



## Mantua PTA Alert News October 13, 2009

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### Kiss and Ride Safety Alert!

Recently, a small child was almost hit by a parent pulling their car out of line to pass the other cars. Please note: There is NO passing or "line jumping" in our Kiss & Ride, as well as no U-turns and no cell phones. We have a very busy Kiss & Ride, so we must work together to help keep \*all\* our children safe.

### Make Your Alert News Count!

After many countless hours getting the Alert online to as many families as possible, we are sending out your weekly PTA and school information to 900 email addresses. We have surmounted the seemingly insurmountable, and yet only 50% of the recipients actually open the Alert. Obviously, this is disheartening. Help us make the Alert more reader-friendly!

If you have an idea for a change in the Alert to encourage more parents to read it, please send me an email at [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org). A weekly You Tube video has already been declined.

Thanks,

Carrie Clawson

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## Family Fun Night this Friday

Looking for a fun weekend activity for the whole family? Are you a Pokemon or other trading card collector? The Mantua PTA is hosting a Family Fun Night featuring Pokemon and Other Trading Cards Games 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 expert game guide! There is no fee or cost. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net). Language translator is available if needed, please contact [kenmoles@verizon.net](mailto:kenmoles@verizon.net).

## Reflections Art Program

The Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program. Students in preschool through grade 12 participate in the arts areas of literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography and film/video production. Create a piece of art, literature, photography, music, film/video, dance/choreography to the 2009-2010 theme: "BEAUTY is..."

Entries will be due to the PTA on Friday, October 30, 2009 (deposit entries in the designated box near the PTA mailbox)

Please refer to the official Reflections entry rules. A copy of the rules along with extra entry forms will be available on the PTA table at the school entry. Forms can also be printed online

Handbook:

[http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009\\_2010\\_REFLECTIONS\\_Handbook\\_09-10.pdf](http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009_2010_REFLECTIONS_Handbook_09-10.pdf)

Entry Form:

[http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009\\_2010\\_Reflections\\_Student\\_Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009_2010_Reflections_Student_Entry_Form.pdf)

If you have any questions at all, contact Jackie DeScisciolo at [jdescisciolo@cox.net](mailto:jdescisciolo@cox.net)

## School Board Candidate Forum on 10/21

The Mantua Citizens' Assn. (MCA) has graciously invited parents from our school to attend their upcoming Providence District school board candidates' forum on Wednesday, October 21 (which is being hosted as a segment of their regular membership meeting). All three candidates for the position have been invited. The meeting begins at 7:30pm with the forum beginning at 8pm. For more information, please contact Nicole Armstrong at [NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com](mailto:NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com) or 703-573-1216.

## Yearbook Orders

Did you order your yearbook ? Are you sure? If you did not receive an email confirmation or if you have questions regarding the order, please email: [mantuayearbooks@gmail.com](mailto:mantuayearbooks@gmail.com) . Prices will change on December 1st. Order Today and Save. Order Online and Save \$2.00 visit [www.Jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.Jostensyearbooks.com) or Download the Order Form to Pay by Check.

## Active Parenting Today Workshops

LAST CALL to sign up for the Active Parenting Workshops! 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. Registrations will be accepted until WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009. Follow this link to download a registration form, <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/ActiveParenting2009.pdf> . Return the completed form, along with a check for \$15 payable to "Mantua PTA," to Margaret Scheele, PTA/Active Parenting Workshops. Remember, childcare is available at the school for each session. Sponsored by Mantua's Counseling Department and the Mantua PTA.

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### 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 Basketball League Registration - Deadline is Tomorrow! Volunteers Needed

Don't Miss Out. Last day to register is tomorrow. Evaluations this weekend (see form for details). 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. We are also looking for volunteers to help with check-in for the evaluations. If you can help out, or if you have any questions, please contact Rob Luftglass at [mantuabasketball@mantuapta.org](mailto:mantuabasketball@mantuapta.org).

### Mantua PTA is looking for Multilingual Parents

The Multicultural Exchange Committee (Community Building Network ) is looking for help from Mantua Parents. Help us eliminate language as a barrier to communication. We are creating a directory of parents who could be available in person or by phone to help with translation at Mantua PTA sponsored events. No specific time commitments are necessary. Please send name(s), email address(es), phone number(s) to [Kenmoles@cox.net](mailto:Kenmoles@cox.net).

## Last Call for 2010 Entertainment Books

ATTENTION MANTUA PARENTS!

IT'S LAST CALL...

to buy the 2010 Entertainment Book!

We are still taking orders, but our deadline is the end of the month. If you are interested in purchasing an 2010 Entertainment Book, order forms will be going home one last time in your child's Tuesday folder or you can contact [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com).

## Important Dates for October

Tue 10/13: Custodian Appreciation Week Begins

Thu 10/15, 7:30pm: Cub Scout Pack Meeting (cafeteria)

Fri 10/16, 7-9pm: Community Spirit "Family Fun Night" -- Pokemon & Trading Cards!

Sat 10/17: -BOYS- Basketball Player Evaluations: 8:30am-6th grade, 10am-5th grade, 11:30am-4th grade, 1pm-3rd grade

Sun 10/18: -GIRLS- Basketball Player Evaluations: 1:15pm-5th/6th grades, 3pm-3rd/4th grades

Wed 10/21, 8 pm: Mantua Citizen's Assn. presents the Providence District School Board Candidates

Thu 10/22, 6:30pm: Parenting Workshop, 1st Session (library)

Thu 10/29, 6:30pm: Parenting Workshop, 2nd Session (library)

Fri 10/30: Fall Classroom Parties (for most) School Spirit Parade

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Fri 10/30: First Grading Period Ends

### Community Events

#### Holiday Craft Fair

Don't miss the 17th Holiday Happenings Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, November 14 from 10 am to 4 pm at WT Woodson High School in Fairfax, VA where you'll find exquisite, one of a kind handcrafted jewelry, pottery, quilts, holiday items and more, all made by local artisans. Come shop for holiday gifts...or just for you! Crafters - applications are still available at [www.wtwcrew.org](http://www.wtwcrew.org)!

### 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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For more information, please visit our website:

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

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