



Mantua PTA Alert News

April 20, 2004

Teacher Appreciation and Freedom to Fly

Mark your calendars for the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 7, from 12:30 -1:30 p.m. Planned in conjunction with Teacher Appreciation Week, we will highlight the gift teachers give children - ***Freedom to Fly***. Decorated with butterflies and birds, the library will truly be transformed into a lovely cafe!

Please let us know what you will contribute. You're welcome to use the form on the PTA web site, send an email, or phone! Our suggestions are listed below:

- Preschool: bread / muffins
- Kindergarten A-K: liter of soda, tea, or lemonade
- Kindergarten L-Z: small potted flowers, plants (4") - attractive to butterflies and birds, if possible, for future planting in the Mantua garden!
- 1st grade: side dishes
- 2nd grade: main dishes / salads
- 3rd grade: fresh fruit / fruit salads
- 4th grade: cookies / desserts
- 5th grade: cakes / pies
- 6th grade: main dishes / appetizers

We also need help with set up (11:00 - 1:00), clean up (1:00 - 3:00), serving, and volunteering in the classrooms to make sure the teachers can attend! The teachers look forward to this event each year. Let's show them how much we value our great teachers at Mantua! Questions? Please contact DeeAnn Jeremiah at classicconciierge@netzero.com or 703-383-8393. I thank you in advance!

Woodson Boys Basketball Camp

There are two sessions of this camp for boys aged 8 - 15. They're July 6 - 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 12 - 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$165. Brochures and registration forms are available by the parent bulletin board across from the front office, or contact Michael Pflugraph at 703-503-5792 or Michael.Pflugraph@fcps.edu.

Literacy Night

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.

Raccoon Run -- May 8!

May 8 -- it's just around the corner!! So kickoff the Mother's Day weekend with this great family event. Sign up today and be guaranteed a one-of-a-kind T-shirt!! It's so easy: use one of the printed registration forms, or click the link at the PTA web site, www.mantuapta.org. You can also use the web site to volunteer your help -- volunteers are always welcome!!

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(ren) would like to attend.

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.

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, 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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WTWoodson Crew Yard Sale

What a great way to get rid of your leftovers or spring-cleaning items! Over 60 families will be participating in this year's annual sale, which benefits the Woodson Crew. It's Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Woodson gym. Tax deductible donations can be dropped off at the Interstate trailer at WTW from June 2 - 4, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; receipts are available. Call Colleen Blessing at 703-425-0247 for more information.

Safe Youth Coalition

The FCPS Safe Youth Coalition is sponsoring "Guiding Good Choices," a free three-session program May 4, 11, and 18, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at Garfield Elementary School, 7101 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA, 22150. It is a nationally-recognized prevention program that helps parents keep their children alcohol and drug free. It is geared toward parents of children ages 9-14. Spanish interpretation and childcare will be provided. To register or for more information, please contact Lisa Adler at 703-690-6808 or lkadler@cox.net by April 29.

Belmont Bay Science Center

The new Belmont Bay Science Center in Woodbridge is being planned right now! It's soliciting opinions on its exhibits and possible features (e.g., theaters, lectures, after-hours events), and everyone is invited to weigh in. Go to the Center's web site at www.bblsc.org, and choose "Tell Us What You Think" to take an age-appropriate survey to let the planners know your opinions. *The survey is available now, but only till May 7.* For much more information about Belmont Bay Science Center, call 1-866-201-2812 or peruse its web site.

Glory Days

Glory Days Grill in the Pan Am Shopping Center will contribute 10% of your total food purchases to the Mantua PTA when you dine any Monday - Thursday from 4:00 till midnight or any Sunday from 11:30 - 11:00 p.m. from now till May 15! Simply ask your server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt), and drop it into the box marked Glory Days Grill Receipts in the Mantua office. Questions? Contact Julia Margulies.

Forum on VA College Admission

Parents of Fairfax County Public Schools students are invited to attend an evening devoted to a presentation on the college admissions process with admissions specialists from the College of William & Mary, George Mason University, James Madison University, Radford University, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech. It's sponsored by the Fairfax County School Board and will be held at Robinson Secondary School, Russell Theater, Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Mantua Home and Garden Tour

Don't miss the First Annual Mantua Home and Garden Tour! Saturday, May 1, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., rain or Shine. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes entry to all eight houses. Please, no children under 12. Complimentary refreshments and a Contractor's Home Improvement Fair will also be at the Mantua Pool and Tennis Clubhouse from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Purchase tickets there for this great event!

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