

Mantua PTA Alert News for February 19, 2008

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1. LEGISLATIVE ALERT FOR MANTUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS:

E-MAIL OR CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT SB 768

This legislation is being fast-tracked in Richmond this week. It would eliminate the current ability of the Fairfax County Public Schools to negotiate a proffer with developers seeking to rezone property for denser residential development (except in limited urban development areas). The proffer system allows for developers to make a one-time financial contribution for any additional students that are generated through rezoning. The proffers are to be used by FCPS to build additional school capacity. FCPS needs to build additional classroom capacity for our school area and for the surrounding area. Our school would get less money to do this as a result of this legislation.

State Representatives that cover the Providence School District are summarized below.

A quick way to email your delegate and senator is to go to: <http://conview.state.va.us/whosmy.nsf/main?openform>

Thanks ~ Bob Greene – PTA President, 703-216-9782 / rgreene@afponline.org

2. Heritage Night Deadlines

Any family who would like to share their national heritage at Heritage Night needs to contact Carlota Urban at 703-645-6418 or via e-mail Carlota.Urban@fcps.edu no later than Thursday, Feb. 21 by 12:00 pm so that we can make space accommodations. Thanks!

3. Clownin' Around Cakewalk

We need Cakes! The cakewalk is one of the most popular events of the Carnival for kids of all ages. But to make this event great we need over 200 cakes! Your donation of a store bought or home made cake is greatly appreciated. If you or your child would like to try out your artistic talents for cake decorating, bring your cake decorated in the "Under the Big Top" theme. You may win tickets for the carnival!. All cakes should be brought to the cafeteria between 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM on Friday, March 7th. Judging for the cake-decorating contest will begin promptly at 7:30 PM that night. For complete details and contest rules you may obtain a flyer from the PTA WEB site at www.mantuaPTA.org.

4. Mantua School Spirit Night

Mark your calendar with Tuesday, February 26th for our next Mantua School Spirit Night! All families, teachers and staff members are invited to experience "A Taste of Korea". Families can arrive and eat dinner anytime between 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Cho's Garden (9940 Lee Hwy-next to PJ Skiddos -703-359-9801). Please come join fellow Mantua school parents of Korean heritage help us order Korean favorite foods. So if you've been interested in trying a new restaurant but were hesitant because you wouldn't know what to order, here's an opportunity to have fun with other families and enjoy great food!

There are many choices of foods to discover!

5. Kids Care Club

The Kids Care Club is having a "Bubbles, KID FRIENDLY" Band-Aids and Batteries" Drive for the Child Life Program at Fairfax Hospital. The Child Life program provides procedure preparation and distraction during difficult procedures; bubbles are an important part of this process and are always in need. The child life program also provides "kid friendly" band-aids to the children after procedures to make the boo boos more bearable than the plain hospital grade band-aids they would otherwise receive. And of course, they are always in need of batteries for the childrens' toys. PLEASE consider donating one or some of these items. A box will be located in the foyer from now until Spring Break.

6. The PTA Nominating Committee wants you! We're looking for folks that like to work as a team for the common good of the school and its students and parents in school year 2008-09. If you are interested in being on the PTA Board please contact either Trish Williams, trishdowney@gmail.com 703-865-8855 or Monica Cameron at 703-359-4298 or email monica.cameron@cox.net or Kathy Phillips at 703-573-0146 or email kathyphysics@hotmail.com

Bob Greene will serve a second year as PTA President.

The following are PTA Board positions available for next year:

First Vice President: Oversees committee chairs responsible for membership and other revenue generating programs to ensure programs are staffed and managed.

Second Vice President: Oversees committee chairs responsible for community outreach to ensure programs are staffed and managed.

Treasurer: Record deposits using Quickbooks (similar to Quicken). Make actual deposits at PTA bank.

- Record disbursements using Quickbooks. Enter, print and sign (with another PTA officer) checks for valid PTA expenses
- Reconcile bank statement with Quickbooks monthly
- Prepare annual PTA tax return
- Prepare PTA budget at beginning of school year
- Report at PTA meetings on PTA's cash position and financial position in relation to the budget

Time commitment varies from month to month but roughly 2 hours a month after the first month.

7. PTA HOSPITALITY Corner

PTA Hospitality Team would love to hear your ideas for this year's Teacher Appreciation Luncheon theme. The luncheon will most likely be in early May during Teacher Appreciation Week. In past years, we've done themes such as, "That's Amore" and "Fit and

Healthy Salad Bar". We invite you to contact us if you have ideas or would like to help with the planning. Join the committee for the luncheon planning to see if you might like to try it next year! This is the last year that DeeAnn and Monica will chair the Hospitality Committee so if you are interested in a fun way to contribute, we encourage you or a team of friends to consider leading the 2008-09 PTA Hospitality Committee. There is a Hospitality Continuity Book that contains all the data from past years so coordinating is easier. Please contact DeeAnn Jeremiah at djeremiah@cox.net or Monica Cameron at 703-359-4298 or email monica.cameron@cox.net

Upcoming Events At-A-Glance:

February:

26th: School Spirit Night at Cho's Garden

March:

1st: MOM Consignment Sale: 8am-1pm in Mantua Clubhouse

8th: Carnival: 11am-3pm: "Under the Big Top"

13th: Heritage and Literacy Night

15th-23rd: Spring Break

PTA SEWING HELP WANTED:

Did you notice the PTA information table at the Talent Show entrance? It's part of our effort to bring the PTA to you the parents. We plan to continue to set up a PTA info table with pertinent school information and event participation sign-up sheets where appropriate. In an effort to avoid costs, we are asking for some creative help.

The PTA is looking for a volunteer(s) to sew on the fabric letters "MANTUA PTA" to a table cloth to be used as the PTA information table cover. We are happy to reimburse for the materials. If you are interested in this one time project, please contact Trish Williams at 703-865-8855 or Trishdowney@gmail.com

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