



# Mantua PTA Alert News

November 18, 2003

## ***HOS "Chemistry" Registrations Due Friday!***

Classes are filling up fast! The last day to register is Friday, November 21. Registration forms (bright green) were sent home last Tuesday. Questions? Contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262 or randi\_kirkland@yahoo.com.

## ***HELP!***

### ***Additional Hands on Science Leaders Needed for Grade 2-3***

Leaders are needed for "Chemistry Creations," Mondays 1:35-2:35pm. The 8-week session will begin the week of January 19, 2004. All materials, detailed lesson plans, and training are provided. Leaders are compensated. You do not need a science background, just your enthusiasm to share! Please contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262 or randi\_kirkland@yahoo.com.

## ***Wizards Half-Price Nights***

Half price tickets to selected Washington Wizards games are available to students, teachers, friends and family. The seats are on the upper deck and range from \$20 to \$25. Dates available are: Nov. 29 vs. Detroit, Dec. 12 vs. Minnesota, Dec. 26 vs. Miami, Jan 19 vs. Chicago, Feb. 22 vs. Milwaukee, and Mar. 21 vs. Miami. Contact Jen Seidel at jseidel@washsports.com or 202-628-3200, ext. 3867. Tickets can be mailed or picked up at the will-call window. Questions, contact Julia Margulies, 703-978-7156 or margfam2@aol.com.

## ***Kids Care Club News***

Thank you to all the Kids Care Club members, Cub Scout Pack 1533, Brownies, students, and their families who helped with Leaf Raking on Saturday. The residents were very, very appreciative of our efforts. Thanks for your involvement in helping others. *Jennifer Cooper*

## ***Visit the Book Fair***

The annual Mantua Book Fair has begun! It's being held in the school library with hundreds of titles from Bookworm Plantation, both fiction and non-fiction for all ages, preschool to adult. Teacher wish lists are available should you want to donate books to your child's classroom. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the school library. Also, don't forget to check our librarian's wish list to donate a book to the library in your child's name.

Tuesday, November 18 - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Extended Hours!!!**

Wednesday, November 19 - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 20 - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, November 21 - 8:30 a.m. to **12 noon**

*Parents! Remember to visit the Book Fair  
while at school for your child's Thanksgiving luncheon!*



## ***Raccoon Run Meeting***

It's Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the **upper pod**. Want to find out more and be part of a fun team? Then join us for the first planning meeting for the May 8, 2004, race. Contact Jennifer Cooper, 703-426-2490 or jal-cooper@aol.com.

## ***Drama Club***

Don't forget November 21 or 22 for a Shakespearean evening with our Drama Club! Friday's performance will be interpreted. Ticket purchase is optional, but donations will help defray the cost of production, and will gladly be accepted. Concessions will be available -- *donations of home-baked items to sell as concessions will be appreciated*. Contact Donna Cipicchio at 703-426-4272 or TwoD3cpo@verizon.net for more information.

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## ***Send in your Box Tops!***

Last year we raised over \$700 from our collection of Box Tops - let's beat that amount! Send your Box Tops to the PTA mailbox in the school office. Questions? Email Nancy Robinson at [mrsrobinson@cox.net](mailto:mrsrobinson@cox.net).

## ***Town Meeting on Gang Activity***

Braddock Supervisor Sharon Bulova and Braddock School Board Member Tessie Wilson are co-sponsoring a Town Meeting on Gangs. The Gang Unit of the Fairfax County Police Department will be the presenters and a representative from Fairfax County Public Schools will also be there. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Little Run Elementary School, 4511 Olley Lane, Fairfax. The meeting is free and open to the public. Language translators will be available if needed. If there are specific topics you'd like to have covered or if you need a translator, please contact Tessie Wilson's office, 703-246-4781.

## ***Show Your School Spirit***

Exciting new Mantua tie-dyed t-shirts are coming your way! Details were in a recent Tuesday folder. If you order by this Friday, November 21, shirts should arrive in time for the winter holidays. Contact Beth Rivelis with questions at [rivelis@cox.net](mailto:rivelis@cox.net) or 703-359-2799.

## ***Sports Magnets***

Need a stocking stuffer or goody-bag item? The Mantua PTA has sports magnets for your car on sale. Regularly \$5 each, they're now on sale for \$3. We have baseballs, basketballs, and soccer balls. Quantities are limited, so order early! Send a check, made payable to Mantua PTA, along with a note stating which type of magnet(s) you want to purchase, your child's name, and homeroom teacher, to the PTA mailbox in the school office. Questions? Email Nancy Robinson at [mrsrobinson@cox.net](mailto:mrsrobinson@cox.net).

## ***Basketball Clothing Sale Ends Friday***

If you wish to order any of the Basketball Clothing, turn in your order form and check (made payable to Mantua PTA) by this Friday, November 21. Samples are on display in the main office. Orange order forms are on the "parents' corner" bookcase in the school lobby, or download a copy at [www.mantuapta.org/info/basketballorderform.pdf](http://www.mantuapta.org/info/basketballorderform.pdf). All clothing will be delivered, via coaches, the second week of December. If you have any questions, contact Donna Yudkin ([dqy@cox.net](mailto:dqy@cox.net); 703-641-8779).

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## ***The OM Coaching Experience***

This year's Odyssey of the Mind coaches-training session is this Saturday, November 22, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30, at Rose Hill Elementary in Springfield. The training is *excellent* and almost as satisfying as coaching an OM team. We still have an opening for a coach at the 3rd/4th-grade level, so if you even *think* you might like to lead an OM team -- or if you'd just like information on the OM program -- don't miss this opportunity! Contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262, **ASAP**.

### ***Alert News Contributions***

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