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Mantua PTA Alert News

Have you lost a coat? Lunchbox? Gloves? There are many items in our Lost & Found which is located in the corridor off the sixth grade hallway. Please stop by the next time you are at school to take a look through this large collection. All items will be donated at the end of February.

Would you like to be a Substitute Teacher?

Mantua would be happy to have more substitute teachers! Flexible schedule, casual dress, great kids and you get a paycheck, too. Check out http://www.fcps.k12.va.us/DHR/applicants/subs/ If you have a day or more a week with nothing to do (ha!) then we have the job for you! The teachers leave lesson plans for the day and everyone is very helpful! If you have any questions, please call Melissa Hochberg at 703-591-1944 or e-mail mash5@cox.net.

KIDS CARE CLUB

Our next meeting is this Thursday, January 12th from 3:30 – 4:30 in the Cafeteria. We are going to talk about the Share to Care Talent Show and a blanket collection for The Virginia Hospital Center. All children are required to have a permission slip so make sure they bring it to the meeting if you have not sent it in already.

Talent Show audition forms are due Tuesday, January 10th. We'll let you know the audition schedule by the end of the week. Also, if you can volunteer on February 11th to help put on the show, please let us know. We need people to help backstage with the performers and we need baked goods to sell at intermission. Please contact Patti Taheri at mptaher@cox.net or Donna McGrath at dsm721@cox.net.

After-School Deaf Program Begins

The after-school deaf program begins Wednesday, January 18 and runs for ten weeks. This is a special and important program for these students and their parents. Volunteers are needed to provide desserts for the dinner. If you are interested in helping, please email Mary Jo Kavjian at kavjianPTA@aol.com.

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The Spring Carnival Will Be here Before We Know It!

Whether you want to help on a specific committee or just lend a hand in some small way, please join us for the general planning meeting on Thursday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the library. The first order of business is determining this year's theme. I promise there will be no arm twisting. We have two terrific co-chairs ready to get started.

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.

They take old cell phones, PDAs and laptops too.



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More classes offered by the FCPS Family Services and Involvement Section (FSIS)

All are held at The Brown Building, 9735 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22031.

When Families Get Angry/Conflict Resolution Two 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -hours sessions; cost: \$40 per person/\$60 per couple

Monday, February 6 and Monday, February 13; 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Early Childhood STEP (1 to 5 years)

Six 2-hour sessions; cost: \$85 per person or \$125 per couple (includes one parent handbook)

Thursdays -- February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 9; 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Hurried Parent, Hurried Child

One 3-hour session; cost: \$25 per person/\$40 per couple

Wednesday, January 18; 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Motivating Your Child for Success

One 3-hour session; cost: \$25 per person/\$40 per couple

Thursday, January 26; 6:00 – 9:00 pm

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

Single Parenting Class \$25 per person/\$40 for two people Saturday, January 28; 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Co-parenting: Two Parents, Two Homes

\$40 per person/\$90 for two people (includes one booklet per person) Held weekly in English and once a month in Spanish – call for schedule

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

Alert News Contributions

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

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