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Mantua PTA Alert News

March 22, 2011



Carnival Wristbands For Sale This Week

Avoid the rush and buy your carnival wristbands early! Wristbands will provide unlimited play at most games, the cakewalk, and the moon bounce during the Mantua Carnival on March 26. Wristbands cost \$20 for one, and \$15 for each additional family member's band at the time of purchase, with a \$60 per household cap. Wristbands will be sold in front of the cafeteria during the following times: Thursday, March 24: 8:30-9 a.m.; Friday, March 25: 8:30-9 a.m. & 6-8p.m.; and, Saturday, March 26: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The \$5 ticket cards (20 punches) will be available only on the day of the carnival. Please note that while wristbands are good for most games all day long, they will not be accepted for food, cotton candy, drinks, the rock climbing wall, the dunk tank, or the jewelry sale, so please plan accordingly.

Contact Avril Donat at avrildonat@yahoo.com, or Karen Tamayo at k.t.tamayo@gmail.com, with questions about the carnival wristbands.

Carnival Poster Contest Winners

The 2011 Mantua Super Hero Carnival Poster Contest received 35 entries, and this year's winners are:

In the K-3 group, first place: Karla Loza, Mrs. Hochstetler's 1st grade class; second place: Karcsi Pentek in Mrs. Cutrell's kindergarten; third place: Tegan Pentek in Mrs. Kaplan's 3rd grade class.

In the 4-6 group, first place: Kathryn Taheri in Mrs. Rothberg's 5th grade class; second place: Nick Kartvedt in Mrs. Grice's 6th grade class; tied for the third place: Claire Yoon in Miss Rutherford's 5th grade class and Rayna Lifland in Mrs. Wilson's

4th grade class.

Congratulations to the winners! And kudos to all of the participants!

Spring Picture Day This Thursday

Individual and class portraits will be taken Thursday, 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.

PTA Family Night March 31

Come and join the Mantua Elementary School PTA Family Night Out at the Fairfax Circle Chick-fil-A on Thursday, March 31, from 4 to 8 p.m. Invite all of your family and friends to dine there (or order take out) as well. Make sure to present the Chick-fil-A restaurant flyer at the time of purchase so our school will earn 20% of the events proceeds. Chick-fil-A restaurant flyers will be sent home in this week's Tuesday folders and can be found on the PTA table in the front lobby.

Mantua Heritage Showcase and Literacy Night April 7

The annual event highlights the many cultures represented within the Mantua school community. In addition, classroom teachers will be on hand to show parents what their students have been doing this year as part of Literacy Night. Heritage Showcase is from 6 to 7 p.m. in the gym and Literacy Night is from 7 to 8 p.m. in classrooms.

PTA Volunteer-of-the-Year Award Applications

Mantua Elementary School has many terrific PTA volunteers. Do you know an exceptional one? Now's your chance to let them know how much they're appreciated! Northern Virginia District PTA Volunteer-of-the-Year Award nominations are due by April 6. Find an application [HERE](#).

Kids Care Club Collection Exceeds 900 Books

Thanks to everyone's overwhelming support, the Mantua's Kids Care Club (KCC) has collected more than 900 books (our goal was 250 books) to donate to the [Starlight Foundation](#). The books will be donated on April 5, during the KCC meeting.

The collection box will remain near the front entrance for the rest of the month. Books should be new or gently used for children birth to 18. Thanks to all who contributed. It shows the just how much Mantua cares.

Important Upcoming Events

Tues. Mar. 22: Mantua Town Hall on Administrative Boundary Adjustment Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thurs. Mar. 24: Spring Individual & Class Photos

Sat. Mar. 26: Mantua Carnival

Thurs. Mar. 31: PTA Family Night Out at the Fairfax Circle Chick-fil-A, 4 to 8 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 4: School Closed for Teacher Workday

Wed. Apr. 6: PTA Meeting

Thurs. Apr. 7: Heritage Showcase & Literacy Night

Mantua Town Hall on Administrative Boundary Adjustment to be Held

FCPS is considering an administrative boundary adjustment, which could reassign two areas of the Fairhill Elementary attendance area to Mantua Elementary. The areas that are being considered are the Pine Ridge-Sutton Place and Chesterfield Mews neighborhoods, both of which are located south of Route 50. An administrative boundary change is defined by FCPS such that "less than 5% of the enrollment of each school will be affected, and analysis indicates the change will improve the operating efficiency of the school division." The **maximum** number of students would be approximately 30 children spread across seven grades, although the actual number may be considerably fewer. FCPS is holding a town hall meeting to discuss the possible boundary change on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at Mantua Elementary. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Support Sought for Full-Day Kindergarten Effort

FCPS has slated the roll-out of full-day Kindergarten throughout the county over the next three years. An advocacy effort is under way to help speed the process so that all students can benefit from full-day K without possibly losing funding again over the three years. A meeting will be held with Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth this Thursday, March 24 at 9:30am at Ms. Smyth's District office. If you would like to add your voice in support for this effort -- especially from the viewpoint of a parent who has already benefited from our own full-day program --

please contact Nicole Armstrong at: NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com.

FCPS Summer Programs

Fairfax County Public Schools will offer several summer programs this year to provide academic and enrichment opportunities for students of all grade levels. Registration is open now for most programs. Visit the FCPS summer programs web page at www.fcps.edu/news/summer.htm for general information, or the websites listed below for individual programs.

FCPS summer programs include the following:

Adult and Community Education (ACE) - For students K-6: half- and full-day enrichment and world language camps. Open to students in grades 7-11: driver education, TJHSST admissions test prep, PSAT/SAT test prep, enrichment classes, and noncredit math. Various dates.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/KidsandTeens.htm>

Tech Adventure Camp - Technology and careers come alive as students experience new worlds in artistic expression, technology transfer, and life matrix. Open to students currently in grades 5-6. July 18-29.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OCTE/events/TechCamp.htm>

Institute for the Arts (IFTA) - Providing enrichment in the visual and performing arts. Open to students currently in grades 6-11. July 5-29. 571-423-4622.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/FineArts/IFTA/>

Extended School Year (ESY) -For identified students with disabilities in accordance with their individual education programs (IEPs). Various dates. 571-423-4190.

<http://www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/summerschool/index.htm>

National PTA Launches Anti-Bullying Initiative

Please see the informational fliers in the following links if you have concerns about bullying: [What You Should Know](#), [What You Can Do](#), [How to Make Sure Your Child Doesn't Become the Bully](#), and [Where You Can Go to Find Help](#).

Techstravaganza Day at TJHSST on April 9

Techstravaganza is a science, technology, math, and engineering exploration day

sponsored by Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's TWIST students (Tomorrow's Women in Science and Technology). It is intended for upper elementary (approx. grades 3-6) and middle school students and their parents, who will have the opportunity to conduct hands-on science experiments, as well as witness demonstrations and speak to scientists. Activities will be run by TJHSST students and faculty, as well as professionals from sponsoring organizations, including Exxon Mobil, Northrop Grumman, NASA, Women in Technology, and others. Techstravaganza is free and all are welcome! For more information, click [HERE](#).

Toiletries Being Collected for Family Pass Organization

For a yearlong National Junior Honor Society project, the Luther Jackson Middle School 8th grade students of Group Nine are assisting the Family Pass Organization in collecting items to help families that are financially struggling. These families need a little extra help to get back on their feet, and taking care of the cost of their daily necessities will be of a great help. Please support Family Pass by donating materials such as travel-sized deodorants, body washes, and dishwashing and laundry detergents. A collection box is located in the front hallway. Contact the group at groupninelj@gmail.com with questions.

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.

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

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