

Mantua PTA Alert News

March 21, 2006

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PTA	The Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING! Someone is missing all those sweaters,	PTA
PTA	lunchboxes, jackets, gloves, and assorted other items. Please make a note to check this week	PTA
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PTA	for YOUR lost treasures!	PTA

Mantua Goes Hollywood: Carnival THIS Saturday

Advance sale tickets are available now either on-line at www.mantuapta.org or starting Thursday morning in the cafeteria! Advance sale ticket passes provide 4 tickets for \$1 and are available in multiples of 20. On-line purchasing is easy with step-by-step instructions at the WEB site. These passes may be picked up at will call on either Friday evening or Saturday at the Carnival. On-site advanced ticket sales will start in the Cafeteria from 8:30 – 9:00 AM on Wed. through Friday and again on Friday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM. For complete details or to get a ticket flyer visit the WEB site at www.mantuapta.org. Remember buy early and save. The day of the carnival tickets will be 3 for \$1.

- Four days and counting! Here are a few endnotes to remember:
- Over 200 cakes are needed to make the Hollywood Walk of Fame Cake walk fun for all;
- There will be TWO wonderful Moon bounces to enjoy;
- Play games and earn points to receive your choice of prizes. For complete details and to see pictures visit the WEB at www.mantuapta.org;
- Buy raffle tickets to win one of seven great prizes. Raffle tickets may be purchased on-line or in the Cafeteria at the same times and on the same days as the admission tickets. For complete details visit the WEB at www.mantuapta.org;
- Come to the Concession Stand for food and refreshments or taste the out of this world Heritage Kettle Korn;
- Hunt for that special treasure at Change of Scenery Garage Sale; and
- Volunteer if you can.

One Special note – Please be respectful of our neighbors near the school. No Parking signs will be placed on the residential side of Horner CT and along the side opposite the sidewalk of Kirkwood. Please respect these signs and help us to keep the traffic moving and the roads clear.

Mantua Basketball's March Madness

The Mantua Basketball Program finished the season with some real nail-biters. In the 3/4 Girls Final, Fanet's team won by one point over the Riskin team. In the 3/4 Boys Final, it took an overtime period for Sharman's team to win over Stynchula. In the 5/6 Final, Thomas' team beat Foster's team by one point. In the 5/6 Boys Final, Muldoon's team was victorious over the Torrise team by two points. Thanks to all who shared their time and talent with the children. A special thanks to Rob Mead whose enthusiasm and tireless work makes it all possible.

Do you have old Movie Posters?

Movie Posters are needed to help turn the school into a star-studded and glitzy event to rival any red carpet. If you have any movie posters to lend, especially posters for children's movies, please contact Cherie Curry (ccurry@harman.com; 703-273-5561) or Elizabeth Wasserman (ewasserman@cox.net; 703-573-3079). Thanks for your help!

Literacy Night/Heritage Showcase

March 30 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Once again we are planning to showcase the cultural diversity of our Mantua families during Literacy Night. We are looking for parents to help set up stations representing their national culture. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bridget Jennison at 703.591.5586 or bkjennison@aol.com or Regina Lanctot at 703.645.6320 or regina.lanctot@fcps.edu.

Cake Walk and Decorating Contest Drop Off Date Correction

The date for cake drop off for the Cake Decorating Contest and Cake Walk was incorrectly noted in last week's Alert. Cakes should be dropped off in the school cafeteria on Friday, 3/25, between 3:30 and 7:00 pm. Apologies for any confusion.

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National Poison Prevention Week

This week: March 19th - 25th, 2006.

It's time to be sure your home and workplace are safe and that you know what to do when a possible poisoning occurs. Remember: Poisons Act Fast ... So Do Children! Act fast! Don't wait to see what happens!

The Nationwide Poison Control Center Hotline is: 1-800-222-1222

If A Poisoning Occurs

- 1. First of all, remain calm!
- 2. Call the Poison Control Center. Have the following information ready:
 - * Child's/Adult's condition
 - * Name of the product and ingredients
 - * How much of the product was taken
 - * Time poisoning happened
 - * Your name and phone number
 - * Age of the poisoned child/Adult
 - * Weight of the poisoned child/Adult
- 3. The Poison Control Center will tell you what to do next.
- 4. Be sure you know how to give first aid if a poisoning occurs.

Did you know that...?

Every 30 seconds a child is poisoned in the United States. Sixty percent of all poisonings occur to children under the age of six.

Many poisonings occur when the daily household routine has been disrupted. An example of this would be having a babysitter. The most common products involved in poisonings are drugs (prescription and overthe-counter), household and chemical products, plants and cosmetics. Be aware that childproof caps are not really CHILD PROOF. They are only child resistant and if a child is given enough time they will open the container.

Keep in mind that products may have incorrect or out-of-date first aid instructions. It is very important to call the Poison Control Center and to follow the instructions

(from http://www.aapcc.org/preventi.htm)

SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE SUBURBS

Please join the Woodson Community Coalition and the PTSA for an evening of dialogue at their third annual Saturday Night in the Suburbs program. A panel of 8-10 seniors will facilitate a discussion regarding drugs, alcohol abuse, parties and communication with parents. It will be Tuesday, March 21 from 7pm to 8:30pm in cafeteria A. They guarantee this will be an informative evening and will give parents insight from the perspective of a teenager. This event is funded by Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Contact: Contact Cheryl King, Happy2behome@aol.com; Jennifer Cooper, Jalcooper@aol.com.

Congratulations Saylor Gilbert!

Saylor Gilbert, a fifth grader and Junior Girl Scout in Troop 5462 was awarded her Bronze Award! The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. It recognizes a girl's commitment to excellence as she develops skills and values to meet present and future challenges in her life. Congratulations Saylor! We're all proud of you!

Robin Antzoulatos (Mrs. A.) Leader, Troop 5462

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