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Mantua PTA Alert News

January 24, 2012



Teacher Workdays; No School for Students Jan. 30-31

Students do not have school on Jan. 30 and 31, due to a teacher workday and staff development day.

Auction Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Mantua Auction. We have a lot of wonderful items donated by area businesses, family and faculty members. The online auction opens Tuesday Feb. 7. If you turned in a form for an item that you plan to send, please drop it off this week in the box in the office.

Attend February's PTA Meeting by Conference Call

Mantua's Feb. 9, PTA meeting will take place in the school library at 7 p.m. as usual, however if you can't make to the meeting, the meeting can come to you! Connect via conference call to hear about upcoming school items from the school principals as well as PTA program and events. To connect, call 218-632-0550. The Host Access Code is 666009*. The Participant Access Code is 666009#.

Fun in February

Come to the pre-meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. prior to the general PTA Meeting for some fun! More details to follow.

PTA Art Reflections Winners Announced

The PTA Art Reflections final Cluster 3 results are in. This year Mantua sent more entries to the Cluster 3 level than any other school. The following students won awards at the Cluster 3 level:

Outstanding Interpretation (1st place)

Justin Mangis for Photography-primary grades (K-2nd)

Connor Tadlock for Literature-primary grades (K-2nd)

Catherine Tadlock for Visual Arts-intermediate grades (3rd-5th)

Manognya Bhattaram for Literature-middle grades (6th-8th)

Award of Excellence (2nd place)

Sarah Tadlock for Literature-intermediate grades (3rd-5th)

Jiny Cho for Photography- intermediate grades (3rd-5th)

Sammy Hong for Visual Arts- middle grades (6th-8th)

Award of Merit (3rd place)

Amelia Kim for Visual Arts- primary grades (K-2nd)

Congratulations to all our students who participated in this year's program. The Outstanding Interpretation winners' entries will go to the next level of competition.

Colonial Day Needs You!

Thank you to the fourth grade parents who came to the Colonial Day meeting on Jan. 6. Unfortunately, the Colonial Camp organization that was expected to lead the festivities is no longer able to. As a result, a new volunteer meeting is necessary, and will be held Friday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. in room 22. With this event change we will need even more volunteers to help with preparation and on the day of the event. *As a result of the change, the date Colonial Day is scheduled has been moved. It will now be held Friday, March 16.* Contact Colonial Day coordinators Kristin Driscoll at drikro1@yahoo.com, or Lesley Kowalski at mantuaptaprez@gmail.com with questions.

Wallpaper Samples Anyone?

Colonial Day coordinators are in search of wallpaper books and/or wallpaper samples in order to create invitations for the event. Contact Lesley Kowalski at mantuaptaprez@gmail.com as soon as possible if you're able to contribute.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is returning to Mantua for a spring season. We will have two programs, both operating on Mondays and Wednesdays immediately after school.

Here are some important dates:

Feb 21 - Registration Opens

Mar 12 - Spring 2012 Program Begins

May 20 - GOTR 5K

May 25 - Spring 2012 Program Ends

Contact Robert Silkowitz at Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com with questions.

Helping Children with Anxiety Workshop DVDs Available for Borrowing

DVD recordings of Dr. Katie Hennessy's December presentation "Helping Children with Anxiety" are now available and can be borrowed from the Mantua library. While you're there, feel free to browse and borrow other books and materials from the parent library collection.

Advanced Academics Program Center Referral Information

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a continuum of gifted services for students. While some levels of these services are provided to all students, other students must be considered eligible through a school/district committee. The deadline to refer your child for consideration for these additional services is Friday, Feb. 3. The Advanced Academics referral form must be turned into the Mantua office.

More information and the referral form can be found here: www.fcps.edu/is/aap. Contact the school office for a paper copy of the referral. Contact Mantua's Advanced Academics resource teacher Eva Bousbouras, Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu, with questions.

Mantua Family Night Out

The Mantua Family night out is this Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 4 to 10 p.m. at Baja Fresh in the Pan Am Shopping Center. Everyone is invited to an evening of delicious Mexican grill cuisine and Mantua fun. Make sure to mention to the cashier that you are with Mantua and Baja Fresh will donate 15 percent of the proceeds to Mantua's PTA. Come dine, have fun and raise money for our school. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2012BajaFreshFlyer.pdf> for more information.

