

Mantua PTA Alert News for January 2, 2007

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1. **KIDS CARE CLUB** – The Share to Care Talent Show benefiting the Community Care Fund will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2007. Please start thinking about how you can be a part of this event. All acts will be auditioning on January 16th and 17th. Permission slips **must be returned by January 5, 2007** in order to schedule auditions for each act. Permission slips for our next meeting will be in Tuesday folders this week. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11th in the Cafeteria from 3:30 – 4:30. If you have any questions about Kids Care Club or the Talent Show, please contact Donna McGrath at dsm721@cox.net or Patti Taheri at mptaheri@cox.net.

2. Thanks for Your Help

Girl Scout Troop # 2276 would like to thank everyone for the generous contributions of videos for our service project. We collected over 1000 videos which were donated to the Ronald McDonald House and Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, Child Life Department. Thank you again for making this a huge success.

3. Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

The following information will explain the 2007-2008 magnet school application and lottery process for Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences and for Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences.

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences has a broad array of programs to help each

student to continually grow and thrive in his or her ability to understand, express, inquire, connect and aspire. The school has both classroom teachers and additional specialized educators who focus on the sciences, the arts, and the technology so that these areas are integrated and complement one another as the child learns in all fields. Additionally, some students have the opportunity to participate in the Spanish Immersion program. This program develops students' communicative and academic proficiency in the Spanish language.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences offers an interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional program with an added emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, and technology. A science specialist, a technology resource teacher, and additional art classes provide opportunities for all students to enhance their learning. The arts team includes music, art, and dance teachers. Resource teachers collaborate with classroom teachers to coordinate and integrate learning activities with classroom instruction.

To be eligible to apply, a student must be on or above grade level in language arts and math and demonstrate positive interpersonal and school behavior. Applications will be screened for eligibility, and a lottery will be conducted in mid-March.

Applications are available at the following websites: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OEIAS/magnet.htm>, <http://www.fcps.edu/HuntersWoodsES>, and <http://www.fcps.edu/BaileysES>. Parents must complete the appropriate school application and return the form to the Office of Elementary Instruction at Lacey Center. **Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2007.**

If you have questions regarding the Bailey's Elementary School magnet program, please contact Marjorie McCarthy, magnet program liaison, at 703-575-6836.

If you have questions regarding the Hunters Woods Elementary School magnet program, please contact Diane Beers, parent liaison, at 703-262-7405.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please call the magnet information line, Office of Elementary Instruction, Lacey Center, at 703-846-8740.

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