



## Mantua PTA Alert News October 6, 2009

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### Picture Day is Wednesday, October 7

Smile! Picture Day is tomorrow/Wednesday and will be held in the gym. Watch your Tuesday folders and backpacks for order forms.

### PTA Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 7pm

Please join us for the monthly PTA meeting in the library. All members welcome! Child care will be available--just RSVP to Monica Cameron at [monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net) or 703-359-4298 to reserve childcare spots.

### Sally Foster Deadline Extended!

There is still time to get your last minute orders in for the Sally Foster fundraiser. We have extended the due date to Wednesday, October 7th. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Mantua PTA and, of course, have the students win some really great prizes!

If you have any questions, please contact [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com) or [smeyer824@verizon.net](mailto:smeyer824@verizon.net).

### Update Your Student Directory Information

The PTA is currently working to produce the annual Student Directory. When you get your family's info via email, please respond by either confirming or correcting your data. If you have problems updating your info, or didn't get the email, send a message to [WebParent@MantuaPTA.org](mailto:WebParent@MantuaPTA.org). The deadline for updates is Wednesday, October 14th.

REMEMBER -- ALL PTA MEMBERS MUST RECEIVE A

[PTA Website](#)  
[Parents Info Center](#)  
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REMEMBER -- ALL PAID PTA MEMBER FAMILIES RECEIVE A STUDENT DIRECTORY! Click [HERE](#) to join the PTA online, or contact Shannon Murphy at [shannon.murphy29@verizon.net](mailto:shannon.murphy29@verizon.net).

### Pokemon & Trading Card Family Fun Night 10/16!

Get ready Pokemon and trading card collectors...the Mantua PTA is hosting its first-ever Pokemon & Trading Card 'Family Fun Night' from 7-9pm on Friday 10/16 in the school cafeteria! Bring any type of trading cards and trade/play with friends, or learn how to play Pokemon with our trained game guide! No cost or fees, just bring the family. Children must accompanied by an adult.

### 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. Childcare will be provided! For more details and registration information, click on the following link:

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/ActiveParenting2009.pdf>

. Registration forms are due October 13, 2009. 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](mailto:metownley@aol.com) for information.

### We Have a Few More Entertainment Books!

The Entertainment 2010 Book is still available. Simply pick up an order form from the PTA desk or contact

an order form from the PTA desk or contact [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com) to have one delivered to your child's classroom!

### Walk 4 Hearing with Mantua's TC Program

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs in FCPS will be doing a walk on Oct. 17th . We would love for all Mantua families to be invited. The walk is free but donations are greatly appreciated. (Mantua' s TC program will benefit from any donations). Below is the information with the link. To register find team name FCPS Deaf/ Hard of Hearing....Please wear your Mantua Shirt!!!!...Hope to see many families there!!!

Thanks,  
Tracy Endean  
4th grade TC teacher

Washington, DC Walk 4 Hearing  
Saturday, October 17, 2009  
Tidal Basin in Washington, DC  
Registration: 9 AM | Walk Starts: 10 AM | 5K (3.1 miles)  
<http://hlaa.convio.net>

Chances are you, or someone you know, is affected by hearing loss.

It's time to STEP UP!

### Runners Needed to Assist with 5K Race

The Mantua Girls on the Run Program is looking for runners to be buddies with our participants for the December 5th 5K to be held at Reston Town Center. If you are interested please register at [www.girlsontherunofnova.org](http://www.girlsontherunofnova.org).

### Box Tops for Education: Earn Cash for our School

It's easy!

Just clip the Box Tops logo from many of your every day household items. Each logo is worth 10 cents for Mantua! Just turn them in to the designated box (in zip lock bags if possible) located under the PTA information table. Participating brands include *General Mills cereals, Hefty, Pillsbury, Ziplock, Huggies*

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### Woodson Rededication Ceremony 11/7

Woodson High School's renovation is complete. There will be an open house and rededication ceremonies Saturday, November 7, 2009. Activities will begin at 10:00 and will include guided tours, and dedication of a courtyard that will recognize the efforts of the Woodson community in getting this renovation completed.

Please save the date, Saturday, Nov. 7 @ 10:00, to join with neighbors to celebrate this milestone and see Woodson's new look. If you have any questions, contact Bob Griendling at [bob@griendling.com](mailto:bob@griendling.com).

### Important Dates for October

Wed 10/07: School Picture Day  
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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

### Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).  
Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

For more information, please visit our website:

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

Sincerely,  
Mantua Elementary School PTA

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