

Mantua PTA Alert News

February 28, 2006

LOST & FOUND – Please go through the lost and found by Wednesday, March 1st. All items will be removed and donated to Bailey's Boutique at Bailey's Elementary School on Friday, March 3rd. There are sweaters, lunchboxes, jackets, gloves, and assorted other items in the bins located off the sixth grade hallway. Bailey's can use them for students in need at their school.

HANDS ON SCIENCE REGISTRA-TIONS DUE THIS WEDNESDAY

3/1 Registration forms for **SOLAR ENERGY**, one of our (2) favorite HOS sessions were sent home in last week's Tuesday's Folder, Many classes are held outdoors! Please refer to the SOLAR YELLOW flyer for descriptions of the classes and the registration form. CLASSES FILL UP QUICKLY! Questions? Please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or e-mail at randi kirkland@yahoo.com. **REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS WEDNESDAY**, MARCH 1ST.

ADDITIONAL LEADER NEEDED FOR 3RD MONDAY AFTERNOON HANDS ON

SCIENCE CLASS!! Our two Monday afternoon K-1 classes are already full and we are now adding a third class! BUT...WE NEED A LEADER FOR THE CLASS!!! Come join in the fun...

- You do not need to have a science related background, just share your enthusiasm
- Training, all materials and detailed lesson plans are provided
- Leaders are compensated.
- Space is reserved in HOS classes for the leader's children.
- Classes are limited to eleven students.

Please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or e-mail randi_kirkland@yahoo.com for more information ASAP. PLEASE HELP AND HAVE A GREAT TIME, TOO!! Thank you!

This Thursday is Read Across America

Day. Mantua School will be celebrating that event by having an evening of storytelling. On Thursday evening March 2nd in the library will be - A Story for a Story. From 6pm to 8pm there will be various teachers and members of the Mantua community sharing their favorite stories. All families are invited to share this event. This is the 3rd year for this wonderful evening of storytelling. The cost to enter is one new or gently used book. All the books collected will be donated to a school in need of building its library. If you would like to share a favorite book or story, please contact

KIDS CARE CLUB

SHARE TO CARE TALENT SHOW recap – it was standing room only on Saturday night as Mrs. Fernandez announced the acts at the 6th annual show. Thank you to all of our participants who were able to make the new date and our administrators, office staff, teachers and custodial staff who supported this wonderful fundraiser for the Community Care Fund. The show could not have taken place without the efforts of Allen Clark, Maribeth Luftglass, Joyce Montgomery, and Beth Whitehead. We also wanted to thank all of the parents who supplied items for the bake sale, worked with the concession stand, and helped to prepare the children for the stage. And finally, thanks to all of the Mantua students who helped "behind the scenes" with set-up, stage work, concession stand, and clean up. This wonderful effort was possible because of everyone's hard work.

The show is a big event at Mantua and for the last six years Beth Whitehead has been a wonderful stage director. Beth's children will move on to Frost next year so we will need someone to fill this position. Please keep this in mind if you have any interest in helping us out next year.

On behalf of the Kids Care Club, thank you for your support. Donna McGrath and Patti Taheri

RACCOON RUN – The 1 mile fun run/walk and 5K run will take place on Saturday, May 13th. We will talk about this event at our next Kids Care Club meeting which will take place on Thursday, March 23rd at 3:30. If you have children at Frost or Woodson who would like to help out, please contact Patti Taheri at mptaheri@cox.net or Donna McGrath at dsm721@cox.net so we can add them to our volunteer list.

"It's a (Play) Date!"

Parents: please join us on Thursday, March 9th at 7pm for our next parent education seminar. Led by facilitator Wendy Carria, this workshop, Let's Play!: Strenghthening the Bond with Your Child, will explore how play and creating special parent/child time improves your relationship with your child (ren) now and for the future. Bring your own ideas along! We'll meet in the Mantua Library and refreshments will be served. - Donna Yudkin, PTA 1st VP

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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.

Alert News Contributions

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