April 13, 2004

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PTA		The Next PTA Meeting is Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Library	PTA
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PTA		and how parents can become active at the middle-school level.	PTA

Nominations Time for the Mantua PTA Online Suggestions Accepted Thru April 15

It is time to nominate candidates to serve on our PTA's Executive Board. The nominating committee continues to solicit nominations for President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each position has a maximum -- but not mandatory -- term of two years.

Please contact any nominating-committee member with your nomination suggestions. The committee will present its slate of nominees to the PTA membership at the May PTA meeting on May 5, 2004.

The Nominating Committee members are:

- Monica Romig: 703-385-5710 or s.romig@cox.net
- Donna Yudkin: 703-641-8779 or dqy@cox.net
- Kate Marosek: 703-280-1902 or krmarosek@cox.net

This year, nominations may be made online anonymously, but only until April 15. The link is on the PTA web site at www.MantuaPTA.org.

Kids Care Club

The next meeting of the Kids Care Club will be on Thursday, April 22, from 3:30 - 4:30 in the cafeteria. We'll be discussing the Raccoon Run and the May Animal Shelter project. Please contact Jennifer Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490 if your child would like to attend.

Underage Drinking: Truth or Consequences

Find out the truth and consequences of underage drinking as the Woodson Community Coalition presents an evening for parents. Fairfax County Judge Gayl Carr will preside over a mock trial, like the one at the Fairfax Chocolate Festival, of a student charged with possession of alcohol. Following the trial, Judge Carr will have a presentation and a panel discussion about the realities of underage drinking. Additionally, FCPS Guidance counselor Tanganyika Jackson will give a presentation on drug and alcohol paraphernalia and the dangers to our children. It's all on April 20, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., in Woodson cafeteria B. Questions, please contact your Woodson Community Coalition Coordinators, Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490, or Leanne Stynchula, stynchula@cox.net or 703-273-5742.

Literacy Night is Coming

Literacy Night will be on Thursday, April 29. We would like to invite the parents of our Mantua students to come and visit all the classrooms so that they may see the "Experience, Exposure, and Expression" in the classrooms. Many different projects will be showcased this night. It will be an open house from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is not open to the community -- only to our Mantua parents.

Raccoon Run -- May 8!

The 4th Annual Raccoon Run will be on Saturday, May 8, at 8:00 a.m. for the *Mile Fun Run* and 8:30 a.m. for the *5K Race*. Once again, we are donating all proceeds to Life with Cancer in memory of Roberta Romano. We encourage everyone to sign up, help along the course, and/or be a sponsor. The deadline for early registration is May 3. Registration forms are available at school, or sign up online at the PTA web site at MantuaPTA.org. Questions, or want to volunteer? Contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490.

Raccoon Run Planning

The next planning meeting for the 4th Annual Raccoon Run will be Tuesday evening, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We still need volunteers! Please contact Jennifer Cooper, 703-426-2490 or jalcooper@aol.com, or Joyce Montgomery, 703-323-5053.

Real Baseball, Real Close

Sunday, May 2, at 1:35 p.m. is Mantua day at the Potomac Cannons baseball game. If you are not familiar with the Cannons, they are the Carolina League Affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. We are selling tickets at a discount in advance of the game. All tickets are \$5 (regularly \$7 for adults). (There is also a \$3 per car parking fee, payable at the stadium.) But don't worry if you can't make it on May 2 -- the tickets are actually a voucher that must be redeemed at the box office for a ticket when you attend the game. The voucher can be used for any game of the season other than Saturdays, July 4, August 6, or playoffs. What a great way to enjoy professional baseball without driving to Baltimore! Purchase tickets by credit card at the PTA web site or by check (made out to "Mantua PTA") via the PTA mailbox at school. Questions? Contact Julia Margulies at margfam2@aol.com or 703-978-7156.

Next WTW Coalition Meeting

Please join us on April 15 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Woodson library conference room. Come share your ideas on programs for next year, and help us to make our community safe and drug free for our children. Questions? Please contact your Woodson Community Coalition Coordinators, Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490, or Leanne Stynchula, stynchula@cox.net or 703-273-5742.

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