

September 30, 2003

The Next PTA Meeting is Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the Library
We're looking for another great turnout. See you Wednesday!PTA
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FLEX Due Today!

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The deadline for FLEX Registration is TODAY, September 30. Our PTA-sponsored program at Mantua will offer classes in French, German, Italian, Sign, and Spanish. Please leave registration forms, along with payment, in the PTA mailbox (attn: FLEX) to enroll in this year's foreign language program. Please contact Linda Halstead if you have any questions: 703-503-5175 or pajusihalstead@cox.net. Thanks!

Just One More Class Leader to Go

Please help! We've got 11 second and third graders with *no adult* to lead their **Hands on Science** class. The class will take place on Mondays from 1:30 - 2:30, but *only* if someone will step up and volunteer. Please consider leading this class! Contact Randi Kirkland as soon as possible at 703-208-2262 or randi_kirkland@yahoo.com.

Your Opportunity to Order Sally Foster is Nearly Over!

We know just how busy the first month of school can be, so we are extending the Sally Foster order deadline until Tuesday, October 7. (The deadline for online orders is October 15.) Don't miss this opportunity to help Mantua and enjoy high quality wrapping paper and yummy chocolates. Questions? Please contact Lynn Richmond at 703-280-0220 or lynnrichmond95@cox.net or Jeannine Davies at 703-383-1256 or j9davies@cox.net. *And*, if you have an hour or two and would like to help "net" our profits, join us for order tallying on Oct 9 from 10:00 - noon or Oct 15 from 7:00 -9:00 p.m., or for order delivery on Oct 30 from 10:00 - noon. Please contact Jeannine or Lynn if you can help. Thanks!!

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Teacher of the Year Nominations

Fairfax County Public Schools sponsors a Teacher of the Year award program to recognize and reward employee excellence. Nominations for this award are due by December 5, 2003. If there is a teacher whom you would like to nominate, please contact Carole Thomas at caroleandjay@aol.com or 703-978-6159.

Providence Players

Come one and all to enjoy the opening salvo of the Providence Players at Frost's sixth season! This Community Theater group of adults supports the Frost Middle School PTA. On October 10, 11,17,18,24 & 25, at Frost Middle School (7:30 p.m. show time), the Players will present Cash on Delivery, by Michael Cooney. Like our own Mantua PTA Drama Club, the Players are "going British" for the first show, but with more of a Monty Python (or Benny Hill) influence and no Shakespeare in sight! This fast, funny, bawdy British farce finds the characters in a send-up of the British welfare system with misunderstandings abounding right up until the very end. Some local "favourites," such as Chip and Barbara Gertzog and John Coscia, grace the stage. It is a fun evening for all of you grown-up anglophiles to come out with friends and have a few laughs on us. Please contact us at 703-425-6782 or providenceplayers@cox.net for information. Single show prices are \$12.00 for adults (\$7.00 for 18 & younger and 65+ seniors). See you at the show!

Drama Club

Have you reserved November 21 or 22 for a Shakespearean evening of performance by our Drama Club? Come enjoy *Hello Shakespeare, Musical Shakespeare, As The Bard Turns,* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream.* Contact Donna Cipicchio at 703-426-4272 or TwoD3cpo@aol.com for more information.

Mantua Basketball is Back Info and Registration Available Online

Registration for Mantua basketball is in full swing. Detailed information and registration forms are available both in hardcopy and online on the basketball page of the PTA web site, mantuapta.org -- just click Activities, and then click Basketball. *New this year:* if you register online, you have the option of paying securely by credit card. Regardless of whether you choose to register online or on paper, or whether you choose to pay by check or by credit card, the deadline for all registration is October 30, and player-placement evaluations will be on November 8 and 9. For more information, contact Rob Mead at Mantua-Ball@cox.net or 703-876-2688.

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Remember to Send in your RSVP for the Auction! Sunday, October 19, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person through September 30, \$30 per person pre-event and \$35 per person at the door.

Join other Mantua parents, teachers and community leaders for a fun-filled evening that will help benefit our school. *Mantua Elementary PTA's "A Taste of the Town Masquerade."*

The night will include live entertainment while you enjoy signature dishes from many local restaurants including Bubba's Bar-B-Q, P.J. Skidoos, Lifetime Fitness Café, Blue Ocean, Chiengmai Thai, Harris Teeter, Il Lupo, Coyote Grill, Pizzeria Uno, Connaught Place, and Noodles & Company, to name a few. You won't want to miss the opportunity to bid on auction items for your favorite getaway, restaurants, faculty fun, services, merchandise and, the always popular, class baskets!

Thanks to our generous sponsors: Platinum sponsor Judy Wonus (RE/MAX Horizons), Gold sponsors Anne and Sarah Harrington (Long & Foster), and Silver sponsors Bill Rakow (RE/MAX Xecutex), The Fisher Group, and Renewal by Andersen.

Check out **mantuaPTAauction.org** to see the growing list of auction items, including exciting entertainment, super services, great getaways, marvelous merchandise, fantastic faculty fun, remarkable restaurants, beautiful baskets, and more.

Class Baskets

Thanks to all who are coordinating class baskets for this year's Auction! But three classes do not yet have basket coordinators. Please help. We need someone to coordinate baskets for the TC group, for Ms. Conselatore's class, and for Mrs. Aragona's. If you can help, please contact Jane Love at 703-503-2045 or jlove@aftra.com.

Earth Day Poster Contest

All K-6 graders are invited to enter the EPA's annual Earth Day contest. This year's theme is *Paint a Path to a World with Less Waste*. The EPA points out that "Recycling and reusing are two ways to cut down on the amount of trash we create. Preventing waste before it becomes trash is even better. These actions are important to saving natural resources and protecting our environment. By entering this art contest, you can help EPA promote waste prevention." The deadline is November 1. For details, see the EPA's web site at www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/specials/ artcontest/.

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The Auction Needs Your Donations

All donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated. If you have an item to donate to the Auction, please tell us about it online at mantuaPTAauction.org. Simply click the auction logo, choose "Donate to Our Auction," and fill out the online form. Donations can also be made by filling out the paper form sent home in a recent Tuesday folder. Questions about donations? Contact Pam Promisel at ppromisel@cox.net or 703-280-9812.

Active Parenting: Last Chance

This is your last chance to sign up for the Active Parenting Program. If you have children between 2 and 12, give yourself six mornings (Fridays from 9:30 -11:30, starting October 10) to become a "pro" at the most important job of your life. Please contact Pam Promisel at ppromisel@cox.net (preferred) or 703 280-9812 by September 30. Only cost is \$11 to cover the program text. Direct questions to Teresa McConnel at Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu or 703 645-6384.

Alert News Contributions

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

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Mentorworks

Mentorworks is a countywide program now being used in Fairfax County Public Schools in order to connect as many students as possible with an additional caring adult. This relationship further encourages the development of the child's strengths and capabilities. In this role, the mentor spends about a half hour a week with the same child over the school year. The visits usually take place during the child's lunch period (or after school at SACC if the child is enrolled there.) The next training and orientation session will be provided at the school in late October. If becoming a Mentor is something you would like to do, please contact us at mantuapta@aol.com. You can make a difference! PLEASE consider mentoring a child!