Super Teacher Awards

Do you know a super teacher? It's time to let your child's teacher know you think they are great. The Virginia PTA and Virginia Lottery are teaming up again this year for the Super Teacher Awards. Please take a few minutes to write a short

(500 words or less) nomination letter. The process is easy and can be done completely online. Your nomination letter should address the teacher's:

- * Passion and commitment to the teaching profession
- * Innovation and creativity in the classroom
- * Efforts to involve parents and families in their student's education

Visit http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/nominate_teacher.asp for the complete rules and nomination information. A copy of all nomination letters should be sent to Jan-Marie Fernandez for placement in the teacher's file and recognition at the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Nominations are due Feb. 14. Contact Lori Recher at lorirecher@hotmail.com with questions.

Spring Box Tops Contest

The Spring Box Tops contest runs from Jan 23, to Feb. 24. Send in Box Tops labels and Labels for Education UPC labels in a plastic zip bag with the teacher's name and the grade on it. Please don't send in expired labels. Labels should be dropped in the collection box by the front office.

A large bar graph will be posted by the front office to show which class is ahead. There will be a special prize for the class that brings in the most labels. Visit these websites for the list of participating products: www.boxtopsforeducation.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. A flyer about this contest will be sent home in your child's Tuesday folder. Ask your neighbors, co-workers, church members, and community/business members to help you collect the labels. Contact Christie Choi at choichristie@yahoo.com for more information.

Attention all 6th grade Writers!

The Virginia PTA is sponsoring an essay contest. The theme is *Community Responsibility*. There will be three awards given in the 6 to 8 grade group. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond; second place will receive a \$500 savings bond and third place will be award a \$250 savings bond. Criteria information and the application can be found on the PTA website. mantuapta.org. Entries are due Jan. 27 (**note the corrected date**). Send entries, which must be accompanied by the application form, to PTA mailbox, attention Lori Recher. Contact Lori at lorirecher@hotmail.com with questions.

Important Upcoming Events

Tues. Jan. 24: PTA Restaurant Night at Baja Fresh, 4 to 10 p.m.

Mon.-Tues. Jan. 30-31: Teacher Workdays, School Closed

Sat. Feb. 4: Talent Show

Tues. Feb. 7: Online Auction begins

Thurs. Feb. 9: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Fri. Feb 10: Family Fun Night

Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Science has a broad array of programs to help each student continually grow and thrive in his or her ability to create, inquire, and connect. The school has both classroom teachers and additional specialized educators who focus on the sciences, the arts, and technology so that these areas are integrated and complement one another as children learn in all fields. Additionally, some students have the opportunity to participate in the Spanish immersion program.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences offers in interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional program with an added emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, and technology. Kindergarten and first grade students are assigned to multiage classes. A science specialist, a technology resource teacher, and additional art classes provide opportunities for all students to enhance their learning. The arts team includes music, art, and dance teachers. Resource teachers collaborate with classroom teachers to coordinate and integrate learning activities with classroom instruction.

If interested in either school, parents must complete the appropriate application and return it to the Pre K-6 Instruction and School Support office at Fairfax Ridge. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1.

Applications and information can be found

here: <http://www.fcps.edu/is/magnetschools/index.shtml>.

Contact Sofia Arias, Bailey's Elementary School magnet liaison, at 703-575-6804 with questions about their program. Contact Diane Beers, parent liaison, at 703-

262-7405 with questions about Hunters Woods Elementary magnet program.

Woodson Musical Revue, Dessert on Broadway

Enjoy a showcase of song and dance, as Woodson choral students display their impressive talents. Indulge in dessert and coffee at your elegant table in a posh cabaret setting, complete with dazzling skyline view! The annual show is Jan. 26-28, with both matinee and evening performances. Go to www.woodsonchorus.org for more information and to download a ticket order form.

Woodson Teacher Workday Dance Camp

The Woodson Dance Team again is offering a teacher workday camp for girls in kindergarten through 8th grades. Come learn some dance moves from the award winning W.T. Woodson Precisionettes. Participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and most of all, have fun! Girls will be divided by age during dancing to provide the most meaningful experience for all. All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made at camp. The camp will be Monday and/or Tuesday, Jan. 30-31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited so register early. Download a registration form [HERE](#). Contact camp coordinators Madelyn Weaver or Anne Foster, at dancecamp11@yahoo.com, for more information.

Therapeutic Recreation for Preschoolers

Fairfax County Therapeutic Recreation Services is offering Saturday Morning Integrated Leisure Experience (SMILE), an integrated play experience for 3 to 5 year olds with disabilities and their non-disabled peers on Saturdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program emphasizes opportunities for individuals to participate in focused play activities designed to increase social and leisure skills. The program includes small group activities, pretend and imagination activities, activity centers and other age and ability appropriate activities.

There is a \$60 registration fee for the session. Scholarships are available to those unable to participate due to economic reasons. For more information call 703-324-5532.

Space is limited and a waitlist is likely. The registration deadline is Feb. 1, or until

the program is full.

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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