

### September 20, 2005

Back to School Night will be held this week on Thursday, September 22nd for grades K-3 (except Mrs.

- Kaplan's class) at 6:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out
- what has been going on in the classroom! Back to School Night for grades 4-6 and Mrs. Kaplan's class

will be held next Thursday, September 29th at 6:30.

## SALLY FOSTER SALES ENTERS ITS THIRD WEEK!

Our annual Sally Foster fundraiser is entering its third week! Don't forget that every Sally Foster sale made contributes 50% to Mantua. This money pays for many extras for your children, such as field trips, author visits, software, books and much more. The Sally Foster product line is of the highest possible quality; your friends will thank you for giving them the opportunity to buy. (Please remember to only sell to people you know. Never sell to strangers.)

We are having some exciting contests to award our Sally Foster sellers:

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- 1. The classroom with the most participants will win a CD/Stereo system. (Check it out in the school display case.)
- 2. The top seller will win a \$25 Book Card (in addition to the wonderful Sally Foster prizes).
- 3. The classroom selling the most (dollar-wise) will win a \$50 Book Card to be used for the classroom's library.
- 4. Don't forget to stop by the Sally Foster table at both of the Back-to-School nights to participate in our drawings. There will be fabulous prizes!

Our sale ends on September 28. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Richmond (<u>lynnrichmond95@cox.net</u> or 703-280-0220). Thank you in advance for your generous support of Mantua by buying Sally Foster!

### From the Office...

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 4:00 p.m.! If a student has forgotten his/her homework they will have to call a classmate.

If your child is going home with a friend *both* parents have to notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

# **BOOK FAIR IS COMING!**

Mark your calendars... The annual Mantua PTA Book Fair will be held November 11-18th in the Library. This is an excellent opportunity to support the school and encourage your child's love of reading. Look for more information upcoming in your Tuesday folders. Many thanks to all of those parents who have volunteered to assist with the Book Fair. Haven't volunteered yet? We're waiting for your email: plntlcar@speakeasy.net or call: (703)352-2240 —Claire Fritzinger and Carrie Clawson

#### Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org. Submissions are appreciated by the Friday before distribution. www.mantuapta.org

### Please see the other side for more Alert News

# KIDS CARE CLUB Hurricane Katrina Support

Do you have any extra school supplies that are just sitting at home? Starting on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, a box will be available in the front lobby for you to donate any of the extra school supplies you have around your house. We will send the collection to some schools in Louisiana that are going to re-open on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Also, our first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Cafeteria. We will discuss our annual leaf raking project, make posters, and talk about the upcoming year. Please call Patti Taheri at 703-280-2262 or mptaheri@cox.net or Donna McGrath at 703-246-9232 or dsm721@cox.net.

# Interested in Cub Scouts?

Parents with boys in grades 1-5, are you interested in spending more time with your boys doing fun things like camping, singing, crafts, hiking, building Pinewood Derby race cars, and lots of other fun activities? Boys, are you interested in spending more time with your parents, showing them how you can develop more leadership, character, and citizenship skills? Then join **Cub Scout Pack 1533!!** Learn more at **Join Scouting Night**, October 6 in the Mantua cafeteria starting at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, we will have a table set up at Back To School Night, September 22 and September 29. For more information contact Mel Yudkin at yudkin@cox.net or Craig Oliver at ctoliver@cox.net.



# **The Mantua PTA Auction Is Coming**

Bidding Starts in November

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 online only.

Once the auction begins the bidding closing dates are as follows: Entertainment & Merchandise: 11/30 Getaways & Services: 12/7 Faculty Fun & Restaurants: 12/14

We would like the entire community to participate by donating to the auction and by bidding often and generously. We urge local and Mantuan owned businesses to support the auction by becoming auction sponsors.

#### **Please Donate**

Please consider making a donation to the auction - every family in the neighborhood has something to donate! Check out the Mantua PTA web site at www.MantuaPTA.org . 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).

## WOODSON COMMUNITY COALITION

Welcome back everyone! Hope the school year is starting off great for everyone. The Woodson Community Coalition is looking forward to another great year, providing our students, parents and community with positive, preventive programs to foster a safe, drug and alcohol free environment for our children.

To get things rolling we will have our first meeting on: THURSDAY, Sept 29, 7:30pm, @ JCC (The Jewish Community Center is located on Rt 236 and the intersection of Guinea and Rt 236 next to the Fire Station)

Please also mark your calendars for a PARENT and TEEN program offered at GMU: Teens and Alcohol: Promoting Dialogue on Underage Drinking...Sept 27 @Harris Theater GMU You are invited to an interactive discussion on the challenges and the consequences of underage alcohol use. Learn what we can do in our homes and our community to promote healthy choices. Look forward to seeing you there. Thanks again for your interest. Jennifer Cooper Woodson Community Coalition Rep

703-426-2490 C/703-966-8304

# NEW GRADES 4-5-6 MONDAY AFTERNOON HANDS ON SCIENCE CLASS

The new Monday 4-5-6 class, "Earth Power" will begin at 1:35pm . Please refer to the HOS flyer for the description of the class. The topic for the fall session is Natural, Non-Solar Energy. Please contact Randi Kirkland if you have any questions at (703)208-2262 or e-mail randi\_kirkland@yahoo.com

## HELP! ADDITIONAL K-1 AND 2-3 MON-DAY AFTERNOON LEADERS NEEDED FOR HANDS ON SCIENCE CLASSES

We need additional HOS class leaders for an additional Monday afternoon K-1 class and a 2-3 class. The one-hour classes are held right after school from 1:35 to 2:35pm . Training, all materials, and detailed lesson plans are provided. Leaders are compensated, too. You don't need a particular science-related background. Just bring your enthusiasm and desire to share! If you think you might be interested in leading one of these classes please contact Randi Kirkland, as soon as possible, at (703)208-2262 or e-mail randi\_kirkland@yahoo.com Thank you!

## HANDS ON SCIENCE REGISTRATION DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Registration forms (bright green) for the fall HOS session, "Natural, Non-Solar Energy" were sent home in last week's Tuesday folders. Classes are filled on a first-come basis, so register as soon as possible!!

K-1	Motion Commotion	Mondays 1:35pm & Fridays 7:55am
2-3	Action Attraction	Mon 1:35pm , Wed & Fridays 7:55am
4-5-6	Earth Power	Mon 1:35pm , Wed & Fridays 7:55am

Classes begin the week of October 24. If you have any questions please contact Randi Kirkland at (703)208-2262 or mail to randi\_kirkland@yahoo.com.

For those of you that are new to Mantua, please stop by the HOS table in the cafeteria at both "Back to School" nights to find out more about this wonderful program!

# Printer Cartridge Recycling Program!

Earn Money for Mantua – Save the Environment too.

<u>Recycle Empty Printer Cartridges</u>... 125 million lbs are dumped into landfills annually, let's reuse them instead. <u>Raise Funds for our School</u>! We earn from 25 cents to \$8.00 per cartridge. <u>It's easy to do</u>! Just bring your empty ink jet or laser cartridges from home or work and place them in the rubber maid container in the front lobby at Mantua school. Or, if you use more than 6 laser cartridges in a month period, I could help you set up a program at your home or office. Sponsoring a cartridge recycling program will cost nothing (OK, a little time, a box or two, and shipping tape) and Mantua receives the funds directly! Interested? Call Karen Pollard at 703-280-5854 (h), 703-308-3948 (wk)

or send an e-mail at pollard.karen@epa.gov.

They take old cell phones, PDAs and laptops too.