

Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. GT Referral Forms Due

GT Center Referral Forms for FCPS students due to Mantua on February 8th. Please visit www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt or contact Mrs. Bousbouras at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu for additional information.

2. SHARE TO CARE TALENT SHOW

The Share to Care Talent Show benefiting the Community Care Fund will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 2008!! Permission slips to all students will go out today in your Tuesday folders or may be downloaded online from the Mantua PTA website this week. Permissions slips must be returned by January 11th in order to schedule auditions for each act! All interested students should plan to audition on January 22-24, 2008. Audition schedules will be included in your Tuesday folder on January 15th.

Parents!!! We need volunteers to set up before the show, work backstage with the students, provide baked goods during intermission and clean up after the show! Please start thinking about how you can be a part of this event and contact Jeri Gloege at jeri.gloege@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer! We will have a parent meeting for all volunteers prior to the February PTA meeting on February 6th. If you have volunteered to help with the show or are thinking about volunteering, please meet in the library on February 6th at 6:30 PM. We need your help to ensure our Talent Show is a success!!

If you have any questions about the Talent Show or would like to volunteer, please contact Jeri Gloege at jeri.gloege@gmail.com

3. Summer Enrichment Camp Fair – January 30th

On Wednesday, January 30th, the annual FCAG Summer Enrichment Camp Fair will be at Oakton HS, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna 22181, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The fair will feature representatives from mostly-local camps that focus on academic, artistic, dramatic or other forms

of summer enrichment, plus flyers from many other camps. The fair is sponsored by the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted, and is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960.

4. Open Carnival Committee Seats Need Filling!

We need YOU!! There are great opportunities available for helping to plan this year's carnival scheduled for March 8th. We need two people to chair the food committee, which handles the food planning and sales at the carnival, two people to handle organizing setup and cleanup, and we need someone who can handle "during the day" activities for our raffle ticket sales, mostly the week leading up to the carnival itself. Please contact Missy Greene, this year's carnival chair, at missyfay76@msn.com if you can help out in any way. You can help make this year's carnival the best yet!

5. MANTUA SHIRT ORDERS

The PTA hopes everyone is enjoying their Mantua shirts. In filling the orders we noticed the youth sweatshirts ran quite small. If you ordered a youth sweatshirt and it will not fit your child, contact Jacquie Heller immediately and the vendor will exchange sizes this week only if the sweatshirt has not been worn.

Please contact Jacquie Heller with any questions at eeblessed@aol.com or 703.691.8085 by Friday, January 11.

Due to popular demand, you will be able to order Mantua t-shirts and sweatshirts again at the Mantua talent show on February 9. Thank you!

6. Reflections Program for the Arts Update

The results of Fairfax County Council level of judging are in! Many congratulations to Griffith Heller in the 3rd grade who won Outstanding Interpretation award in photography and to Adam Friedman of the 6th grade who was also awarded Outstanding Interpretation in musical composition. In addition, Josh Smoot of 6th grade won the Award of Excellence in photography. Griffith and Adam's works of art are now being judged against students from Alexandria, Arlington, and Falls Church Cities and the seven other school clusters. Winners of the Northern Virginia District level will be announced by February. These three students will have the opportunity to be recognized in an upcoming ceremony sponsored by the Fairfax County PTA in February. If you are interested in participating in this artistic program, flyers will be distributed this spring with next year's theme so that everyone may get a head start! If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth McPhilomy at dutchboy3911@msn.com or 703-503-9742.

7. Play Frost Power Bingo on Friday, Feb. 8, from 7-9 p.m. in the Frost Middle School cafeteria. Prizes for this fun family event include a weekend at Deep Creek Lake, golf for four, a \$100 bill, electronics, jewelry, gift certificates, gourmet meals and much, much more! Go to bingo.FrostmsPTA.org for more information and to buy tickets online.

Buy early and save! Tickets purchased in advance are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and children. Tickets will cost more at the door. All students must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Bingo is sponsored by the Frost PTA and Mary Thyfault Clark, RE/MAX Allegiance, Realtor; JL Tree Service; and Anne & Sarah Harrington, Long & Foster, Realtors.

Come early for pizza and to check out the prizes. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. The snow date is Feb. 22. Questions? Contact Lori Sharn Bryant at Lsharn@cox.net or 703-359-1039.

8. Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

The following information will explain the 2008-2009 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, 2008.**

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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