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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 mantuaPTAuction.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 mantuaPTAuction.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.

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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!