



Mantua PTA Alert News October 27, 2009



Red Ribbon Week This Week!

Mantua celebrates Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 26-30. This is a national program and it is celebrated in most FCPS schools. This week brings attention to the importance of living a safe and drug-free life. The motto for this year at Mantua is "I've Got Better Things to Do than Drugs!" and promotes healthy physical and cultural activities. The students will be bringing home special pencils or wristbands, stickers and ribbons. Students are encouraged to wear something red on Tuesday, wear a backwards shirt on Wed. ("Turn Your Back on Drugs") and wear a team sports item of clothing on Thurs. ("Team Up for a Healthy Life"). Thanks for helping your children participate.

Brain Research Presentation at PTA Meeting, Wednesday, 11/4, 6:30

Come and learn more about the Brain Research we've all been hearing about! Mrs. Fernandez will give a mini-presentation at 6:30pm, with a short Q&A session afterwards. Our regular PTA meeting will begin at 7pm. All members are welcome. FREE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE! Please contact Monica Cameron to confirm spots for your children at monica.cameron@cox.net or 703-359-4298.

Patricia Reilly Giff in Fairfax

Newbery Honor winning author Patricia Reilly Giff will be speaking at the Fairfax County Government Center on Friday, November 13, at 7 p.m.

Ms. Giff will be talking about and signing copies of her books including *Pictures of Hollis Woods*, *Lily's Crossing*, and *Wild Girl*.

The Fairfax County Public Library is sponsoring this free event for ages 6 & up. No registration is necessary.

-Kim Sigle

Mantua ES Librarian

PTA Member Families Receive a FREE Student Directory

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Final Ads for the Student Directory

Final ads are being taken for the Student Directory. A full page ad is \$400 and a half page ad is \$200. Black and white ads work better. There is still time to bid on the back cover of the directory. Bids will be accepted until close of business Wednesday October 28. Please place your bid in a sealed envelope and with Directory Silent Bid on it and place in the PTA mailbox at school.

Directory contact for ads: Mary Townley metownley@aol.com 202-498-5524

Parent Translator Directory

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help with any translation needs at PTA events. We now have a Parent Translator Directory that includes 21 languages. If you would like to be included please send language, name, email/phone/cell# to kenmoles@cox.net. Remember that no time commitment is necessary.

In addition, if you would like to have the Alert News translated into Chinese (or know of a family that would benefit from this) please contact Sabrina Hsu at Sabrina_lei@yahoo.com or 703-425-1097.

Important Upcoming Events

- OCTOBER -

Thu 10/29, 6:30pm: Parenting Workshop, 2nd session

Fri 10/30: 2pm School Spirit Parade

Fri 10/30: Reflections Art Program -- entry deadline

Fri 10/30: First Grading Period Ends

- NOVEMBER -

Mon 11/2 - Tue 11/3: School Closed: Teacher Conferences

(Sally Foster pick-up)

Wed 11/4, 6:30pm: PTA Monthly Meeting: Mini-

Presentation on Brain Research!

Thu 11/5, 6:30pm: Parenting Workshop, 3rd Session

Sat 11/7, 10am: WT Woodson Rededication Ceremony

Wed 11/11: Community Spirit Restaurant Night: 'Noodles

& Company' in Fairfax

Fri 11/13: Annual Book Fair Opens (library)

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Mon 11/16 - Fri 11/20: Annual Book Fair (library)

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