



# Mantua PTA Alert News

## March 13, 2012



### Mantua Carnival News

Come celebrate Mantua's 50th birthday at the annual spring carnival on March 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carnival wristbands will allow UNLIMITED play at all of the game booths, except the rock climbing wall and dunk tank. The carnival includes a cakewalk, silent auction, accessories sale, and lots of fun games. Be sure to check out the moon bounces, courtesy of Judy Dain at the Carol Greco Group of Long & Foster! With an expanded rock wall, a kiddie zone for children under 7, and prizes awarded at the game booths, there will be something for everyone!

#### Lower Wristband Price this Year!

Children ages 4 and under are now free, while children 5 and older are \$15 each, with a \$50 family cap. Also, the first 1,000 wristband purchasers to arrive at the carnival will receive a free drawstring bag, courtesy of Judy Wonus of ReMax Allegiance!

#### Face Painting Volunteers

Talented and responsible teens are needed to help with face painting. Please spread the word and direct volunteers to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/mantuacarnival> to sign up for one of the "teens welcome" face painting time slots. Carnival organizers will happily sign service hours forms.

#### Post-Carnival Help Needed

Help is needed with carnival clean up after all the fun is over. Consider sticking around to help break down booths and other post-carnival needs.

Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/mantuacarnival> and sign up so we know we'll have the help we need.

## Limited Number of Yearbooks Still Available; Price to Increase Soon

If you haven't purchased a yearbook yet, there is just a couple of weeks left before the price increases. Yearbooks are \$25 through March 31. After that, the price increases to \$35. There are a limited number of yearbooks still available so make sure you don't miss out. Once those yearbooks are sold, no more will be available. Order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com).

## Youth Art Month/Woodson Pyramid Art Show

### March is Youth Art Month

As a salute to the creativity of our Mantua artists, we are launching a student art gallery on Mantua's website. The gallery features work created by student artists selected to represent Mantua at the Woodson Pyramid Art Show. Make sure to check out their artwork here: [www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/](http://www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/) For more information on Mantua's art program go here: [www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/programs/art.html](http://www.fcps.edu/MantuaES/programs/art.html)

### Woodson Pyramid Art Show

The Annual Woodson Pyramid Art Show is March 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Woodson's art studios, hallways and cafeteria. Students with artwork accepted to the show will receive invitations this week. Anyone interested in attending this event should contact Ms. Watkins for more information at [Jennifer.watkins@fcps.edu](mailto:Jennifer.watkins@fcps.edu). The show features art from the Woodson pyramid schools, interactive art activities, art room visits, and sweet treats.

## March's Fungi Award Goes to...

Kathy Phillips received this month's Fungi Award for all of her work making the Chat 'n Chew program a success this year. Thank you Kathy!

## Summer Camp Recommendations

The PTA is putting together a list of family-recommended summer camps on our website. Click [HERE](#) to visit the recommendation page, and click [HERE](#) to make your own suggestion! Please note that the PTA has not endorsed any of these camps, but has simply compiled a list of other families' recommendations.

## Fifty Service Learning Activities

Since Mantua is celebrating our 50th anniversary this year, we are challenging our school to participate in 50 service-learning activities throughout the year. Many

activities have already been accomplished including classes hosting senior citizens for a Thanksgiving celebration, and classes making crafts for children at St. Jude's Hospital. We know that many of your children participate in scouts, Kids Care Club, etc. that provide lots of services and contributions to the community. Please let us know of any community services/learning activities that your children may be involved in. Please send this information to one of our counselors, Allison Warren at sawarren@fcps.edu or Teresa McConnel at Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu. \*Please note Mrs. Warren's (formerly Ms. Curran) new email address above.

### Important Upcoming Events

Friday, March 24: Spring Carnival, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 2-9: Spring Break

### Woodson Summer Dance/Cheer Camp

The Woodson Cheerleaders and Precisionettes will hold their summer camp June 25-29. Dance will be 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and cheer will be 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The camp is open to all rising kindergarten through 9th grade students. Each camp is \$150 per child, or attend both camps for \$260 per child. Click [HERE](#) for more information, or contact either Anne Foster, dancecamp11@yahoo.com, or Madelyn Weaver, madelynweaver@yahoo.com; 703-609-2416.

### Woodson Girls Basketball Camp

Campers will learn about the fundamentals of basketball in addition to basketball skill work. Daily fun activities include "Wear Woodson Colors Day," "Player of the Day Recognition" from each team, "Aspire Higher Idol Day," and "Karaoke." The camp is June 25-29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for ages 8-14. Click [HERE](#) for more information and an application form.

### Frost Family Festival

The Frost Family Festival is Thursday, March 15. This is a great opportunity for rising 7th graders and their parents to learn more about Frost Middle School. Tour the school, see in-class demonstrations, and meet faculty and staff. Pizza and drinks are available for purchase. Contact Regina Printz at rrprintz@hotmail.com or 703-503-8208 for more information.

### W.T. Woodson 5K Run/Walk

The 3rd annual W.T. Woodson 5K benefitting Autism Speaks will be held April 14 at 10 a.m. There is a \$15 entrance fee. For more information about the race, which is open to all runners and walkers, contact Samantha Hill at [smhill1@fcps.edu](mailto:smhill1@fcps.edu). Registration forms can be found on the Woodson homepage at <http://www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/>

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