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Mantua PTA Alert News

September 14, 2010



Welcome Back to School!

The Mantua PTA has been busy planning activities to get the new school year started! Our first PTA meeting and budget vote will be tomorrow, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in the library. All members: come to the meeting and help us vote in our new budget, plus meet your new board and see what's in store for 2010-11! FREE BABYSITTING will be available during the meeting.

If you haven't already joined the PTA, consider doing so. The PTA funds and supports many of the activities and events your child will benefit from at Mantua Elementary. This includes field trips, computers, library resources and popular programs such as the basketball program, carnival and drama club, and so much more. Please note that online PTA sign up will not be available until Oct. 1. Before that, please fill out and return the membership form in the envelope provided in your child's welcome packet.

A note about this newsletter: For the first few weeks while distribution lists are being updated, you will receive a copy of the Alert News in your child's Tuesday folder. If you have signed up to receive it by e-mail (we encourage you to do so), you will stop getting a paper copy soon.

Important Information From the Office

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

Permission: If your child is going home with a friend **both** parents must notify the office. If permission is not received from both parents then each child is to go to their normal destination after school. Only under extreme circumstances will the office call for permission.

Updated FCPS Bus Policy: Kindergartners will not be allowed to get off at their bus stop unless a neighborhood child in 4th grade or higher is getting off of the bus with them, or a parent, designated adult and/or sibling is present to receive the kindergartner at the bus stop. If there is no one to accompany or receive a kindergartner, the child will be returned to the school.

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) in 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 maintain a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

Drama Club Information

The Drama Club will be holding an information session tomorrow, Sept. 15 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Come meet our new Drama Club Chair Lesley McKnight, and find out about this year's drama production.

Calling All Boys in First through Fifth Grades

Cub Scout Pack 1533 invites prospective Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and their parents to join us at our September Pack Meeting for an orientation to see what scouting is all about, and to sign up for all the fun we're going to have this year. The meeting is this Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Mantua Elementary School cafeteria.

Girls on the Run Registration

On-line registration for the 2010 Fall [Girls on the Run](#) (Girls on Track) program starts Sept. 18. Two programs are being offered this fall -- one for grades 3-5 and another for grades 6-8. The programs will start the first week of October and culminate with a 5K run in early December. Both programs will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour immediately after school. The program's goal is to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. For questions, contact Robert Silkowitz at Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com.

Kids Care Club

[Mantua Kids Care Club](#) is a voluntary organization open to all children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The club helps those less fortunate and encourages Mantua students to participate in community service activities. Meetings will be held after school on the first Tuesday of each month (starting Oct. 5) until 4:30 p.m. Adult volunteers are more than welcome to join us too! If interested, please complete the permission slip and return it to the PTA mailbox. For more information, contact Kati Hesford, kati.hesford@gmail.com or Diane Schenk, dcschenk@cox.net.

Important Upcoming Events

Wed. 9/15, 6 p.m.: Drama Club Information Meeting (cafeteria)

Wed. 9/15, 7 p.m.: PTA Meeting & Budget Vote (library)

Tues. 9/21, 6:30 p.m.: Preschool-3rd Grade Back-to-School Night

Thurs. 9/23, 6:30 p.m.: 4th-6th Grade Back-to-School Night

Fairfax County Public School Newsletter

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Alert News Contributions

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