

# February 3, 2004

The Next PTA Meeting is Wednesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m., in the Library Mrs. Fernandez will discuss Mantua's philosophy of homework and its role in our children's education.

# Coming This Saturday! Share to Care --A Talent Show

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. on February 7 in the Mantua gym. Pizza will be on sale starting at 5:30!

- Show and Pizza: Adults \$5, Kids\*: \$4
- Show Only: Adults \$3, Kids\*: \$2
  \*(6th graders and below)

All proceeds benefit Cameron's Cause. Contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490, if you have questions or would like to help or donate baked goods for intermission.

### Middle School Child Care Meeting

On Wednesday, February 4, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., at Robinson Secondary School, there will be a meeting for the school communities of Frost, Lake Braddock, Irving and Robinson Middle Schools. The topic is: "Too Old for Childcare, Too Young to Be Left Alone." If you are a parent of a soon-to-be middle schooler, you will not want to miss this discussion of improved and expanded after school activities in the middle schools. For more information, call 703-324-5580, or email ruth.toxopeus@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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## Mantua Night with the Harlem Globetrotters

Come join Mantua families and friends for a fun-filled night with the **Harlem Globetrotters** on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Patriot Center at George Mason University. We have discount tickets available to us for \$18.50 (regularly \$22.50) and will all be seated together. A flyer will be sent

home in this week's Tuesday folder. (Please note that the date is the 20th, not the 8th as they flyer says.) Don't wait - tickets sell fast! Contact Bridget at bkap-car@washsports.com or 202-628-3200, x698.

#### Calendar Updates on the Web

The online PTA calendar is being updated almost weekly, so we hope you're checking it often! It's available both in linear web-page form and a new, printable wall-calendar form. Start at the PTA home page, www.MantuaPTA.org, and click the Calendar tab. And if you know of an event that should be on the calendar, please use the "Submit an Event" link to contact our new calendar coordinator!



#### Galaxy Quest Update Poster Contest!

Children from preschool to 6th grade may participate in the annual poster contest, which celebrates the carnival theme and activities. The deadline for submitting posters is Monday, February 23, 2004. Volunteers are needed to judge for the contest and to display the posters anytime between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25. We need volunteers to take down poster displays after the carnival on Saturday and return them to the children's classrooms on Monday. Complete information on the poster contest will soon be available on the PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org, or contact Elena Albamonte at 703-591-3134 or elenaalbamonte@aol.com or Miriam Smolen at 703-218-8457 or miriam\_smolen@fanniemae.com.

*Yearbook Group Pictures on Thursday* Group and team pictures for the 2003-2004 Mantua Yearbook will be taken this Thursday, February 5. Children should bring or wear their uniforms.

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# FCCPTA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride to Richmond February 9



Join FCCPTA and other Northern Virginia PTA members on a bus

to Richmond for PTA Day in Virginia's General Assembly. Meet and talk with local legislators for a session that promises to be *crucial* for K-12 education funding. Pre-registration is required; the cost is \$5/person. For the agenda, see the flyer at www.MantuaPTA.org/info/PTADay2004.pdf. Questions? Contact Dana Cimino at 703-266-8573 or danacimino@aol.com or Rebecca Malamis at 703-569-2099 or rmalamis@cs.com.

#### Magnet School Programs

Special interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional programs are available at the Bailey's and Hunters Woods Elementary Schools for the Arts and Sciences for select students. Applications are available online; they must be mailed by March 1, 2004. For more information on the magnet program, or on Bailey's or Hunters Woods, see the program web site, www.fcps.edu/ DIS/OEIAS/focus.htm, or call Jean Frey or Marjorie McCarthy at Bailey's at 703-575-6836, or Stephen Hockett or Diane Beers at Hunters Woods at 703-262-7400. For more info on the application process, call Debbie Jones at 703-846-8740.

### Mantua Band and Strings Concerts



The Mantua Band and Strings Ensembles will hold their Winter and Spring Concerts on February 3 and May 18. Both programs will be held at Woodson High School at 7:00 p.m. Dress

code is a white dress-style shirt or blouse and black pants. Dress-style black shoes are also needed.

#### Alert News Contributions

Send via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org, or call 703-383-1005. Thanks to Jeriann Stone Mikesh and Donna Konigsberg for copying and distributing the Alert News.

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*TC Desserts Needed* The Total Communication staff is volunteering their time and expertise to bring 10 consecutive educational and fun family nights for the TC . families. The families



enjoy dinner and instruction on communicating with their TC children. The PTA has volunteered to provide finger-friendly desserts to make the evening even more enjoyable. Please contact DeeAnn Jeremiah at classicconcierge@netzero.com to offer 1-2 dozen cookies / brownies / cupcakes in disposable containers to the Mantua cafeteria on any Wednesday (through March 24) by 5:30 p.m. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# A Special Wizards Night!

We have another great offer of discounted tickets. These are \$90 seats on the 200 level -- and they're available for \$25 each! The game is February 22 against Milwaukee. Contact Bridget Kapcar at bkapcar@washsports.com (preferred) or 202-628-3200, x6986. Tickets can be mailed or picked up.

### Homework Help

Tired of homework problems? Let some area high school students help. This is a *FREE* service for those elementary school students who just need a little extra help. These services will be available Sundays in the Mantua community between 11:00 and 3:00 p.m. (specific dates to be announced, depending on community response). For more information about Homework Helpers, please contact Mary Retting at Retting@starpower.net.

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# Soccer Clinic for Girls 6-13

The FPYC Hotshots, a U-13 girls travel team, is once again holding its annual girls soccer clinic run by GMU Women's Soccer team. This year it will be held indoors at Thomas Jefferson HS on Sunday, February 29. It is open to all girls aged 6 - 13, but limited to the first 100 enrollments. Please visit our website at www.fpychotshots.20m.com, or call clinic chairperson Monica Romig at 703-385-5710 for more information. This is a great way to get back into the soccer season!