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Mantua PTA Alert News March 29, 2011



Chess Club CANCELED Tuesday, March 29

Parents of Chess Club participants please note that there will NOT be an after-school chess club meeting on Tuesday, March 29. Please be sure to make the necessary arrangements for your child.

Carnival Kudos

Thank you to all the committee chairs who helped make the carnival such a huge success this year. These volunteers include: Kerry Hogg, Arielle Zabihi, Meri Farlin, Nicole Armstrong, Deanna Firth-Freemyer, Karen Gaughan, Adele Galen, Jane Love, Stacey Bromberg, Avril Donat, Karen Tamayo, Michelle and David Collins, Sandi Rhee, Lesley McKnight, Teresa LeMair, and Mary Jo Kavjian. Also, thanks to the dads who helped with set up and take down, to all the volunteers who manned the booths, and to everyone who came out and supported our PTA!!

Carnival Feedback Requested

Please take a moment to fill out an anonymous [survey](#) about this year's carnival. The link takes you directly to the survey (no registering on a website) and it's only three questions. We value your feedback and would really like to hear what you thought about the changes that were made to this year's carnival.

PTA Family Night March 31

Come and join the Mantua Elementary School PTA Family Night Out at the Fair Circle Chick-fil-A this Thursday, March 31, from 4 to 8 p.m. Invite all of your family and friends to dine there (or order take out) as well. Make sure to present the Chick-fil-A restaurant flyer at the time of purchase so our school will earn 2% of the events proceeds. Chick-fil-A restaurant flyers will be sent home in this week's Tuesday folders. They can be found on the PTA table in the front lobby.

Mantua Heritage Showcase and Literacy Night April 7

The annual event highlights the many cultures represented within the Mantua school community. In addition, classroom teachers will be on hand to show parents what their students have been doing this year as part of Literacy Night. Heritage Showcase is from 6 to 7 p.m. in the gym and Literacy Night is from 7 to 8 p.m. in classrooms.

PTA Volunteer-of-the-Year Award Applications

Mantua Elementary School has many terrific PTA volunteers. Do you know an exceptional one? Now's your chance to let them know how much they're appreciated! Northern Virginia District PTA Volunteer-of-the-Year Award nominations are due by April 6. Find an application [HERE](#).

Kids Care Club Collection Exceeds 900 Books

Thanks to everyone's overwhelming support, the Mantua's Kids Care Club (KCC) has collected more than 900 books (our goal was 250 books) to donate to the [Starlight Foundation](#). The books will be donated on April 5, during the KCC meeting.

The collection box will remain near the front entrance through the end of the week. Books should be new or gently used for children birth to 18. Thanks to all who contributed. It shows just how much Mantua cares.

Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Mar. 31: PTA Family Night Out at the Fairfax Circle Chick-fil-A, 4 to 8 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 4: School Closed for Teacher Workday

Wed. Apr. 6: PTA Meeting

Thurs. Apr. 7: Heritage Showcase & Literacy Night

FCPS Summer Programs

Fairfax County Public Schools will offer several summer programs this year to provide academic and enrichment opportunities for students of all grade levels. Registration is open now for most programs. Visit the FCPS summer programs website at www.fcps.edu/news/summer.htm for general information, or the website listed below for individual programs.

FCPS summer programs include the following:

Adult and Community Education (ACE) - For students K-6: half- and full-day enrichment and world language camps. Open to students in grades 7-11: driver education, TJHSST admissions test prep, PSAT/SAT test prep, enrichment classes, and noncredit math. Various dates.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/KidsandTeens.htm>

Tech Adventure Camp - Technology and careers come alive as students experience new worlds in artistic expression, technology transfer, and life matrix. Open to students currently in grades 5-6. July 18-29.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OCTE/events/TechCamp.htm>

Institute for the Arts (IFTA) - Providing enrichment in the visual and performing arts. Open to students currently in grades 6-11. July 5-29. 571-423-4622.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/FineArts/IFTA/>

Extended School Year (ESY) -For identified students with disabilities in accordance with their individual education programs (IEPs). Various dates. 571-423-4190.

<http://www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/summerschool/index.htm>

National PTA Launches Anti-Bullying Initiative

Please see the informational fliers in the following links if you have concerns about bullying: [What You Should Know](#), [What You Can Do](#), [How to Make Sure Your Child Doesn't Become the Bully](#), and [Where You Can Go to Find Help](#).

Techstravaganza Day at TJHSST on April 9

Techstravaganza is a science, technology, math, and engineering exploration day sponsored by Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's TWIST students (Tomorrow's Women in Science and Technology). It is intended for upper elementary (approx. grades 3-6) and middle school students and their parents, who will have the opportunity to conduct hands-on science experiments, as well as witness demonstrations and speak to scientists. Activities will be run by TJHSST students and faculty, as well as professionals from sponsoring organizations, including Exxon Mobil, Northrop Grumman, NASA, Women in Technology, and others. Techstravaganza is free and all are welcome! For more information, click [HERE](#).

Toiletries Being Collected for Family Pass Organization

For a yearlong National Junior Honor Society project, the Luther Jackson Middle School 8th grade students of Group Nine are assisting the Family Pass Organization in collecting items to help families that are financially struggling. These families need a little extra help to get back on their feet, and taking care of the cost of their daily necessities will be of a great help. Please support Family Pass by donating materials such as travel-sized deodorants, body washes, and dishwashing and laundry detergents. A collection box is located in the front hallway. Contact the group at groupninelj@gmail.com with questions.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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www.MantuaPTA.org

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