



Mantua PTA Alert News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Principal's Coffee—**CANCELLED!!**

Thursday, Oct. 21

Picture Day

Monday, Oct. 26

Basketball Registration Ends

Thursday, Oct. 28

Health Screening Training
VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!

The Mantua Book Fair Needs You!!!

We need volunteers to work the book fair from Thursday, 11/11 - Friday, 11/19. Volunteers will help the younger kids fill out their wish lists, tidy the books, help restock when new shipments come in, and work the registers. Shifts are VERY flexible. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

Note: this is an opportunity for Frost 8th graders to fulfill some of their community volunteer hours. Set up will be on Thursday, 11/11 from noon to 3:30. Hours of the book fair are 8:30-4:00 each day, except Tuesday, 11/16, when it is open until 8:00 pm and Friday, 11/19, when the book fair closes at noon. Clean up will be Friday 11/19 from noon -2:00 pm. Please come and help make this a success. All proceeds will benefit the Mantua library. Contact Sheri Bulger at bulgersheri@msn.com or by phone at 703-426-1837.

You Don't Need to Wear a Uniform to be a Hero...Be a Mentor! Join 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. 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). Training provided.

Help a Child! Become a Mentor!

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile program, please contact Pam Promisel at ppromisel@cox.net 703 280-9812 or Teresa McConnel at 703 645-6300 or teresa.mcconnel@fcps.edu.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

RECENT HIGHLIGHT

•On Friday, October 1st, Ms. Buck, Ms. Kaplan, Ms. Blaney, and Ms. Borrelli attended an all-day workshop by Carol Tomlinson on the Parallel Curriculum Model.

•Also, on Friday, October 1st, Mr. Malc's class presented their Ice Age Science Projects to Ms. Duryea's Science class. Ms. Duryea's classes later this year will be presenting to Mr. Malc's class as they complete Science projects.

•On Monday, October 4th, Mantua hosted the GT County Workshop for new GT teachers. All of Mantua's teachers who are new to GT, our entire fourth grade teacher team, our Reading Specialist and Mrs. Fernandez attended a wonderful presentation on Socratic Seminar given by Carol Horn.

•On Monday morning, October 4th, both primary and upper grade students enjoyed a lively presentation from the Poetry Alive group. Many thanks to the PTA for funding these presentations.

•On Wednesday, October 6th, students and staff had a very successful practice lockdown and evacuation drill. Everyone followed the safety directions accurately and all students remained totally silent throughout these practice procedures.

•On Tuesday, October 12th, Mrs. Finneman, Ms. Fortunato, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Kaplan, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Fernandez attended an all-day inservice by Ann Delahant. The inservice focused on specific strategies for building trust among team members and evaluating student work within Professional Learning Community (PLC) teams.

•On Tuesday, October 12th, Mr. Kaylor began as an instructional assistant for our upper grade teachers. Also, during this week, our wonderful Cafeteria Hostess, Mrs. Thucoanh, has been hired to work an additional eight hours a week as

PTA Directory

Now Available for Validation

The PTA's Student Directory will soon be published and printed! Here's one last chance to check your children's entries and let us know if there are mistakes. A pdf version of the Directory is now available on the PTA web site, at www.mantuapta.org/pdocs. The ID is **mantuuser** and the password is **raccoon**. If you find any errors, please use the pre-addressed email link on the pdocs page to let us know! But hurry. We need to hear about your changes by October 20 -- the Directory goes to press on the following day!

Auction

Still Needs Donations

We have many fewer donations than last year. If you have something to donate, please help. You can donate online at www.mantuapta.org or fill in the form previously sent home.

Questions? Contact Carole Thomas at 703-978-6159 (caroleandjay@aol.com) or Faye Henris at 703-280-1080 (faye@henrisff.com).



Art Room Needs:

The cardboard box bottoms of soda and water cases, tissues, a parent volunteer to help with laminating, cutting paper, hanging art work and preparing materials, cardboard rolls from paper towels, toilet paper and saran wrap or aluminum foil.

Thank you to everyone who contributed smocks, time and tissues!

Please e-mail Jennifer.Watkins@fcps.edu if you can help.

Alert News Contributions

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

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SALLY FOSTER NEARING THE FINISH LINE!

