department and the Mantua PTA.

Student Directory Ads

Are you looking for a great place to advertise your business? Look no further than the Mantua Student Directory. Ads are being accepted for the 2009-10 directory to be published in October. The cost for a full page ad is \$400 and a half page ad is \$200. Once again we will be accepting bids through a silent action for the back cover of the directory. Please see advertising order form for exact details. Contact Mary Townley 703-204-0206 or metownley@aol.com for information.

Mantua's Human Relations Committee

The first meeting of Mantua's Human Relations Committee will be held on Thursday morning October 15 (8:30a.m.-9:15a.m.) in the school library. By FCPS regulation, the Human Relations Committee is appointed by the principal to represent the entire school community. The Committee meets every 2-3 months to discuss issues relating to "human relations concerns" and to promote positive relations in the school community. Meetings are open to the public. If you have questions or comments, please contact Teresa McConnel, Chairperson, at Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu

Foreign Language Classes (FLEX) Starting

PTA-sponsored Foreign Language classes are starting in October for grades 2-6! The classes are 1 hour per week for 15 weeks. The cost is \$145. We will be offering classes in the Spring for grades K and 1. Please sign up at www.fcps.edu/aceclasses. Click the ONLINE Browse/Register button, choose Kids and Teens, Languages-FLEX. You can search on the Course number. The deadline is Sept 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Deirdre at deirdre.maves@us.ibm.com or

please contact Deirdre at deirdre.mayes@us.ibm.com or 703-477-8208. Make sure you sign up for the Mantua classes! Classes are limited to 15 students. All classes are for beginner level students.

FP02115: Italian, Section 0001, Monday 1:15-2:15, starts 10/5, Grades 2-6

FP03115: Sign, Section 0001, Tuesday 7:45-8:45, starts 10/6, Grades 2-6

FP05115: French, Section 0005, Wednesday 7:45-8:45, starts 10/07, Grades 4-6

FP08115: Spanish, Section 0008, Wednesday 3:45-4:45, starts 10/21, Grades 2-6

FP04115: Chinese, Section 0002, Friday 3:45-4:45, starts 10/09, Grades 2-6

Mantua Basketball League Registration is Now Open! Last Chance for Discounted Registration

The Basketball registration form is available at <http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/basketball.php> - and once filled out, should be dropped off at the school office.

The deadline to sign up is October 14 but if you sign up by October 1, you receive a \$10 discount. Evaluations will be held October 17 and 18. Any questions can be directed to Rob Luftglass at mantuabasketball@mantuapta.org.

Security Statement from the Office

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 4:00 p.m.! If a student has forgotten his/her homework they will have to call a classmate.

If your child is going home with a friend both parents have to notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

Parking in the Horner Court Cul-de-sac

Beware! Cars will be ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in this area. Some cars may park parallel past the yellow curb towards the first house. However, you must keep a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

Important Dates for October

Wed 10/07: School Picture Day

Wed 10/07: Sally Foster orders due

Wed 10/07, 7pm: PTA Meeting (library)

Mon 10/12: School Closed -- Columbus Day holiday

Fri 10/16, TBD: Community Spirit "Family Fun Night"

Sat 10/17 & Sun 10/18: Basketball Player Evaluations

Fri 10/30: Spirit Parade

Fri 10/30: First Grading Period Ends

Advanced Academic Programs (AAP) [formerly GT] Continuum of Services

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers a continuum of advanced academic services for all students in grades K-8. Learning experiences are designed to develop higher-level thinking through enrichment, acceleration, and extension of the Program of Studies. Teachers, administrators, and Advanced Academic Resource Teachers (AARTs) work together to provide the following Levels of Service:

Critical and Creative Thinking Strategies, Grades K-6 (Level I)

The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher and classroom teachers teach nine higher order thinking strategies across all subject areas and grade levels.

Differentiated Lessons in Areas of Academic Strength, Grades K-6 (Level II)

The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher collaborates

The Advanced Academic Resource Teacher collaborates with classroom teachers to provide additional challenges and resources within the general education program.

The Young Scholars Model included in this level is designed to find and nurture advanced academic potential in students from historically underrepresented populations.

Part-Time Advanced Academic Program, Grades 3-6 (Level III)

Students identified by a local school screening committee for advanced academic services (Level III) are challenged through models and strategies designed to extend and enrich the POS in the four core subject areas.

Full-Time Advanced Academic Placement, Grades 3-8 (Level IV)

Students found eligible for placement in a full-time Advanced Academic Program (Level IV) through a central selection process receive a highly challenging instructional program in the four core subject areas.

IBMYP: Selected Schools, Grades 6-10

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program is designed for students ages 11-16. The program helps students develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world.

Honors, Grades 7-8

Students who demonstrate high achievement in one or more areas of academic strength may participate in honors courses in any of the four core academic subject areas.

SCREENING

Multiple criteria are reviewed to determine eligibility for all FCPS Advanced Academic Programs. Formal identification begins with Level III services. The local school AAP committee determines student eligibility for school-based services. The countywide AAP Central

school-based services. The countywide AAP Central Selection Committee determines eligibility for full-time AAP (Level IV) placement.

TESTING

Each fall all FCPS second grade students, as well as students in third through seventh grades who do not have ability test scores, are administered the Cognitive Abilities Test and/or the Naglieri Nonverbal Test. A second grade screening pool is established using these test results.

Students in the second grade pool are automatically screened for full-time AAP (Level IV) placement.

Parents/guardians may exercise their one-time retest option during the September-October testing cycle.

REFERRALS for FULL-TIME ADVANCED ACADEMIC PLACEMENT LEVEL IV (Grades 2-7)

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the full-time AAP (Level IV) screening process by completing and submitting an AAP Level IV Referral Form to the local school principal no later than February 5, 2010. No late referrals will be accepted. Second graders not in the pool and all third through seventh graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the AAP website and in the Parent Information Packet available at the local school.

2009 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Thursday, October 8 McLean HS 1633 Davidson Road,
McLean, VA 22101

Tuesday, October 13 Oakton HS 2900 Sutton Road,
Vienna, VA 22181

Thursday, October 15 Annandale HS 4700 Medford
Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

Monday, October 19 West Potomac HS 6500 Quander
Road, Alexandria, VA 22307

Meetings will be held in the auditorium from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and are open to the public; no registration is required. Directions are available at www.mapquest.com.

For additional information contact: Local FCPS elementary or middle school

Advanced Academic Programs Office at Lacey Center
703-846-8670

703-846-8670

Advanced Academic Programs Office web site:

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt>

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.MantuaPTA.org

Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

