September 9, 2003

The Year's First PTA Meeting is Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m., in the Library

It's one of ten PTA meetings that you really should not miss!

Newcomers to Mantua - Program Tonight

New to our school or community? **Loaded** with questions? **Looking** for a friendly face to help you on your way? **Eager** to get involved and meet new people?

You're in luck! The Mantua PTA has just the program for you. And it's suited to the needs of newcomers -- be you new to the community or old timers newly enrolled at Mantua Elementary.

The Newcomers Program will be tonight(!), September 9, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the school library. Check your child's Tuesday folder for more details.

And..., Welcome!

Cool off at the Ice Cream Social

Want to enjoy one last "scoop" of summer pleasure? Look no further than Mantua ES when the Ice Cream Social returns. It's this Friday, September 12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the playground (rain location: gym). This annual event is fun for the entire family! Ice cream sundaes and light sticks/necklaces will be on sale. Remember, the playground does not have lighting for evening use, so bring a flashlight. To volunteer to help, or for more information, contact Julia Margulies at 703-987-7156 or margfam2@aol.com.

Featured Creatures, Jaws & Claws, Clue Club

These are the classes for the fall session of Hands on Science on anatomy. Look for the descriptions and the bright blue registration form in this week's Tuesday Folder. Classes are filled on a first-come basis. Space is limited. Questions? Contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262 or randi_kirkland@yahoo.com.

Para preguntas en Español llama a Nelly Chacon at 703-645-6300.

Enjoy Science?

Hands on Science class leaders are needed to meet student demands. There are 8 1-hr classes in each session. Classes are limited to 11 children. All lesson plans and materials, and leader training are provided. If you even think you might be interested in this wonderful program, please contact Randi Kirkland at 703-208-2262 or randi kirkland@yahoo.com.

Sally Foster is On!

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Today marks the start of Mantua's annual Sally Foster gift wrap fundraiser. Please look for the Sally Foster brochures and sales kit in your child's Tuesday Folder. Remember that for every high quality, HUGE roll of Sally Foster gift wrap you buy or sell, Mantua earns 50%. (You'll also be able to order unique gifts, scrumptious chocolates and other delectable goodies -- all in time for the holidays.) Tell your children to enter the contest to estimate the number of fish on the roll of Sally Foster gift wrap located in the hallway outside the cafeteria. Prizes will be awarded!!! If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Richmond at lynnrichmond95@cox.net or 703-280-0220 or Jeannine Davies at j9davies@cox.net or 703-383-1256. Thank you for your support of Mantua.

Cub Scouts

Interested in Cub Scouts for your 1st - 5th grade son? Stop by the Scouting table at the Back to School Nights (September 17-18) to learn more. Mark your calendar for September 25, when Cub Scout Pack 1533 will host its annual Join-Scouting Night. Questions? Contact David Dain at 703-560-6790 or david.dain@usdoj.gov or Jennifer Cooper at 703-426-2490 or jalcooper@aol.com.

Principal's Coffee

Please join us for our first principal's coffee of the year at the home of Barbara Suidikas on Thursday, September 25. All are welcome to this informal forum that allows us to discuss current school-related topics with our principal and her staff. The topic for this month will be "Being Good News Ambassadors." Our principal Jan-Marie Fernandez will explain the superintendent's focus on sharing the good news about our schools with the surrounding community. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara at 703-385-0358 or Suidibarb@aol.com.

Alert News Contributions

Send via email to brandman@erols.com. Questions? Call 703-383-1005. Thanks to Jerriann Stone Mikesh and Donna Konigsberg for copying and distributing the Alert News.

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Mark Your Calendars, and Plan to Attend!

Join other Mantua parents, teachers and community leaders for a fun-filled evening that will help benefit the school. Make your reservations now for Mantua Elementary PTA's "A Taste of the Town Masquerade." This fund-raiser will be held on October 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Kena Temple on Route 50. Come sample delicious signature dishes from many local restaurants including: Blue Ocean, Chiengmai Thai, Harris Teeter, Il Lupo, Coyote Grill, Pizzeria Uno, Connaught Place, Noodles & Company, and 2941 Restaurant to name a few. Besides the great food and drinks, you can kickback and enjoy the live entertainment while bidding on your favorite auction items.

The auction is one of the largest fundraisers for the school, raising about half of the money used by the PTA to purchase computer equipment, implement programs and meet other school needs that benefit Mantua and our children!

Invitations have been mailed to parents and faculty. All members of the community are welcome! If you did not receive an invitation, you may request one by writing to MantuaPTA@aol.com. Make your reservations early! Tickets are \$20 per person through September 30th, \$30 per person pre-event and \$35 per person at the door.

We look forward to seeing you at what will indeed be a fantastic evening to benefit our children.



Want a sneak preview of some of the incredible items available at the auction? Check out www.mantuaPTAauction.org. The auction web site will be updated frequently as new items become available, so check back often.

If you or someone you know would like to make a donation to the auction, please contact Pam Promisel at ppromisel@cox.net or 703-280-9812. All donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated. If you have questions about the auction or want to volunteer in some capacity, you are urged to contact Faye Henris at faye@henrisff.com or 703-280-1080 or Laura Mead at lauramead@cox.net or 703-876-2688.

We Need Your Help!

Mantua PTA's "A Taste of the Town Masquerade" needs volunteers for the following committees...

- Solicitation: Pursue Silent and Live auction donations from local businesses
- Sponsorships: Pursue Event Sponsorships from local businesses
- Decorations/Setup/Clean-up
- Raffle ticket sales: Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at the Ice Cream Social (this Friday, September 12, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.), Grade 4-6 Back to School Night (September 18), and the night of the auction.

If you can help volunteer, please contact Faye Henris at faye@henrisff.com or 703-280-1080 or Laura Mead at lauramead@cox.net or 703-876-2688. Your help will ensure the event's success!

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