

Mantua PTA Alert News

September 12, 2006

PTA Meeting – Our first meeting is tomorrow, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Please join us for this important meeting. We will be voting on the 2006-07 budget.

Mantua Counts on Sally Foster!

Mantua's annual Sally Foster fundraiser is underway! You received your Sally Foster sales kit in your child's Back-to-School folder at the August 31 Open House. Sally Foster's gift wrap rolls are **HUGE** and of the highest possible quality. (In addition to the beautiful gift wrap, you'll also be able to order unique gifts, scrumptious chocolates and other delectable goodies --- all in time for the holidays.) Best of all...every item purchased contributes 50% to Mantua! Your friends and family will thank you for the opportunity to order these terrific products. (**For safety reasons, only sell to people you know. Never sell to strangers.**) Don't forget to visit www.SallyFoster.com to buy on-line. All on-line purchases also contribute 50% to Mantua! If you have any questions, please email or call Lynn Richmond at lynnrichmond95@cox.net or 703-280-0220. Thank you for supporting Mantua by buying Sally Foster!

MANTUA STUDENT/PARENT DIRECTORY

The directory database is now on-line. Please check and update the information that you want submitted into the hard copy of the Mantua Student Directory by logging onto www.mantuapta.org and clicking on Parent Database. From there you are able to change any information you want included in the directory. You can also join the PTA. If you do not have access to email or internet you will have to get a form located in the lobby at the PTA information area to update student information. See the folder marked Directory Information. Please fill out the form and leave in the envelope marked DIRECTORY in the PTA mailbox which is located down the hall to the left of the lobby second door on the right. Please contact Mary Townley 703-204-2254 or metownley@aol.com (subject: directory) with any questions.

HANDS ON SCIENCE REGISTRATION DUE WED., SEPTEMBER 27

Registration forms (bright orange) for the fall HOS session, "Anatomy," will be sent home in this week's Tuesday folders. Classes are filled on a first-come basis, so register as soon as possible! Look for the class times and days on the registration form. The 8-week class will cost \$65 for each student.

Classes begin the week of October 23. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Johnson at (202) 307-3543 (during the day) or (703) 383-1412 (during the evening) or e-mail to elizabeth.johnson@usdoj.gov.

For those of you that are new to Mantua, please stop by the HOS table in the cafeteria at both "Back to School" nights to find out more about this wonderful program!

NEW this year is the ability to pay ahead for all three 8-week sessions (fall, winter, and spring). One check, three sessions. Just check the registration form at the bottom and provide a check made out to the Mantua PTA for \$195.

Annual PTA Ice Cream Social

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Join us this **Friday, September 15**, **beginning at 6:00 p.m.** for the annual ice cream social. Tickets are \$.50 per ticket and will be sold that night. Sundaes are three tickets, glow necklaces are two tickets and water is one ticket. This is a great activity for the entire family. We will be out behind the school on the blacktop unless rain forces us inside. We need people to scoop ice cream, sell tickets and help with clean up. Please email me at kavjianPTA@aol.com if you can help. This is a great community service opportunity for 8th graders!

Interested in Cub Scouts?

Parents with boys in grades 1-5.....are you interested in spending more time with your boys doing fun things like camping, singing, and lots of other fun activities? Boys, are you interested in spending more time with you parents showing them how you can develop more leadership, character, and citizenship skills?

Join Cub Scout Pack 1533 for Join Scouting Night on September 19, in the Mantua cafeteria starting at 7:00 pm. Parents and boys will get a preview of what cub scouting is all about and get a chance to participate and meet with the whole Pack.

Additionally, we will have a table in the Mantua cafeteria for both Back To School nights, on September 21 & 28. We will have information available and you will have another opportunity to join scouts and Pack 1533.

For more information contact Allen Clark (703-725-7130, scouts@mymantua.org) or Doug Denneny (703-359-0935, djdenneny@cox.net).

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Alert News Contributions

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Submissions are appreciated by the Friday before distribution.
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EARN MONEY FOR MANTUA WHILE YOU SHOP!

These stores in our area offer an EASY way to support our school. Please take a few minutes to newly enroll *or renew* and earnings will accumulate all year long.

