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Mantua PTA Alert News October 19, 2010



School Board Member Patty Reed Visits Mantua PTA Meeting

Providence District School Board Representative Patty Reed stopped by the monthly PTA meeting on Oct. 6. Reed provided information about the Annandale Regional Planning Study currently underway. She assured Mantua families that there have been NO decisions made regarding boundary changes that might affect us. The Study Committee has just begun looking at any number of methods to reduce overcrowding at Annandale High School and Poe Middle School, as well as to create a boundary for the new Lacey Elementary School in Annandale. At this point, the Mantua Elementary School attendance area is not being evaluated for any changes, although that may change in the future based on recommendations by the Study Committee or FCPS staff.

Annandale Regional Planning & Boundary Study Information

The Mantua PTA will be keeping an updated information page on the progress of this FCPS effort [HERE](#). The PTA also will re-visit this topic at the monthly PTA meetings as new information becomes available. In addition, if you have objective and verifiable information on this subject, or if you have questions or have heard a rumor, please email pta_president@mantuapta.org.

Mantua's Book Fair -- Volunteers Needed!

Planning for Mantua's annual book fair is well underway. However, to make it a success, we need lots of volunteers. Beginning this year, volunteering is easier than ever. If you're able to volunteer, please go to www.signupgenius.com/go/mantua to sign up. This will take you to a list of dates and times volunteer are needed.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times:

- Nov 11, set up 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Nov 12, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. first day
- Nov 15, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Nov 16, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., extended hours
- Nov 17 & 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Nov 19, 8:30 a.m. to Noon, pack up Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Contact Arielle Zabihi at ajoy2beastar@aol.com, with questions regarding volunteering at the Book Fair.

Sally Foster Fundraising Drive Has Started!

Sally Foster's online sales promotion is up and running. To shop, simply go to www.sallyfoster.com and browse through the many NEW PRODUCTS, gift items, gourmet chocolates and, of course, their wonderful gift wrap. At check out enter our **school code 503978**, and 40 percent of your purchases will be credited to Mantua Elementary School. Check your child's Tuesday folder for more information, or contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com. Happy Shopping!

Mantua's Grocery Club Card Registration

Mantua's grocery club card registration drive is going strong! If you haven't done so already, please send in your

store card numbers as soon as possible so we may get them entered into the systems and start earning credit for Mantua. Registrations must be renewed annually! Contact lorirecher@hotmail.com with questions.

New Animated Library Collection Available Online

TumbleBook Library, a collection of animated, talking picture books, is now available online. It was a big hit with the K-2 graders who saw *Duck Rabbit*, one of this year's Virginia Readers Choice books, in this format during their recent library time. The online catalogue has book descriptions, reviews, and author/illustrator/publisher information. Go to [TumbleBook Library](#) to explore the site.

TumbleBooks can be viewed in either automatic or manual mode. In automatic mode, the pages turn by themselves and are narrated; in manual, the narration is turned off and children turn the pages at their own pace. A story can be paused any time in order to practice story prediction, interpret pictures, discuss new vocabulary words, etc. There also is a word helper feature, which allows you to click on a book to hear a sentence repeated, or click on a vocabulary word in order to hear it sounded out. [TumbleReadables](#), are large print chapter books and classic children's books. These online electronic books include an innovative text size slider, which enables the reader to increase the text size to up to 34 point. Contact Kim Sigle, school librarian at kcsigle@fcps.edu, or look at your child's FCPS24/7 blackboard site for login and password information.

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.

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

Sat. & Sun. 10/23 & 10/24: Basketball Evaluations
Fri. 10/29: Fall Spirit Parade
Fri. 10/29: First Grading Period Ends
Mon. & Tues. 11/1 & 11/2: School Closed: Teacher Workdays

Woodson Band Fruit Sale

Help support Woodson High School Band by participating in our annual fruit sale! This year the band has partnered with Florida Indian River Groves to provide the freshest fruit available. Your fruit will be harvested the same day it's shipped to us, ensuring that you receive fruit that is hours off of the tree. Now that's fresh!

Order your fruit directly at: [Woodson Band Fruit Sale](#). Feel free to credit any band member, or if you don't know one, Rachel Major would be happy to take your order or answer your questions. You can contact her at hohokusgirl@zoobuh.com or at 703-280-2222.

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

It's not too late to sign up your kids for the Woodson Cavalier Varsity Precisionette Dance Camp being held during the November teacher workdays. The Woodson Dance Team will provide a fun, safe, and 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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