

Mantua PTA Alert News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, Oct. 6 *(This Week!)* PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm Library Friday, Oct. 8

Sally Foster - Final Deadline

Monday, Oct. 11 Columbus Day Holiday– *No School!!*

Thursday, Oct. 15 Woodson Pyramid Spirit Night KCC Clothing Collection - Last Day!

Monday, Oct. 26 Basketball Registration Ends



PTA Meeting Wednesday The October meeting is at 7:00 p.m. in the library. At a minimum, we'll be voting on the Bylaws. Everyone is welcome to attend!



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The Mantua PTA Auction Is Coming

The auction is one of our school's largest fundraisers, 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. This year's auction will be held primarily online. Watch the Alert News for more information.

Please Donate

Please consider making a donation to the auction - every family has something to donate! Check out the PTA web site at www.mantuapta.org or the recent flyer for ideas. You can tell us about your donation online or by filling out the form sent home.

Volunteer

The auction needs volunteers, too. Please consider helping us make the auction a success. We need volunteers to help with publicity and to solicit area businesses for donations. If you can help, please contact Carole Thomas (caroleandjay@aol.com or 703-978-6159) or Faye Henris (faye@henrisff.com or 703-280-1080).

SALLY FOSTER FUNDRAISER EXTENDED!

Thank you so much to everyone who returned their Sally Foster order forms! We're overwhelmed by the wonderful generosity of the Mantua community. For those of you still making your final Sally Foster sales, we've extended our final deadline till Friday, October 8.

We've been contest-crazy this year during our Sally Foster campaign! Last Tuesday at the grades 4 through 6 Back-to-School Night, we drew three lucky winners of fabulous Sally Foster prizes. The winners are: Suzanne Summers, Donna McGrath and Sybilla Whearty. Please don't forget to look in your Sally Foster catalogs for the safari animals. If you find one, let one of us know. We'll announce the winners of our "Buggie for Sally Foster" guesstimating contest in next week's Alert News. Last but not least, don't forget to register your child on SallyFoster.com. We'll draw a name from all the children registered and present a great prize.

Thank you again for your support. Contact either of us with any questions.

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October 5, 2004

KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS

The Kids Care Club is off to a great start! Thirty-five students attended our first meeting—that's awesome. But the really great news is that everyone can be a part of Kids Care. Be a part and help the Kids Care Club with their first project:

A CLOTHING DRIVE FOR KIDS IN LOCAL SHELTERS

Donate <u>**NEW**</u> socks, mittens, gloves, scarves and hats and place them in our collection box in the front foyer across from the cafeteria now until OCT 15. Thank you in advance for your support, which helps us support the Fairfax Human Service Council's service project for VolunteerFest 2004. Any questions, contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490.

Meet the Superintendent

FCPS Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale will attend a joint Cluster Community Meeting for Clusters III and VI at Woodson High School (Cafeteria A) on November 11, 2004. All are welcome to join our school board members, cluster directors Ann Monday and John English, and school principals at this community meeting to hear Dr. Dale address current topics of interest and his vision for Fairfax County Public Schools. There will be an opportunity for parents to participate in a question/answer session with Dr. Dale and school board members.



Alert News Contributions

Send via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org or contact Mary Rustick at 703-591-7160.

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Art Room Needs

Please help our Art teachers! They need

- Button down long sleeve work shirts (no shirts that slide over the head; please wash with hot water)
- A parent volunteer to wash smocks weekly (pick up on Friday and drop off on Monday)
- Boxes of tissues
- A parent volunteer to help with laminating, cutting paper, hanging art work and preparing materials

Please place tissues and shirts in the large white bin in the hallway by the art room. Questions? Care to volunteer? Send email to Jennifer.Watkins@fcps.edu.

PROVIDENCE PLAYERS

Providence Players of Fairfax, formerly known as the Frost Players, proudly present our fall offering (our seventh season!). Providence Player members are comprised primarily of parents and students in the Mantua, Frost, and Woodson pyramid. Membership is open to all who want to work on stage or behind the scenes to provide affordable, quality Community Theater to our area.

We'll open October 15th, with the perennial favorite, Heaven Can Wait by Harry Segall. This comedy-fantasy brings us Joe Pendleton, a fighter with a big heart and an unfortunate problem. An overzealous "escort" has taken him before his time to the pearly gates! With the assistance of his heavenly companions, the mysterious Mr. Jordan and the unfortunate escort, 7013, Joe does some body hopping before finding his true destiny, along the way finding true love and solving a murder!

Heaven Can Wait runs October 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and October 24 at 2:00 p.m. We perform at our new venue, the newly renovated James Lee Community Center Theater- 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church.

Information about our new season is available on the web: www.providenceplayers.org. There you will also find ticket pricing and a map to our new theater. See you at the show!

PTA Meeting Minutes Draft minutes of the September PTA meeting are available at the PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org. On the home page, click "Minutes."

REFLECTIONS -"A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO..."

Have you heard of Reflections? Reflections is a PTA sponsored program that promotes the arts in the areas of Visual Arts, Photography, Literature and Music. Students create a piece of artwork, take a photo, write a song or story about this year's theme, "A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO " Entries will be judged and winners will have their work submitted to the next level of judging. All participants will have their works displayed in school and will receive recognition at the end of year awards ceremony. We are now accepting entries. Info and entry forms are available at the PTA bulletin board area, and at the PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org. Deadline is November 5, 2004.

Reflections Theme Search for future 2005-2006

Have a great idea for the next Reflections theme? The National PTA is looking for a student-suggested theme. The winning student will receive \$100 and recognition at the National PTA convention. Submit your theme today! Theme applications can be picked up at the PTA bulletin board area or the PTA website. Deadline for a new theme is October 27, 2004.

Questions? Contact Deanna Woo at dtwoo@aol.com.



Help Out a Family in Need Please help!!

Clothing is needed for 2 students Girls Sizes 10 and 7 Pants, sweaters, coats, hat, gloves, shirts

> Please bring clothing to Lesley Kravitz in room 33. Thank you.

Mantua Basketball is Back! Registration has begun for another great season of the Mantua Basketball League. Boys and Girls in Grades 3 – 6 can participate in one of the best house leagues around. All games and practices will be held at Mantua. You can learn more and register online at the Mantua PTA website, www.mantuapta.org. Information has also been sent home via Tuesday Folder.

Volunteers are always needed to make the league a success for everyone. If you are interested in volunteering please complete the back of the registration form. If you are willing to be a coach or assistant coach, please contact Rob Mead at Mantuaball@cox.net.

Registration will end October 26 and player evaluations will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 6 & 7.



Kid's Stuff Yard Sale

Brownie Troop 3606 is raising money with a yard sale of children's items like toys, clothing, and equipment to support their Service Project, Bears From Brownies. They will be purchasing Bears to give to Inova Fairfax Hospital Children's Ward. The Brownies hope to send some cheer to these kids during the upcoming holiday season. The sale will be on Saturday, October 23, from 8:00 - noon, at 3216 Amberley Lane. For info, contact Claire Fritzinger at plntclar@speakeasy.net