



## Mantua PTA Alert News September 22, 2009

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### Back to School Night for Grades 4-6 This Thursday!

Back to School Night for Grades 4-6 will be Thursday, September 24th, starting at 6:30. Be sure to watch your Tuesday Folders for complete details.

### Sally Foster News

Don't forget Sally Foster and Discount Magazine orders are due October 2nd. Mantua PTA will earn up to 50% of every dollar sold through this fundraising program and the students can win terrific prizes by participating!

### Kids Care Club Meets TODAY, Tues., 9/22

Don't forget about the FIRST Kids Care Club meeting is on TUESDAY (9/22) in the Upper Pod right after school. At this meeting we will make posters for the October Bird Feeder Project and identify other projects for the rest of the year.

Please be sure to complete the County required Permission slip (one per family) AND to let your teacher know that your child(ren) will be heading to Kids Care Club in the Upper Pod after school on Tuesday, the 22nd.

As a reminder, activities will be completed by 4:30 PM. Please pick up your child(ren) PROMPTLY at 4:30 in the front lobby, unless s/he goes to SACC - we will escort any SACC students down the hall when we are finished.

If you have any questions, please feel free and email Kati Hesford ([jphusmc@yahoo.com](mailto:jphusmc@yahoo.com)) or Diane Schenk ([dcschenk@cox.net](mailto:dcschenk@cox.net)).

We are looking forward to a wonderful year and showing how much Mantua Kids Care!

### The Mantua PTA Welcomes YOU to Back-To-School Night

We are pleased to offer the following opportunities at Back-to-School Night:

- Sign up for a PTA membership for the 2009-10 school year
- Bring your Safeway and Harris Teeter Grocery Cards and sign up to have the grocery stores donate a percentage of your purchases to your child's school! Note: Grocery Store Programs must be renewed each school year!
- Sign up for one grocery store program and put your email on the list to receive an invitation from One Cause, an online shopping program and you will receive one ticket to enter the raffle for a FREE Entertainment Book!
- Purchase a 2010 Entertainment Book for \$30. Buy one for yourself or give one as a gift! The book quickly pays for itself, with coupons like \$20 on Safeway groceries, discount movie tickets, and many local restaurants and services!
- See and order this year's SpiritWear! T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Pajama Pants, Basketball Shorts, AND Sweatpants are available this year.
- Buy a brand new Mantua Car Magnet for \$6 (or 2 for \$10). Show everyone how proud we are of our school!
- Get information about and sign up for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Drama Club, Kids Care Club, and other wonderful programs sponsored by the Mantua PTA!
- Sign up to volunteer in your child's classroom and around the school. Ask any questions you may have about different volunteer opportunities!
- Sign up to get a New Family Sponsor or be a New Family Sponsor! If you are new to the school, a Sponsor will communicate with you throughout the year and be available to answer any questions you may have.

## Mantua Spirit Wear!

Mantua Spirit Wear is now on sale and all orders are due Wednesday, September 30. This will be your only chance all year to place an order so act now. In addition to Mantua t-shirts and sweatshirts, the very popular plaid pajama bottoms are back this year and for the first time we will be offering longer basketball type shorts and sweatpants. Samples will be on display at back to school night. Please note the youth sweatshirts run small so order a size larger than you think you need in that item. Order forms are available on the PTA website at

<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/SpiritWearOrderForm2009.pdf>

Delivery is at the end of October and they make great gifts for teachers and kids so think ahead for the holidays! For more information contact Jacquie Heller [eeblessed@aol.com](mailto:eeblessed@aol.com).

## Entertainment Books

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The Entertainment Book 2010 is still available. Order forms are on the PTA desk or you can order directly by contacting [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com). Help support the Mantua PTA

can order directly by contacting [merifarling@hotmail.com](mailto:merifarling@hotmail.com). Help support the Mantua PTA through this fundraising program.

## Reflections Art Program

The Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program. Students in preschool through grade 12 participate in the arts areas of literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography and film/video production. Create a piece of art, literature, photography, music, film/video, dance/choreography to the 2009-2010 theme: "BEAUTY is..."

Entries will be due to the PTA on Friday, October 30, 2009 (deposit entries in the designated box near the PTA mailbox)

Please refer to the official Reflections entry rules. A copy of the rules along with extra entry forms will be available on the PTA table at the school entry. Forms can also be printed online

Handbook:

[http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009\\_2010\\_REFLECTIONS\\_Handbook\\_09-10.pdf](http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009_2010_REFLECTIONS_Handbook_09-10.pdf)

Entry Form:

[http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009\\_2010\\_Reflections\\_Student\\_Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/2009_2010_Reflections_Student_Entry_Form.pdf)

If you have any questions at all, contact Jackie DeScisciolo at [jdescisciolo@cox.net](mailto:jdescisciolo@cox.net)

## Join the Cub Scouts

Mark your calendars, join the fun!

