

Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. The on-line auction is entering its second week. From Faculty Fun to Weekend Getaways, there are great items up for grabs. Visit the auction at www.auction.mantuapta.org

or link to it from the PTA website. Categories close at 10:00 p.m. on the specified dates.

2. HOLD THAT DATE! Mantua Carnival March 8th!

Our annual PTA sponsored Carnival will be held on Saturday, March 8th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Join us "Under the Big Top" as we celebrate circus-style. There will be lots of games, a cake walk, a snack station, and more. As in the past there will be a poster contest, cake-decorating contest, raffle sale and lots of prizes. Watch your alert newsletters for more information on opportunities to

assist in the carnival. If you have any questions you may contact the Carnival Coordinator Missy Greene at 703-426-1431 or missyfay76@msn.com.

3. Box Tops for Education: Earn Cash for our School! Just clip the Box Tops logo from many of your every day household items. Please be careful as to avoid cutting off the expiration date! Each logo is worth 10 cents which can turn into hundreds of dollars for Mantua. Just turn them in at your convenience during any time of the year to the designated box located by the PTA information table. Happy clipping!

4. Lunch Money – Welcome to January! Most of us spend part of this month getting organized and ready to move forward. Can you please check with your children to see if they borrowed lunch money from the office in December and forgot to tell you? This would be a great time to reimburse the office for any borrowed funds. By doing this, funds will be available for the next person who needs to borrow for a day. Thanks for your help.

5. PTA Membership: One of the best things about your membership is that you receive a Mantua Elementary Directory! Distribution of this sought after publication has taken place already but more are still available. If you have not already done so, this is the perfect time to join the PTA. Send in cash or write a check to “Mantua PTA” for \$14 for a family membership or \$7 for a single membership. Include “PTA Membership,” member(s) name(s), your child’s name, and his/her class on the envelope. You may also mail your check to:

PTA Membership

9335 Tovito Drive

Fairfax, VA 22031

THANK YOU!

Donna Stelling McGrath, PTA Membership

6. Spotlight on Mantua Parent Volunteers

WHO’S responsible for creating such a warm, inviting school entrance and hallway?

So glad you asked!! Andrea Mains, mom to first graders Cody and Travis, and co-creator Claire Fritzinger, mom to Hanna and John. Andrea and Claire spent countless hours of thought, preparation and set-up to create a wonderful Winterland setting for all to enjoy as you first walk into Mantua E.S. They had each student, by class, make either a snowflake, beaded ornament or snowman to be added to the Winterland scene. Then, Andrea and Claire spent over 7 hours on a Sunday night stringing wire for the snowflakes and ornaments to be hung, bringing in live pine trees, and decorating them with snowmen and woodland animals. Andrea hand strung all the clementines on the front entrance "M" too! And finally, Tina Walsh, Bon Hee Ku, Trish Williams and Monica Cameron helped to hang some of the many decorations in the lobby.

Andrea was also responsible for the Giant Thanksgiving Turkey display you saw in the entrance during the Thanksgiving Day Luncheon. She had all the kids in the school, over 900 students, make a paper feather and write what they were thankful for. Andrea and her posse of friends accompanied by some Girl Scouts, stuck each feather into the foam base to create a feather-filled turkey to welcome parents in to school.

Andrea and Claire invite anyone interested in being part of their School Spirit Crew to contact them- they're in the PTA Directory. They would love and really need parents, teens and grandparents to help with idea generation, preparation, set up and clean up.

It's parents like Andrea and Claire that make Mantua E.S. such a wonderful place to be!!

If you see them in the halls, please thank them!!

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