



Mantua PTA Alert News

March 8, 2011



Mantua's March Madness Basketball Finals March 9 & 10

Don't miss Mantua's own "March Madness" as the Mantua Basketball league wraps up another fabulous season this week. The championship games will prove to be some outstanding play by our students. The game schedule is:

Wednesday, March 9, girls 3rd/4th grade league final, 6 p.m.; girls 5th/6th grade league final, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 10, boys 3rd/4th grade league final, 6 p.m.; boys 5th/6th grade league final, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Picture Day Scheduled for March 24

Individual and class portraits will be taken March 24. There will be no make-up day for spring photos. If portraits are not paid for on the day they are taken, a proof will be sent home and parents will have to order online. Late payments will not be accepted.

Mantua Carnival Poster Contest Deadline Extended

The Mantua Carnival poster contest deadline has been extended to THIS Friday, March 11. Posters MUST be turned in by noon in order to be judged. Each poster must be the student's own work, use standard poster board (any size up to 22" x 28"), include the Super Hero carnival theme, as well as the carnival date and time (March 26, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.). Posters should be submitted in the poster contest box in the front office. Students may only submit one poster. Make sure student's name, grade, teacher and homeroom number are on the back of the poster. Posters will be judged on the use of the carnival theme and creativity. Winners will receive vouchers for the climbing wall, dunk tank or cotton candy, and will be announced during GMM. Contact Michelle Collins at mmarcollins@gmail.com with questions.

Mantua Carnival Face Painting Volunteers Needed

Middle school, high school students or parents are needed to help with the face-

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painting booth at the carnival on March 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. No experience necessary. Designs will be provided. One to 2 hour shifts requested. Students will receive community service credit for their time. Contact Julie Lifland at julielifland@yahoo.com for more information.

Mantua Carnival Jewelry Sale

Please consider donating your unwanted jewelry to the Mantua Carnival's Jewelry Sale. All jewelry will be accepted. Donations are being collected in the library until March 25. All proceeds will benefit the PTA! This is a great way to clear out unwanted jewelry and to pick up some new pieces at bargain prices, all while supporting our school's PTA! Be sure to stop by the jewelry sale table in the library during the carnival. Contact Karen Gaughan at allgone@cox.net with questions.

Attention 6th Grade Parents

Parents are needed to help coordinate the post-6th grade graduation party held immediately following the ceremony in June. There are many, many ways parents can help with the party. A planning committee is being formed. Please contact Monica Cameron at monica.cameron@cox.net or 703-359-4298 if you are interested in taking on a role or helping out in some way.

Kids Care Club Book Collection

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, Mantua's Kids Care Club will be holding a book drive the entire month of March. KCC has set a goal of collecting 250 new or gently used books for children (ages birth to 18). The books will be donated to the [Starlight Foundation](#). A collection box is located at the main entrance of school and a goal chart will be updated weekly to monitor our progress. Thank you in advance for your help to show the community just how much Mantua Cares!

Important Upcoming Event

Wed. Mar. 9: Mantua Girls Basketball Finals, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Mar. 10: Mantua Boys Basketball Finals, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Mar. 24: Spring Individual & Class Photos
Sat. Mar. 26: Mantua Carnival

Providence District School Board Member Patty Reed
Addresses FCPS Disciplinary Practices

PTA President Nicole Armstrong has received a letter from School Board Member Patty Reed regarding the recent tragic suicide of Woodson student, Nick Stuban, and the resulting discussion of current FCPS disciplinary practices. Ms. Reed addresses this issue and her commitment to review current FCPS policies in this [open letter to parents](#).

Parent Workshop: "Ten Secrets to Stop Defiance and Power Struggles"

Kirk Martin and his son Casey will be presenting a free parent workshop on "Ten Secrets to Stop Defiance and Power Struggles," on Wednesday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at George Marshall High School, Falls Church. Go to [Celebrate Calm](#) to watch a preview.

Camp Invention this Summer at Fairhill ES

Fairhill ES again will host Camp Invention for rising 1st-6th graders. The Camp Invention program is a unique opportunity for children to experience hands-on learning through fun activities that will stay with them for years to come. The camp is scheduled for June 27-July 1, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sign up by March 30, to receive \$30 off the camp fee. [Go HERE](#) for more information and the registration form.

Woodson Precisionettes Dance Camp, April 4

The last Woodson Precisionettes Dance Camp of the year will be held Monday, April 4 (a teacher workday). It will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a parent/guest show at 1:30 p.m. The dancers will learn a dance routine, dance techniques, have a camp picture taken and make a craft. The fee is \$50. Contact camp coordinators Madelyn Weaver, at madelynweaver@yahoo.com, or Anne Foster, at anne.foster55@yahoo.com, for information, or to obtain a registration form.

Woodson Girls Basketball Camp

Campers will learn about the fundamentals of basketball in addition to basketball skill work. Daily fun activities include "Wear Woodson Colors Day," "Player of the Day Recognition" from each team, "Aspire Higher Idol Day," and "Karaoke." The camp is June 27-July 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for ages 8-14. Click [HERE](#) for more information and an application form.

Alert News Contributions

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Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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