We've received and tallied the last of the Sally Foster orders. Thank you again for your unbelievably generous support of Mantua. Your generosity will afford our children many extras not paid for by Fairfax County.

We'd like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to our faithful Sally Foster committee members who made our job so much easier (and more fun!) this fall. Thank you to Dawn Gade who cheerfully stapled letters to Sally Foster packages before school began and who leant her creative talents to the school display case. Thank you to Dena Gudahl who tirelessly tallied the avalanche of Sally Foster orders. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Carrie Clawson who is ably heading up our distribution process. We'd also like to thank in advance all the people who will be helping us distribute the Sally Foster orders to the classrooms on October 28.

Your orders will be ready for pick-up during the parent-teacher conferences. Let us know if you want to help with the delivery on the 28th. (It's a great work-out!)

Thank you!

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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 on line through the Mantua PTA website www.mantuapta.org. Information will also be sent home in a future Tuesday Folder. Please include a check for \$40 payable to MANTUA PTA with your registration form or pay online thru Pay Pal.

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, 11/6 and Sunday, 11/7.

BREAKFAST, BREAKFAST, BREAKFAST!!!

That's right!! Mantua Cafeteria offers the most important meal of the day— Breakfast! From 8:30 am-8:55 am your student(s) can enjoy a nutritious and tasty breakfast for just \$1.00. The cafeteria staff serves a warm or cold breakfast to students each morning and would enjoy having your student join them.

It's a great way to start the day! Your students prepaid cafeteria card can be used to purchase breakfast as well as lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you, Esmerelda and the Food Service Staff.

FLEX PROGRAM

FLEX Classes begin this week! Please remember to return the emergency information form directly to the FLEX teacher on the first day of class. (It should not be returned in the Tuesday folder.) Limited space is still available for grades 1-6 in Spanish, Sign, German, French and Italian. If you are still interested in registering or if you signed up for a class but did not receive confirmation, please contact Linda Halstead

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

It's still not too late to enter in Reflections! We are currently accepting entries and will continue for only 3 more weeks. Submit your entries now to be a part of this fun PTA sponsored program. Create a work of art with this year's theme in the categories of Visual Arts, Literature, Photography or Music. The last day to turn in entries is Nov 5. Entry forms and rules are available at the PTA bulletin board area or the PTA homepage at <http://www.mantuapta.org/>. For questions, contact Deanna Woo at dtwoo@aol.com.

PTA RECYCLING

The Mantua PTA collects and recycles empty printer cartridges and cell phones to raise money for PTA run programs.

If you have empty inkjet, laser, fax, and copier cartridges, or used cell phones, please put them in the drop box located in the school lobby under the PTA Bulletin board.

(Please NO toner bottles, toner tubes, or printer ribbons as these are not recyclable.) Please pack the larger cartridges in their original boxes. Please e-mail Donna Konigsberg at dkk@cox.net for more information.



KIDS CARE CLUB—NEXT MEETING

The next Kids Care Club meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 26 at 3:30 in the Cafeteria. We will discuss our leaf raking project for November. If your child would like to attend, please contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490 or fill out the permission slip below and send it in to your child's teacher.

KIDS CARE CLUB Permission Slip

I give permission for _____ to attend the KIDS CARE CLUB meeting in the school Cafeteria on **Tuesday, October 26 @ 3:30 PM**. I understand that my child must be picked up no later than 4:30pm on this day.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS

Thanks to all who have generously donated winter items for special kids living in shelters. NEW mittens, gloves, hats, socks and scarves can still be donated until this Friday. THANKS

GOT GLASSES?

Again this year, the Lions Club in conjunction with LensCrafters has asked the Kids Care Club to collect donations of old eyeglasses. LensCrafters will repair and rebuild them to send to those in need especially in developing countries. We will have a collection box available in the front hall across from the cafeteria now until Nov 24. In addition, if your ghost, goblin, witch or superhero happens to get some in their Trick-or-Treat bag, please put them in our donation box!!

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 26, 2004.

The next Kids Care Club meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 26 at 3:30 in the Cafeteria. We will discuss our leaf raking project for November. If your child would like to attend, please contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or 703-426-2490. Please ensure your child's teacher is aware that he/she is staying after and make arrangements for pickup at 4:30pm. Thanks.