Mantua PTA Alert News

November 1, 2005

SALLY FOSTER DELIVERY!

If you'd like to get a good morning workout, come help deliver the Sally Foster orders to the classrooms on the morning of Thursday, November 3! Email Lynn Richmond at lynnrichmond95@cox.net if you're interested.

Please pick up your Sally Foster orders during your parent-teacher conferences on November 7 and 8.

Don't miss next week's Alert News where we'll announce all of our 2005 Sally Foster prize winners!

REMEMBER THE PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR ON NOVEMBER 9!

We hope to see you on Wednesday, 11/9, at 7pm for the presentation/discussion, **Bullying Behavior--when fun turns into conflict**.

Led by Guidance Counselor Susan LaCroix, the seminar will explore "how girls and boys express anger in relationships and what you can do to help them resolve differences respectfully."

Spread the word to any parent you know who may be interested in this topic. It takes place in the Mantua ES Library. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Donna Yudkin (donyud@cox.net or 703-641-8779).

Holiday Happening Craft Show

Nov.12, 10 am – 4 pm, W.T. Woodson High School

The 13th annual Woodson "Holiday Happenings" Craft Show is Saturday, November 12 from 10 – 4 in the gym. Admission is free. The craft show is sponsored by PTSA and is one of our biggest fundraisers. More than 100 crafters will be selling their handmade wares, everything from jewelry, ornaments, clothing to paintings, accessories and many other delights! Snacks for shoppers and lunch for the crafters will be sold by WTW Crew.

Don't Forget to Recycle your old Printer Cartridges!

Earn Money for Mantua - Save the Environment too.

Recycle Empty Printer Cartridges...
125 million lbs are dumped into landfills annually, let's reuse them instead.

Raise Funds for our School!
We earn from 25 cents to \$8.00 per cartridge

It's easy to do! Just bring your empty ink jet or laser cartridges from home or work and place them in the gray rubber maid container in the front lobby of 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.

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FSIS Parenting Classes Offered

FCPS Family Services and Involvement Section (FSIS) offers a variety of Parenting Classes. Those listed below are held at *The Brown Building*, *9735 Main Street*, *Fairfax*, *VA* 22031.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) 5-11 years

Six 2-hour sessions: November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 12, 19

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Class fees: \$85 per person/\$125 per couple (includes cost of one parent handbook).

Family Holiday Stress Busters

One 3-hour session: November 17

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Class fees: \$25 per person/\$40 per couple

For details and to register, contact Bernadette Malamud at 703-277-2622.

Wednesdays: November 30 and December 7, 14, 21 7:00 - 9:30 pm *Strengthening Your Parenting Skills*

\$60 per person/\$90 for two people

For details and to register, **contact Susie Johnson at 703-277-2666**.

KIDS CARE CLUB

Next meeting is Thursday, November 3rd – please let us know if you are coming at dsm721@cox.net or mptaheri@cox.net or bring a permission slip with you. Meet us in the Cafeteria at 3:30 and we'll work on our next activities – a book collection and canned good collection for Thanksgiving. The meeting will be over at 4:30.

Don't forget – we rake leaves on Saturday, November 12th. If you want to participate but cannot make it that day, just let us know when you are able to rake.

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2005 CAMERON'S CAUSE 5K Run/Walk

The Power of Community

Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 8:00 AM

Like a superhero, Cameron McClain is battling an evil force. His enemy

is Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) with Ph+ (Philadelphia Chromosome positive). After a bone marrow transplant and almost two years of fighting the illness, Cameron received a clean bill of health and was ready to return to Mantua Elementary School this fall.

Cameron's father, Jay McClain, is the beloved principal at Haycock Elementary School. Unfortunately a dramatic resurgence of the cancer occurred in early August. Cameron now faces a second transplant very soon at Johns Hopkins Medical Center with cells donated by his younger brother Connor.

The school communities at Haycock Elementary School and Mantua

Elementary School have joined forces with Fairlington United Methodist Church

to support 8 year-old Cameron McClain in his battle.

A committee, consisting of parents, school staff, friends and church members, has planned an official 5K race to be held Saturday, November 5, 2005. The timed race will begin at 8:00am and will run on neighborhood streets around Haycock Elementary School in Falls Church, VA.

Overall and age group prizes will be awarded.

Walkers are welcome and will have a start time five minutes after the runners.

Fairfax County Police and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department have volunteered to be at the event to ensure a safe race.

All proceeds from the 5K race will be donated to the Cameron's Cause Foundation to help defray the tremendous costs of the medical care Cameron needs.

For more information on Cameron's situation visit: http://www.supportcameron.com/

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