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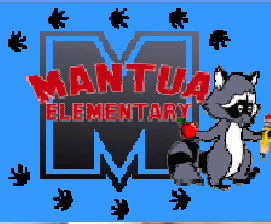
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Mantua PTA Alert News

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Volunteers Needed to Help with 2011 Auction

It's still a few months away, but the **Mantua PTA Auction** Committee already is beginning to prepare for February's auction. All proceeds from the auction go to fund PTA programs, which benefit our children. Volunteers are needed to help with multiple facets of the auction, including organizing new offerings for this year, helping with logistics, soliciting businesses, and acting as liaisons to the community, etc. For more information, or if you have ideas or suggestions to contribute, please e-mail haydee.cooper@gmail.com.

Mantua Yearbook Information is on its Way; Photos Needed

Information should be arriving soon from Jostens, the company responsible for producing Mantua's yearbook. Jostens will be mailing order forms directly to all Mantua families. Order early to receive the best price.

The yearbook staff, led by Bobbi Nelson and Yelena Jones, is in need of parents with basic photography skills who are willing to take pictures in their child's classrooms, as well as at school events. The yearbook staff welcomes your help. Contact mantuayearbooks@gmail.com for more information.

Take Home Reading Volunteers Meeting

There will be a short informational meeting for Take Home Reading volunteers this Friday, Oct. 15, at 9:15 a.m. in the Reading Resource Room across from the Library. Ms. Sheridan, Mantua's Reading Resource teacher, will host the meeting. Please contact Mary Townley at metownley@aol.com, or at 703-204-0206 with questions.

Mantua PTA Family Fun Night

Join the Mantua PTA on Friday, Oct. 15, for a night of family fun. The event will be held in the school cafeteria from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring your Pokemon or any other type of trading cards to trade and play with each other. If you are new to Pokemon you can learn how to play the game with our expert game guide, Tim Foley. There are no fees for this event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you need a language translator please contact Ken Moles at kenmoles@cox.net. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

Box Tops Contest is Back

The Mantua PTA is sponsoring a Box Tops Contest again this year. Please have your child turn in all Box Tops by Friday, Nov. 19. They can drop them off in the collection box by the front office. Make sure they are in a Ziploc bag marked with their grade and teacher's name on it. There will be a special prize for the class that collects the most Box Tops labels. Look for more information in your child's Tuesday folder or contact Christie Choi at choichristie@yahoo.com.

Advanced Academic Parent Information Meeting

A parent information meeting will be held at Mantua on **Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the library - please note the change in date**. The Advanced Academic resource teacher will be there to provide information about levels of service and examples at Mantua Elementary, as well as explain and answer questions about the screening processes for Level IV services. The meeting is open to all K-6 parents.

Mantua Student Directory

The Mantua Student Directory will be published soon. If you are interested in advertising in the 2010-11 directory please contact **Monika Brenner** at monika.brenner@dhs.gov, for more information.

Last Call for Mantua SpiritWear

SpiritWear orders are due THIS Thursday, Oct. 14. Please turn in your form with a check made payable to the Mantua PTA. These should be put in the PTA mailbox. Orders will not be accepted after Oct. 14. SpiritWear will be delivered by Friday, Nov. 5. E-mail Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

Destination ImagiNation® Meeting Set

Thank you to those who have indicated an interest in learning more about the Destination ImagiNation® program. Laurie Abeel, the Destination ImagiNation® Virginia (DIVA) State Director, will be leading an information meeting on Monday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meeting is open to all elementary, middle and high school students, and their parents, who are interested in learning more about the largest creative problem-solving program in the world.

Parenting Workshop

Neil McNerney, licensed professional counselor and family therapist, will present the following workshop - Parenting with Purpose: Being a Powerful Parent While Keeping Your Cool - at Mantua on Thursday, Dec.9, at 7 p.m. McNerney is a certified parenting coach and the director of training for The ScreamFree Institute. His workshop features the ScreamFree model developed by best-selling author, Hal Runkel (www.screamfree.com). The workshop focuses on nontraditional parenting techniques to help reduce stress and create positive family relationships. Look for more details in upcoming Alert News publications and Tuesday folders.

Important Upcoming Events

Fri. 10/15: PTA Family Fun Night
Sat. & Sun. 10/23 & 10/24: Basketball Evaluations
Fri. 10/29: Fall Spirit Parade
Fri. 10/29: First Grading Period Ends

Woodson Bus Depot Information Meeting Scheduled

Supervisor John Cook invites you to learn more about an application submitted by Fairfax County Public Schools to create a new parking area (NPA) for 51 school busses serving area schools and their drivers. An information meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Woodson cafeteria.

The proposed bus lot would sit on approximately 2.4 acres of land in the northeast corner of Woodson High School grounds near the intersection of Pickett Road and Rt. 236.

FCPS staff will present the most recent layout for its proposal. Planning Commissioner Suzanne Harsel and Supervisor Cook will be present to hear your comments, concerns and recommendations. County planning staff also will be present to discuss the application, known as 2232-B-10-16, process, and what criteria it considers in making its recommendations.

This application currently is under review by the Fairfax County Department of Planning and

Zoning. A public hearing before the Fairfax County Planning Commission is scheduled for Dec. 2. To speak before the Planning Commission on this issue, call 703-324-2865 before to 3 p.m. on the day of the hearing, or sign up online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/speaker.htm>. A formal staff report will be available two weeks before the Planning Commission hearing at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/2232/staffreports/>

Woodson Cavalier Varsity Precisionette Dance Camp, Nov. 1 & 2

Don't know what to do with your kids during the November teacher workdays? Let the Woodson Dance Team provide a fun, safe, healthy experience for them! Participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and have fun! Space is limited so register early! All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made at camp! The camp will be Nov. 1 and/or 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$45 for one day or \$65 for both days. Contact Camp Coordinators, Madelyn Weaver, at madelynweaver@yahoo.com, or Anne Foster, at anne.foster55@yahoo.com, for more information, or to obtain a registration form.

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