

# Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. Office correspondence (tardy notices, requests for bus passes, etc.) sent online should be sent to [Karen.Levin@fcps.edu](mailto:Karen.Levin@fcps.edu). Please note this change to ensure that the office receives your emails. As always, absences can be communicated by the Attendance Line at 703-645-6363 or to [Lorri.Fowlkes@fcps.edu](mailto:Lorri.Fowlkes@fcps.edu). Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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2. The Ice Cream Social will be held on Monday, September 17, from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold for ice cream and other goodies. This is a great opportunity to meet friends and other parents. See you there!

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3. **Mantua is DOTTY for Sally Foster!**

Mantua's annual Sally Foster fundraiser is underway! Your child received his/her red and white Sally Foster sales kit envelope at the Open House on August 30 or on the first day of school.

Sally Foster's gift wrap rolls are HUGE and of the highest possible quality. In addition to the beautiful gift wrap, you may order unique gifts, scrumptious chocolates, awesome kitchen items and tool sets – all in time for the holidays. Best of all...every item purchased contributes **50% to Mantua** PTA programs! Your friends and family will thank you for the opportunity to order these terrific products. **For safety reasons, only sell to people you know. Never sell to strangers.**

Don't forget to visit [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) to purchase on-line. Orders over \$60 receive FREE shipping. Register your student in the Seller Section so they can receive credit toward the great prize packages and don't forget to credit Mantua Elementary at checkout with our school code of **503978**. There is a contest for hourly prizes, including a **Nintendo Wii and IPOD Nano**, offered to those students who send e-mails to five contacts.

We are also having some exciting contests this year to award our Sally Foster sellers:

1. The classroom with the most participants will win a PIZZA PARTY!
2. The top student seller will win a \$25 Blockbuster giftcard (in addition to all the wonderful Sally Foster prizes).
3. The classroom with the top dollar sales will win a \$50 Barnes & Noble giftcard to used for the classroom library.

Don't forget to stop by the Sally Foster table at both of the Back-to-School nights to participate in our drawings. There will be fabulous prizes! The sale ends September 28, so get your orders in soon. Orders will be delivered during your parent/teacher conference on November 5 or 6. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Phillips at [kathyphysics@cox.net](mailto:kathyphysics@cox.net) or 703-573-0146. Thank you for supporting Mantua by selling Sally Foster products!

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**4. Bring in Those Recorders!**

Students in 4th-6th grade need to bring their recorder back to school by September 18th. If they do not have a recorder, for whatever reason, they can obtain a recorder through the school for \$4.25. Please send a check for \$4.25 made payable to Mantua Elementary School in an envelope marked with the student's name, music teacher's name (if known yet) and "Recorder Money" if one needs to be purchased. There are bins in each music teacher's room for the students to store their recorders at school.

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**5. Volunteer to Read With Your Child's Class!**

The PTA sponsored Take Home Reading is looking for volunteers. Kindergarten, first grade and multi-age (K-1, 1-2) classes are involved in the Take Home Reading program. This program depends on volunteers to come to school each week and read with the children. It is a once a week commitment on a day you select, which can take anywhere from one to two hours. Materials and training are provided. Please contact your child's classroom teacher and/or Mary Townley (703-204-2254, [metownley@aol.com](mailto:metownley@aol.com)) if you have questions and to volunteer.

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**6. Girl Scouts are Starting Up!**

Would your daughter like to be a Girl Scout? Scouting is for girls from kindergarten through high school. It's never too late to start! Girl Scout troops at Mantua camp, hike, sing, visit museums and theaters, do service projects, earn badges on a wide range of interests and yes, even sell cookies. Best of all, while having fun and making friends, girls learn how to solve problems and have confidence in themselves. For more information about Juniors (grades 4-6) contact Robin Antzoulatos at [antzoul@covad.net](mailto:antzoul@covad.net) or 703-205-9897. For Brownies (grades 1-3) contact Peggy Einhorn at [peggy.einhorn@verizon.net](mailto:peggy.einhorn@verizon.net) or 703-560-1165. For Daisies (kindergarten) contact Maureen Pass at [moepass@cox.net](mailto:moepass@cox.net) or 703-385-1004.

Look for our display table at Back to School night! Our Troop Organizers will be available to answer your questions.

