

Mantua PTA Alert News, continued



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Recycle your old printer cartridges, cell phones, PDAs and laptops.

It's good for the Environment and good for Mantua !

What? Recycling printer cartridges (laser & ink jet), cell phones, PDAs and laptops

How? Bring in your used items from home or work and place them in the gray rubber maid container in the front lobby of Mantua school.

Why? If thrown away, these items will end up in landfills or will be burned. By recycling them, we can extend their useful life, saving raw materials and energy, at the same time we earn money for our school.

Electronics? I get asked lots of questions about the cell phones, PDAs and laptops. You want to know what happens to them when they get recycled. The recycler does triage to determine if the phone is good, bad or ugly. *Good: they refurbish for reuse; Bad: they sell it as parts; Ugly: it goes for processing into raw materials*. For more information about cell phones and their life cycle, check out the poster I hung where we collect the recycling.

Check Work Too! Be sure to ask at your work to see what they do with their printer cartridges, cell phones, PDAs (blackberries too), and laptops after they are done with them. They may be happy to have you recycle them!

Or, if you recycle a lot of these items consistently, I could help you set up a program at your home or office. Sponsoring a cartridge recycling program will cost nothing (Ok, some time, a box or two, and shipping tape) and Mantua receives the funds directly! Interested? Call me, Karen Pollard at 703-280-5854 (h), 703-308-3948 (wk) or send an e-mail to pollard.karen@epa.gov.

Change of Scenery – Ready to clean out those closets for the spring? The **Change of Scenery Indoor Yard Sale** is in need of gently used books, toys, household items and sporting equipment for the Carnival's annual yard sale. No Clothing Please! Your donations are tax deductible for you and profitable for the school. Donations may be dropped off on Friday, March 24th from 4 – 8:00 PM. If you have any questions or need to drop off items earlier please contact either Nancy Robinson at 703-352-0510 (mrsrobinson@Cox.net). For further information you may obtain a flyer from the PTA WEB site at <http://www.mantuapta.org/events/carnival/tradingpost.html>

Hands On Science Day at Thomas Jefferson High School

It's back! The fifth annual Hands-On Science Day, hosted by TJ's Biology Society, will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2006, in TJ's Gym II. It will consist of three separate sessions; the second two will be open to all elementary school students, while the first session will be reserved for those students with special needs. Sign-up for Hands-On Science Day will be available online starting February 13, 2006 at the following web address:

<http://activities.tjhsst.edu/biosociety/hosd2006/>.

Be sure to sign up early, as spaces fill up quickly. We hope this will be an exciting event for your child, and we ask that you accompany him/her to the event to share in his/her enthusiasm.

If you have any questions, please email the Biology Society officers at HandsOnScienceDay2006@gmail.com. Please *do not* contact TJHSST by phone about this event. See you March 18, 2006! Donations will be welcome.

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