



Mantua PTA Alert News

LOST & FOUND will be donated right after Thanksgiving so please take the next few days to look through for any lost items. There are sweaters, jackets, lunch boxes, recorders and other assorted items. All items will be donated to Mantua families in need as well as Bailey's Elementary students.

Sally Foster Contest Winners

Congratulations to all of our terrific Sally Foster prize winners!

Mrs. Baker's 3rd grade class won a \$50 Borders book card for being the classroom with the most fundraiser participants. Mrs. Sottolano's 5th grade class won a CD Music System for being the classroom to sell the most (dollar-wise) during the fundraiser.

Eliza Fisher (Grade 5) was our top student seller! She was ably assisted by her sister Caroline. Eliza won a \$25 book card (in addition to all the wonderful Sally Foster prizes)!

We also had several lucky parents who had their names picked during our Back-to-School night drawings. They received fabulous prizes!

I would like to offer a very special thank-you to:

Beth Rivelis who offered her creative expertise in decorating the school display case.

Our intrepid delivery crew: Dayna Cary, Dena Gudahl, Beth Rivelis, Jeannine Davies, Lisa Shankman, Medina Moran, Kate Marosek, Mary Beth Abell, Sarah Bindbeutel and Patti Tahari.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this important fundraiser! - Lynn Richmond

KIDS CARE CLUB – Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 29th at 3:30 in the Cafeteria. Parents are always welcome! If you have any questions regarding Kids Care Club, please contact Donna McGrath at dsm721@cox.net or Patti Taheri at mptaheri@cox.net.

Volunteer Needed for Recycling Effort!

Is recycling your thing? If so, I'm looking for someone to take over the PTA recycling program after the first of the year. I've set up the program so that it only takes a couple of hours every two weeks - I'll even work with you through Spring if your want. Interested? Contact Karen Pollard at 703-280-5854 or pollardfamily@msn.com.

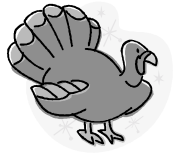
Holiday Gift Idea

The PTA is pleased to once again offer families Type to Learn, the software package Mantua uses to teach children typing. In this animated update of Type to Learn™, students embark on zany time travel missions to learn keyboarding skills. Built on a proven curriculum of sequential, skills-building instruction, Type to Learn™ 3 helps students master keyboarding by engaging them in lesson/practice sequences that include:

- Home Position: A friendly reminder on proper positioning at the keyboard!
- Warm Up: Loosen up fingers in a home row review!
- Checkpoint: Quickly review previously learned lessons!
- Learn New Keys: Animated 3D hands introduce keystrokes on a color-coded keyboard!
- Exercises: Direct keyboarding instruction with automatic review and plenty of practice!
- Final Challenge: Ensure skills are mastered with a test after each lesson!

Each of the 25 lessons in Type to Learn™ 3 is followed by a set of skills-based practice games. With new art, more teacher control options, and a captivating world history theme, these new games provide fun practice for students! Grades 2-12

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Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Recycle used printer cartridges, cell phones, PDAs and laptops AND earn money for Mantua ! Just put them in the gray Rubbermaid container in the front lobby. Questions? Contact Karen Pollard at 703-280-5854 or pollardfamily@msn.com.

Cell Phone Recycling :

Thinking of recycling your cell phone, but want to remove all the information you have stored on it before you do? I checked with the place we send them to and found out the following:

- If the phones are resold for reuse, the data is automatically cleared off the phone.
- If you want to clear the information yourself, you can do any of the following:
 - o Use the “Restore Factory Settings” code found in your user manual
 - o Contact the manufacturer or network provider and ask how to “Restore the Factory Settings”
 - o Or, go to the free data eraser tool found at www.wirelessrecycling.com. Enter the model and serial number (found under the battery) and the tool will walk you through resetting the factory settings.

Also, remember to call your carrier and have your service discontinued.

Laptop Recycling:

Clearing your data can be a challenge. If they are sold for re-use, the company we send them to clears your information using Department of Defense software for data cleansing. For ways that you can clear the data yourself, I'll send specifics out next month.

Used Videos being Collected:

Girl Scout Troop # 2276 is collecting used videos (both DVD and VHS) to donate to Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, Child Life Department. This would be a great time to clean out your movie collection before the holidays...and also provide joy to children during their stay in the hospital. Please place all videos in the box in the school foyer by December 11th . If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Donna Laiti at dlaiti@datacure.com or 703.273.8326. Thank you.

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