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**7. Congrats to Our 2007-08 PTA Executive Board**

- President – Robert Greene
- VP – Membership – Donna McGrath
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Erin Spilman
- Co-Secretaries – Mary Rollins and Virginia Fisher
- Treasurer – Terry Murphy

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**8. Congratulations to Brian Collins:** Mr. Collins was nominated by the PTA for the Robert Spillane Leadership Award in June of this year. This award recognizes Fairfax County Public School employees who through leadership in their work place have made a positive/significant impact on students. Nominees were recognized at the annual leadership conference in August. The PTA thanks Mr. Collins for continually being a positive role-model for our children.

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**9. Message from the Art Department:** The Art Department needs old shirts (with cut off sleeves or short sleeves). If you have any to donate, please leave them in the main office or bring them to my new art room (#241).

The Art Department is also in need of some parent volunteers to help out in the classroom, as well as for art materials preparation, mounting and hanging student artwork. If you would like to volunteer, please email me at [Karen.AhnerVarma@fcps.edu](mailto:Karen.AhnerVarma@fcps.edu). You can also leave a message for me at the main office.

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**10. PTA Directory:** The PTA Directory Chair will be accepting advertisements for the 2007-08 Mantua Student Directory. Contact Mary Townley if you are interested in placing an ad. 703-204 2254, [metownley@aol.com](mailto:metownley@aol.com)

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**11. Mad Science registration begins this week!**

Classes will begin the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be coming home with your child in the Tuesday packet. Return the form to school and a check made payable to Mantua PTA by October 3 to be considered for a space. Classes will be offered Monday and Thursday PM and Friday AM. Contact Peggy Einhorn at [Peggy.Einhorn@verizon.net](mailto:Peggy.Einhorn@verizon.net) or (703) 560-0304 with any questions.

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12. **PTA OPPORTUNITIES** – Welcome back to the 2007 – 2008 school year. The committees listed below still need a chairperson. Please consider helping out with any of these activities – they are the things that make Mantua such a terrific place to go to school. If a contact person is not listed, please contact Bob Greene at [president@MantuaPTA.org](mailto:president@MantuaPTA.org) for more information.

Drama Club – Due to its popularity, each year a lottery must be held to determine the participants. At this time, we need someone to be the overall person in charge as well as play directors. Someone has agreed to help with the paperwork, check writing and other behind the scenes activities. Please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at [sixkavjians@aol.com](mailto:sixkavjians@aol.com).

Kids Care Club – Community service is a big part of Mantua and this group is involved with leaf raking for our senior citizens, collections for local FCPS, and the Raccoon Run. Please contact Amber McClain at [amberjaymc@msn.com](mailto:amberjaymc@msn.com) to help her with this group.

Yearbook – Ms. Dunfee (Distance Learning Lab Teacher) is already starting to take pictures for the yearbook. She needs some parents to help her in class on Monday mornings and after school on Thursdays for about 1 ½ hours. This parent(s) will also help distribute order forms for the books and help hand out the books in June. Please contact Ms. Dunfee at [jane.dunfee@fcps.edu](mailto:jane.dunfee@fcps.edu) or stop by the Distance Learning Lab.

FLEX – This foreign language program is offered through FCPS. The chair would help distribute registration information before each session and collect the forms from students. The program has always been popular with Mantua students.

Community Spirit Coordinator – Local restaurants offer nights where a part of the sales are donated to the school. If you have a small amount of time and could make some calls to these establishments, we could use your help.

Volunteer Coordinator – This person helps to schedule volunteers during events such as the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in May. You will work with another coordinator.

Webmaster – The PTA was fortunate to have our webmaster stay on from last year but she no longer has children at Mantua so it would be great to have her train someone and help phase them into the job. This person updates the website periodically, keeps the calendar up to date, helps with the auction as well as membership information. If you have a computer background or are just interested in learning and helping out in this position, please contact Loan Pham at [phamloan@aol.com](mailto:phamloan@aol.com).

Auction – This is in the planning stage and need people to help with solicitation letters, follow up phone calls to local businesses, and other assorted jobs. Please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at [sixkavjians@aol.com](mailto:sixkavjians@aol.com) to help.

Chess Club – A teacher ran this popular club last year. Any parent interested in taking it over?

We could also use representatives to the County Council and Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council.

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#### Information on Unsubscribing

This email version of the Alert News is available to all Mantua families. If you do NOT want to receive the Alert via email, please use our Parent Database to modify your listing: Go to the PTA web site at [www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org), and click the "Parent Database" tab.

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