



Mantua PTA Alert News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Basketball Registration Ends

Wednesday, Oct. 27—Friday, Oct. 29

RED RIBBON WEEK

Thursday, Oct. 28

Health Screening Training
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Friday, Oct. 29

End of 1st Quarter

Monday, Nov. 1 & Tuesday, Nov. 2

Teacher Workdays—
NO SCHOOL!!

Wednesday, Nov. 3

PTA Board Meeting—Open to All

Note from the Prez

I am pleased to report that the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the School Board's proposed sale of the Pothick land with some of the proceeds going to accelerate the completion of the Woodson High School renovation. Following the BOS vote, the School Board voted to sell the land back to the developer in accordance with the land deed's reverter clause. The School Board is now negotiating the sale price.

I received over 60 cc emails sent by parents to the supervisors supporting the sale and advocating for renovation of our students' high school. I was informed by our electeds that we were heard and well received. Thank you, thank you very much.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

•On Monday, October 18th, we had visitors from the Institute for the Advancement of Emerging Technologies in Education (AEL). Mrs. Hanpeter and Mrs. Andersen's classes were videotaped to illustrate the effective integration of technology. In addition, these same teachers and Mrs. Fernandez were interviewed separately to share strategies and ideas on the effective integration of technology. These videos will be used as part of an online professional development product that AEL is creating for the U.S. Department of Education that will be distributed to educational administrators around the country!

•Also on Monday, October 18th, Mrs. McConnell organized a K-2 Career Fair that was enjoyed by our K-2 classrooms. Thanks to Mrs. McConnell and the many parents who volunteered their time to share information about their career!

•On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, our fifth grade students went over to Woodson High School to the Woodson Planetarium. They learned many things about our solar system.

•On Friday, October 22nd, our fourth grade students headed off early in the morning for their all-day field trip to Williamsburg.

•To honor our wonderful custodians during Custodian Appreciation Week, they received a cake, flowers, and other goodies as well as beautiful cards and posters made by the students!

MANTUA BASKETBALL PLAYERS WANTED – LAST CHANCE

Where are all the Basketball Girls? All skill levels are welcome. Please register on line at www.MantuaPta.org.

Registration ends this week for all boys and girls in grades 3 – 6. Player evaluations will be held on Saturday November 6 and Sunday November 7. Each player must attend to be placed on a team.

Evaluation Schedule:

Saturday November 6

8:30 am 6th Grade Boys

10:00 am 5th Grade Boys

12:30 pm 4th Grade Boys

2:00 pm 3rd Grade Boys

Sunday November 7

1:00 pm 6th Grade Girls

2:00 pm 5th Grade Girls

3:00 pm 3rd and 4th Grade Girls

If you volunteered as a league assistant we can use your help during the Evaluations signing in players. You should hear from me this week or you can contact me at robmead@cox.net.

See you soon!

Alert News Contributions

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

Thanks to Jeriann Stone Mikesh and Donna Konigsberg for copying and distributing and to Stacy Burdetsky for proofreading.

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).

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 McConnell at teresa.mcconnel@fcps.edu (703 645-6300)

CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK

Mantua is celebrating Red Ribbon Week from Wednesday, Oct. 27th to Friday, Oct. 29th. Red Ribbon Week is a nationwide effort to remind students to stay safe and drug-free.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 27th

"Put a Cap on Drugs" – Students and Staff can wear a fun hat or baseball cap.

Thursday, October 28th

"Elect to be Drug-Free" – Students and Staff wear red (Mantua t-shirt), white, and blue.

We will have "Safe & Drug-Free" bookmarks for the students.

Friday, October 29th

We will have red ribbons for the students.

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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 2 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. E-mail Donna Konigsberg at dkk@cox.net for more information.

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

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.

KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Kids Care Club will meet in the LOWER POD instead of the cafeteria on Tuesday.

OLD GLASSES DONATIONS

Don't forget to bring in your old eye glasses to support the Lions Club/LensCrafters collection now until November 24th.

GOT LEAVES!!

The Kids Care Club does and plenty of them! We are asking you to volunteer to RAKE the lawns of some of our senior Mantua neighbors. You pick the date/time in November and the Kids Care Club will supply the leaves! Several senior neighbors have called asking for our help. Bring your Scout Troop or group, or your family and friends, some hot apple cider and a couple of rakes and in no time at all you will have experienced a rewarding accomplishment and your children will know they have helped someone in need. Please contact Jennifer Cooper if you can help: 703-426-2490 or jalcooper@aol.com

SALLY FOSTER DELIVERIES COMING SOON

Thanks to your wonderful generosity, this year's Sally Foster fundraiser will contribute in excess of \$17,000 to Mantua! This money will be well-spent on many extras not paid for by Fairfax County.

We have one final contest winner to announce. We drew Joseph Alejandro's name from all the children registered on SallyFoster.com. Joseph will win a fun prize!

Please let us know if you'd like to join us on the morning of October 28, to deliver the Sally Foster orders. We'd love to have your help.

Lynn Richmond lynnrichmond95@cox.net
Jeannine Davies j9davies@cox.net

Book Fair Needs VOLUNTEERS!!!

We need volunteers to work the book fair from Thurs., 11/11-Fri., 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.

KIDS CARE CLUB—NEXT MEETING

The next Kids Care Club meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 26 at 3:30 in the Lower Pod. 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