Wednesday, September 23rd, 7:30 - 8:30 PM in the Mantua Elementary School Cafeteria

~Cub Scouts is for boys in the 1st thru 5th grades~

1st graders join the Tiger Cubs

2nd graders join a Wolf Den

3rd graders join a Bear Den JOIN THE CUB SCOUTS

4th and 5th graders join the Webelos

Sign up for fun and adventure!

Please join us for our first Pack meeting of the year where boys have a blast participating in fun activities that teach honesty, bravery, and respect for others and the environment

Note: If your son is interested, we will have more information about Cub Scouting at Mantua's Back to School night on 9/24!

For more information please contact CubMaster Sean McPhilomy at 703-862-3687 or

For more information please contact CubMaster Sean McPhilomy at 703-862-3687 or smcphilomy@msn.com or Erin Crowell Spilman at 703-272-3678 or erin.spilman@cox.net.

### Foreign Language Classes (FLEX) Starting

PTA-sponsored Foreign Language classes are starting in October for grades 2-6! The classes are 1 hour per week for 15 weeks. The cost is \$145. We will be offering classes in the Spring for grades K and 1. Please sign up at [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses). Click the ONLINE Browse/Register button, choose Kids and Teens, Languages-FLEX. You can search on the Course number. The deadline is Sept 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Deirdre at [deirdre.mayes@us.ibm.com](mailto:deirdre.mayes@us.ibm.com) or 703-477-8208. Make sure you sign up for the Mantua classes! Classes are limited to 15 students. All classes are for beginner level students.

FP02115: Italian, Section 0001, Monday 1:15-2:15, starts 10/5, Grades 2-6

FP03115: Sign, Section 0001, Tuesday 7:45-8:45, starts 10/6, Grades 2-6

FP05115: French, Section 0005, Wednesday 7:45-8:45, starts 10/07, Grades 4-6

FP08115: Spanish, Section 0008, Wednesday 3:45-4:45, starts 10/21, Grades 2-6

FP04115: Chinese, Section 0002, Friday 3:45-4:45, starts 10/09, Grades 2-6

### Mantua Basketball League Registration is Now Open!

If your son or daughter is in 3rd grade, they are finally eligible to play in the Mantua Basketball League. If they are in 4th through 6th grade, they already know how much fun it is. Registration forms will be distributed in this week's Tuesday folders. The registration form is also available at <http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/basketball.php> - and once filled out, should be dropped off at the school office.

The deadline to sign up is October 14 but the earlier you sign up, the better (early registration discounts available). Evaluations will be held October 17 and 18. Any questions can be directed to Rob Luftglass at [mantuabasketball@mantuapta.org](mailto:mantuabasketball@mantuapta.org).

### Security Statement from the Office

For security reasons, no one is allowed in classrooms after 4:00 p.m.! If a student has forgotten his/her homework they will have to call a classmate.

If your child is going home with a friend both parents have to notify the office. If permission is not received by both parents then each child is to go to their normal destinations after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

## Parking in the Horner Court Cul-de-sac

Beware! Cars will be ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in this area. Some cars may park parallel past the yellow curb towards the first house. However, you must keep a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

## Support the PTA by Sending in Your Membership Envelopes!

Please continue to send in those membership envelopes for the Mantua PTA! With your support, the PTA has helped to fund new computers and software, field trips, library resources, teacher education and cultural/ educational assemblies. The PTA sponsors the basketball program, book fair, spring carnival, before and after school language programs fine arts festival, and volunteer programs. The PTA also produces the Yearbook, Parent Handbook, a weekly Alert News, and the Mantua School directory. Remember- each family will receive one copy of the PTA Student Directory with membership!!! Send in cash or write a check to "Mantua PTA" for \$20 for a family membership or \$10 for a single membership. Include "PTA Membership," member(s) name(s), your child's name, and his/her class on the envelope. Or, save a tree and join online at the PTA website [www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org). This year, in our effort to "be green," membership cards will be available upon request.

THANK YOU!

Shannon Murphy, PTA Membership

## Important Dates for September and October

Thurs 9/24- Back to School Night, grades 4-6

Wed 10/07: School Picture Day

Wed 10/07: Sally Foster orders due

Wed 10/07, 7pm: PTA Meeting (library)

Mon 10/12: School Closed -- Columbus Day holiday

Fri 10/16, TBD: Community Spirit "Family Fun Night"

Fri 10/30: Spirit Parade

Fri 10/30: First Grading Period Ends

## Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

For more information, please visit our website:

[www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org)

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Sincerely,  
Mantua Elementary School PTA

