



## Mantua PTA Alert News December 20, 2011



### *Donate to the Online Auction and Win a Class Ice Cream Party!*

The Mantua online auction donation collection time has begun! This year, we are running a contest. The class that gives the most number of donations will win an ice cream party! And, guess what? If a teacher donates one item, that counts as two points! Donations for the auction are due on Friday Jan. 13. Every family has something to offer, whether it is an unwanted gift card, a dinner for four, a knitting class, etc. Or a family (or teacher) may choose to solicit a donation from a store it frequents, a restaurant, bakery, coach, etc.

With its fundraising dollars, the Mantua PTA pays for many wonderful programs for the children and families, teacher training, technology and supplies for our school, etc. Please help support these many important programs by encouraging your class to work toward winning the ice cream party!

Donation forms were sent home in Tuesday Folders a couple of weeks ago, but they can also be found on the PTA website, [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org) in the right hand column under Hot Items! Contact Teresa LeMair at [teresalemair@aol.com](mailto:teresalemair@aol.com) or 703-862-8702 with questions.

### *Mantua Family Night Out*

Join your classmates and friends for a Mantua PTA Family Fun Night at Chuck E. Cheese's on Main Street in Fairfax from 3 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22. There is no better way to begin the winter break! All of our holiday fun will turn into Mantua PTA funds because Chuck E. Cheese's will donate 15 percent of sales generated by this event back to the school. Sales include all food, merchandise and token deals purchased at the register. Let the cashier know that you are participating in Mantua's FUNdraising night by showing the Chuck E. Cheese's flyer that you received last week in your child's Tuesday folder. Flyers also can be found

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An event sticker will be provided in the Dec. 20, Tuesday folders as a friendly reminder about our Chuck E. Cheese's Family Fun Night. Kids will receive 10 free tokens when redeeming their sticker at the event. To thank all teachers and school staff for their hard work throughout the year, Chuck E. Cheese will provide free dinner and a drink during the event when a school ID is presented. To find out more about Chuck E. Cheese's visit [www.chuckecheese.com](http://www.chuckecheese.com). Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net) with any questions.

### Last Week to Order Spiritwear

It is the last week to buy special edition 50th anniversary spiritwear as holiday gifts for family and friends. There are a few navy blue and sports grey short sleeve t-shirts for \$10; long sleeve navy blue t-shirts for \$14; navy blue hoodies in youth small for \$22; navy/red pajama pants in adult medium for \$23. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net) to place an order. Items will be delivered before the winter break.

### For African-American families and All Who Wish to Connect

If you are interested in having an informal meet and greet on an evening in January or February, contact Allyson Walker at 703-209-8420 or [allysondenisewalker@yahoo.com](mailto:allysondenisewalker@yahoo.com). It's an opportunity to share experiences with other families and staff. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

### New Report Card Format and More

Don't miss the Thursday, Jan. 12, PTA meeting or the pre-meeting when Mrs. Fernandez will be talking about the new report card format that Mantua will start using soon. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Fernandez will be discussing the new reports cards. If time allows, she will be happy to take questions on this or any other topic. The regular meeting starts at 7 p.m. Both meetings are in the library

### Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run will be back at Mantua this spring. The tentative schedule is:

- Jan. 16: Coach Registration opens
- Jan. 23: Coach Training begins
- Feb. 13: Registration opens for girls
- Feb. 20: Registration closes for girls

- Feb. 22: Late Registration opens for girls
- Feb. 26: Late Registration closes for girls
- March 5: Season begins
- May 12 or 13: 5K. The date is tentative and subject to change.
- May 18: Season ends

Because there was such a demand in the fall there will have two programs in the spring. Both programs will be held after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Contact Robert Silkowitz at [Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com](mailto:Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com), if interested in coaching or assisting the coaches.

### Lost and Found, but Mostly Lost

The Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, and much more that have been left behind. Remind your child to check for his/her belongings by Thursday, Dec. 22. The Kids Care Club will be donating all unclaimed items.

### Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Dec. 22: Mantua Restaurant Night, 4-9 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 23-Mon. Jan. 2: School Closed for Winter Vacation

Thurs. Jan. 12: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

### FCAG Camp Fair, Jan. 24

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted is holding a summer academic programs and enrichment camp fair at Oakton High School on Jan. 24, from 7-9 p.m. Representatives from summer enrichment programs will be there to discuss their respective programs children can take part in next summer.

Camps being represented include: Tech is Cool, Fairfax Collegiate, Math Enrichment Services, Traveling Players Ensemble, Writopia, FCPS Institute for the Arts, Congressional Day Camp, iD Tech Camp, Potomac School, Concordia Language Villages, Interlochen Arts Camp, Madeira School Summer Camps, A Class Act: Acting for Kids, and more! Admission is free and open to the public.

### The Christmas Cabin of Carnaween

This delightful Irish folktale has become Creative Cauldron's signature production for the holidays! Set in the days of the great potato famine, the tale follows the journey of a tinker's child who longs for one day having a home of her own. The years go by

and her dream would go unfulfilled were it not for the wee people who come to her aid on a beautiful snowy night on a hillside in Carnaween. Accompanied by live traditional Irish music and just the right measure of Irish charm, this Christmas Classic is sure to warm even the hardest hearts this holiday season. Shows are Dec. 1 - 18, on Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 and 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 students/seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets go to: [http://creativecauldron.org/christmas\\_cabin\\_153.html](http://creativecauldron.org/christmas_cabin_153.html)

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