



Mantua PTA Alert News

March 9, 2004

Galaxy Quest -- The Carnival's This Saturday!



Advance ticket sales are available *now* online at the PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org! Advance-sale tickets are 4 for a dollar, in groups of 20. That's a big, **25% savings** over Carnival-day sales, when the tickets will cost a dollar for 3. Online purchasing is easy -- at the PTA web site, click the **Galaxy Quest** logo, and click Tickets. Fill in the blanks and follow the instructions.



Then, just pick up your tickets at will-call on either Friday evening or Saturday at the Carnival.

Tickets will also be available in person, starting Wednesday morning. In-school advance ticket sales will be in the cafeteria, Wednesday - Friday, from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m., and again on Friday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Remember to buy early and save.

Don't Forget the Raffle!

Review the **great prizes** that have been donated for the Raffle and buy tickets online! Go to the PTA web site, click the **Galaxy Quest** logo, and click Raffle. Then just fill in the blanks, and follow the instructions. You can choose to purchase online by credit card or in person at will-call (Friday night, 7:00 - 8:30 and at the carnival). As an added bonus to the convenience of online sales, **Raffle tickets purchased online will automatically have your name filled out on them, saving you the effort!** In-person sales and pick-up will be in the cafeteria, Wednesday - Friday, from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m., as well as on Carnival day.

Four Days and Counting

- Over 200 cakes are needed to make the Cakewalk fun for all. Please donate!
- There will be **two** wonderful Moon bounces to enjoy.
- Play games and earn points to receive your choice of prizes. For complete details and to see pictures of the prizes available, see the flyer posted on the Carnival's home page at www.MantuaPTA.org.
- Buy raffle tickets to win one of seven great prizes. Purchase your tickets online or in the cafeteria.
- Feast on intergalactic fare at the Cosmic Café, or taste the out of this world Heritage Kettle Korn.
- Hunt for that special treasure at the Galaxy Trading Post.
- **Volunteer if you can.**

One special note - Please be respectful of our neighbors near the school. *No Parking* signs will be placed on the residential side of Horner Ct and along the side opposite the sidewalk of Kirkwood. Please respect these signs, and help us to keep the traffic moving and the roads clear. Thank you!

Mantua, Get Ready to Roll!

If you haven't already marked your calendar, mark this down! The Mantua PTA is sponsoring a skate party on Sunday, March 28, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Skate-N-Fun Zone in Manassas is **all ours** for two and a half hours -- and the more the merrier! Admission will be only \$2 and there will be special prices for laser storm, rock climb, and family meals! You can bring your own roller skates or in-line skates, or rent them for \$2.25. Flyers with all the details will be sent home soon. If you have any questions, contact Donna Yudkin at 703-641-8779 or dqy@cox.net.

Calling All Box Tops

It's time to make our final submission to General Mills, so please send in all Box Tops that are lurking in your home. Box Tops should be sent into the school office or put in the PTA mailbox before the end of March. However, continue to save your Box Tops over the summer for next year! Questions? Contact Nancy Robinson at mrsrobinson@cox.net.

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Protect Your Children from the Internet

Learn ways to help protect your children from internet-based molesters and other criminals. Contact the Virginia Community Policing Initiative for your free copy of the program **Mouse-trap**. This program is designed to teach parents better ways to monitor their children and teens as they surf the net. Request your copy at www.vcpionline.org.

Principal's Coffee -- Hold This Date

The next Principal's Coffee will be on Wednesday, March 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Barb Suidikas. We will be discussing SOLs and other standardized testing. Barb's home is at 3819 Acosta Rd. For more information or directions, contact Barb at 703-385-0358 or Suidibarb@aol.com.

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Selecting the Superintendent

All are invited to provide input into the selection of a new Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent by attending one of three meetings:

- March 8 at Lee High School in Springfield
- March 9, at Jackson Middle School in Falls Church
- March 10, at Chantilly High School in Chantilly

All three meetings start at 8:00 .p.m. See www.fcps.edu/mediapub/pressrel/022604a.htm for details.

Good News -- A Few More HOS Openings

Incredibly, there are a couple more openings in the Spring HOS classes. If your child is interested, please contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262 or randi_kirkland@yahoo.com.

Frost Family Festival

Plan to attend the Frost Family Festival on Thursday, April 1, from 5:30 - 7:45. The Festival is for Frost students and families -- and for those who will be a part of the Frost family next year. Principal Marti Jackson and her administrative staff will be on hand to answer questions. Volunteers are needed for this fun event. Please contact MaryAnn Troyano at 703-425-1334 to offer your help.

Children's Theatre and Into the Woods, Jr.

The Children's Theatre (a non-profit community theatre organization) is presenting the musical *Into the Woods, Jr.*, the last two weekends of March. This is a shorter adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, suited for family audiences. The performances are on March 19, 20, 21, and 26, 27, 28. Friday shows are at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays are at 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 pm; and Sundays are at 3:00 p.m. Prices are: children, students, seniors \$7, adults \$10. Call 703-548-1154, ext. 1, for reservations. The Performances are at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre in Arlington, at 125 S. Old Glebe Road, (one block SE of Route 50 and Glebe Road).

Mantua Elementary alumnus Alyssa Easterly has a starring role in the musical. Alyssa played Annie in last year's 6th grade production of "Annie Get Your Gun."

Saturday Night in the Suburbs

Please join the Woodson Community Coalition and the PTSA for an adults-only evening of dialogue on Tuesday, March 30, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Lecture Study at Woodson HS. A panel of 8-10 seniors will facilitate a discussion regarding drugs, alcohol abuse, parties/clubbing and communication with parents. We guarantee this will be an informative evening and will give parents insight from the perspective of a teenager.

CAAB is Expanding

Fairfax County's Community Action Advisory Board helps represent the interests of low-income citizens in our county; it's an advisory body to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Community organizations make up a third of the board, and the FCCPTA has been invited to join. If you are interested in filling this position, or if you know of someone that might be interested, please contact Carole Thomas at caroleandjay@aol.com or 703-978-6159. Find out more about the committee at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/CAAB.

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.

Wizards Half-Price Nights

The next half-price night is March 21, with a game against Miami. Contact Jen Seidel at 202-628-3200, ext. 3867, or jseidel@washsports.com. Tickets can be mailed or picked up. Questions, contact Julia Margulies, 703-978-7156 or margfam2@aol.com.

Mantua Night with the 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. Discount tickets are available to us for \$18.50 (regularly \$22.50). Don't wait -- tickets sell fast! Contact Bridget at bkapcar@washsports.com or 202-628-3200, x698.

Alert News Contributions

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Chat with School Board Members

The next meeting of the Cluster 3 (that includes us) Parent Advisory Council will feature several School Board members. As of this writing, Kaye Kory, Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, and Tessie Wilson have confirmed. It's a great opportunity to discuss with our School Board things that are important to our kids and schools. All will be welcome on March 10, at 7:00 p.m., in the Poe MS library.