



Mantua PTA Alert News January 31, 2012



Mantua Talent Show Returns Saturday, Feb. 4

The Mantua PTA is delighted to present the 2012 Mantua Talent Show this Saturday, Feb. 4, at 5:30 p.m. Come join us for an evening of fun as we showcase our amazing students and their talents! Tickets, which can be purchased at the door beginning at 5 p.m., are \$3 for adults/non-students, \$2 for Mantua students and free for performers. Contact Ted Donat tdonat@gmail.com with questions.

Baked Goods (cookies, cupcakes, candy, etc.) Needed for the Talent Show

If you are able to contribute baked goods for the show, please bring your individually wrapped, single serving treats to the gym on Saturday, Feb. 4, between 3:30 and 5 p.m. Only with your help can we make this year's Talent Show a success! Contact Teresa LeMair at teresalemair@aol.com with questions.

The Auction is Coming, the Auction is Coming!

We have tons of terrific items auction - more than 350, so there's something for everyone. Plus, the online bidding is SO easy - it's just like eBay! The auction site will be open soon for browsing. Bidding begins Feb. 7.

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#.

Pre PTA Meeting Fun

Have you ever wanted to learn a little tap dancing? Are you ready to make it a special Valentine's Day? Prior to the general PTA meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9,

from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Lori Prendergrast, PTA vice president of programming, will be in the library to help you get ready for Valentine's Day. Or if exercise is what you are after, join PTA President Lesley Kowalski in the cafeteria from 6:30 to 7 p.m. to learn a few fun tap moves to throw into your exercise routine. No tap shoes, no problem! Just come in a pair of shoes, preferably non-rubber soled. If you choose either option, consider staying for the PTA meeting.

Colonial Day

A Colonial Day volunteer meeting will be held this Friday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. in room 22. Many volunteers are needed to help prepare for and on the day of to make this event a success. *Colonial Day will now be held Friday, March 16.* Contact Colonial Day coordinators Kristin Driscoll at drikro1@yahoo.com, or Lesley Kowalski at mantuaptaprez@gmail.com to help or with questions.

Mantua to Host School Counseling Intern

Mantua's school counselors are pleased to announce that they will be supervising Ms. Erica Disharoon, a George Mason University school-counseling intern. Ms. Disharoon will be at Mantua three days a week through May. She will assist with classroom guidance lessons, group sessions, individual counseling, crisis management, and the many other programs that our counselors provide at Mantua. Welcome Ms. Disharoon!

Family Fun Magician's Workshop

Mantua PTA will host a Family Fun Magician's Workshop on Friday, Feb. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Come and learn how to create magic and illusion using household items with master magician Tim Kottcamp. There is no cost to attend. All are invited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information about Time Kottcamp and Tricks in Motion go to www.timstricksinmotion.com. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

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.

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.

Important Upcoming Events

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.

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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