

## Mantua PTA Alert News November 17, 2009



### Second Star to the Right and Straight on 'til Morning...

The 2009 Mantua Drama Club is proud to present Peter Pan! General performances are on Friday, November 20th at 7 PM and on Saturday, November 21st at 2 PM. Doors open forty-five minutes before the show for ticket and concession purchases. DVDs of the show may be pre-ordered as well. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under twelve. Interpreters will be available at the Saturday matinee. The front row on the right hand side will be reserved for our guests who will need interpretation. Student performances are on Monday, November 23rd for K through 3rd graders and on Tuesday, November 24th for our 4th through 6th graders and TCC students. Please see the fliers in your Tuesday folder or on the Mantua PTA website for additional information. Please come out on November 20th or 21st and support our Drama Club! We hope to see you there!

### Stop by the Book Fair this Week!

The PTA Book Fair is in full swing! We have a huge selection of books for all ages, as well as educational games and activity sets. This is your chance to support your school's Library and get some holiday shopping done at the same time. Book Fair hours are 8:30 to 4:00 Monday through Thursday, with extended hours on Tuesday, 11/17 until 8 p.m. to accommodate more parents. For our last day, the hours are 8:30 to noon, and then we will pack up the books and return the library to its normal state. We could still use volunteers to help with the packing up on Friday 12-3: many hands make light work! Please contact Claire Fritzinger (703-205-9033 or plntclaire@cox.net ) if you can volunteer your time. Don't forget to stop by while you are enjoying your Thanksgiving luncheons!

### Thanksgiving Luncheons This Week: Don't forget you'll need to pack lunches one day

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### Security Announcement 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.

### Brownie Project: Welcome Baby Baskets

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Brownie Troop 2416 is collecting baby items for the Healthy Families and Early Head Start Home Visiting Programs. We are putting together Welcome Baby Baskets. Please consider donating the following items for the baskets:

- \* laundry basket to contain items
- \* infant outfits (ages 0 - 6 mo)
- \* diapers (sizes newborn - 6 mo)
- \* diaper wipes
- \* diaper cream
- \* burping cloths
- \* baby washcloths and towels
- \* baby swaddling blankets
- \* digital thermometer
- \* infant nail clippers and mitts

We will be collecting through the month of November. Thanks much!

### Get Your Yearbook Now Before the Price Increases

Parents, did you order your child's yearbook? Are you sure? There's approximately 625 students that have not made an order yet. If you've been meaning too but haven't yet, now is the best time. Prices will increase at the end of the month. Order Today and Save and Ensure a Copy of the Yearbook for your Child. To order online fast, easy, money saving, go to <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A09887047> . To order by check, go to <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009-10YearbookOrderForm.pdf> to download the order form. If you have any questions please email: [mantuayearbooks@gmail.com](mailto:mantuayearbooks@gmail.com)

### Additional FCPS Budget "Community Dialogues" on 12/2

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Due to public demand, Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools will hold three additional community dialogue sessions to discuss the FY 2011 budget on Wednesday, December 2. The sessions will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at three locations: Hayfield Secondary School, Herndon High School and Lake Braddock Secondary School. To register for one of these sessions, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget). Additional information is available on the county's budget web site or by calling 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

## Special Education Information for Parents

December 1, 2009, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Mantua Library

All parents welcome. Come to learn about navigating the eligibility and IEP process. What do those forms mean?? What resources are available to my struggling learner and me as a parent?? You will have the opportunity to ask questions of special education staff. Meet and share information with other parents.

Due to the nature and sensitivity of the topic, this information session is for parents and guardians only. Child care will not be available.

Please contact Kathy McCabe if you need an interpreter or translator: [Kathy.McCabe@fcps.edu](mailto:Kathy.McCabe@fcps.edu)

## Important Events for November

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Mon 11/16 - Fri 11/20: Book Fair Open (library): Mon-Wed 8:30am-4pm, Thu 8:30am-8pm, Fri 8:30am-Noon

Wed 11/18: Thanksgiving Feasts: Preschool-3rd Grade

Thu 11/19: Thanksgiving Feasts: 4th-6th Grades

Fri 11/20, 7pm: Drama Club Presents "Peter Pan"

Sat 11/21, 2pm: Drama Club Matinee

Mon 11/23 - Tue 11/24: Drama Club production for school classes

Wed 11/25: 2-Hour Early Release

Thu 11/26 - Fri 11/27: School Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday

## 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,

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