Giant's **A+BonusBucks** (October 5 – April 3)

Visit <u>www.giantfood.com</u> and click on "A+ BonusBucks." Designate Mantua (code: 01887) and follow the easy instructions. *You can enroll or renew in a Giant store as well.*

Safeway's Club Card for Education

Visit www.escrip.com and, whether you are newly enrolling or just renewing, click on "Renew Now." To renew, enter EI-THER: your e-mail address, your phone number, or your card number – and your renewal will be immediately confirmed. To enroll for the first time, just select "sign up now" and follow six easy steps (Mantua's ID is 6662473). Another way to enroll or renew is by calling 1-800-801-4973.

Harris Teeter's Together in Education

Go to www.harristeeter.com and, along the top bar, click on "Community" and then "Together in Education." Select "Link to your school" and enter personal data and Mantua 's code: 4458. You may also give our code to a store clerk to link your VIC card.

Target's Take Charge of Education

If you have a Target RedCard or Target Visa card – or wish to apply for one – Target will donate 1% of your purchases to Mantua . Go to www.target.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page to the "Company Information" heading; click on "Community". Select "Education" followed by "Take Charge of Education" and "Find/Designate a School." At this point, you are prompted for your RedCard # or you can apply for one if you do not yet have one. Scroll past the option of entering school name, state, and zip code; near the bottom, enter the school ID# (103675) and click "Search." When Mantua ES appears, click "Designate this school." You can also take care of this at a Target store.

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THIS, CONTACT DONNA YUDKIN AT 703-641-8779.

Big Gift to the Earth, Rainforest!

Orangutans in Borneo need your help! How can you help? Girl Scout Troop 4214 is collecting empty standard size non-crushed 20 oz soda bottles, no water bottles. For every soda bottle collected \$.05 will be donated to the Big Gift to save the natural habitat of these endangered animals. 1000 bottles equals one acre protected! Look for the collection boxes around the school and bring in your empty soda bottles! For detailed info go to http://www.earthsbirthday.org/biggift/where.asp or contact Jeriann Stone Mikesh MasterMind@SmartiesR.us.

Take Home Reading Program

For students in Kindergarten, and Multi-Age Classes (K-1, 1-2)

What is it: A reading program designed to allow your child to read to an adult every day at school and than bring the book home to read to you.

How it works: The program runs M-F in the morning beginning around 9am. A list of students and their reading level is provided as well as the books for each class. Each child is read with individually. The book goes home and then is returned the next day.

Volunteers: Sign up with your child's teacher and let them know your availability. Flexible scheduling is fine, so sign for one day a week, every other week or once a month. Two volunteers a day are appreciated, particularly in the Kindergarten classes.

Contact Mary Townley, 703-204-2254 or metownley@aol.com with questions.

Drama Club/Perceptions 2006

Don't forget the deadline to apply for Drama Club is Sept 15th. Go to http://SmartiesR.usf detailed information!

Foreign Language Classes Beginning

Habla espanol? Parlez-vous francais? FLEX Foreign Language Classes will begin in October for students in grades 1-6. The languages will be taught through conversation using games, songs, drama, drills, dialogues, maps and culturally-related activities. There will be approximately 10 to 15 students in each class. The classes will be held once a week, before or after school, (schedule not yet final) for 15 weeks. Tuition is \$128.

Cavalier Cruise Fall Flower Sale

The Cavalier Cruise Fall Flower Fundraiser is underway and offering colorful mums and pansies for your garden. Mums (purple, white, yellow, red, and rusty orange) in 8" pots are \$5.50 each. Pansies (purple, blue, white, yellow, and rose) are available by tray (15, 4" pots) for \$28 or by pot (4") for just \$2.50 each. Just place your order with a check by Monday, September 18th and pick up on Saturday, September 30th from 9:00 am to noon in front of Woodson. Orders over \$30 can be delivered for an additional \$10. Order forms are available in the main office, on the PTSA web site at wtwoodsonptsa.org, or by emailing TwoD3cpo@verizon.net. You can mail your check and order to Fall Fundraiser c/o Donna Cipicchio, 3823 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax, VA 22031. Cavalier Cruise is W.T. Woodson's 2006 all night drug and alcohol free graduation celebration.