



## Mantua PTA Alert News December 14, 2010



### Early Release Wednesday Before Winter Break

Mantua will close two hours early (at 1:40 p.m.) on Dec. 22.

### Winter Break is Dec. 23-31

The front office will be closed during that time.

### Lost and Found (But Mostly Lost)

The Lost and Found is overflowing! There are many jackets, sweatshirts, and lunch boxes that we'd like to return home. Please take the time to check for your belongings before Dec. 22 - the last day of school for the year. Kids Care Club will be donating all unclaimed items.

### Peer Mediation

Fairfax County Public Schools has long supported peer mediation as a means of resolving conflicts in schools. Mantua currently has nine sixth graders trained as Peer Mediators available to help students resolve conflicts. Peer mediators are trained to listen to both sides of the story, help students brainstorm possible solutions, and assist students in coming up with an agreement that works for both students. The school counselors supervise mediations, and students agree to keep information confidential. Students may 'self-refer' for peer mediation, or can be referred by their teachers. Both students must voluntarily agree for peer mediation to be scheduled. For more information or questions, please contact Mantua's school counselors, Allison Warren and Teresa McConnel.

### Donations Needed for PTA Online Auction

This year's PTA auction will be held Feb. 1-15. To make it a success, auction donations are needed. Please consider donating an item, service you can offer, special meal that you can make, or a local field trip you can host. Donation forms

are available [here](#) (on the right hand side under 2010-11 Auction Update) or in the front office. All proceeds from the auction will be used to benefit our children. Contact Haydee Cooper at [haydee.Cooper@gmail.com](mailto:haydee.Cooper@gmail.com) with questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help make the auction a success.

### Mantua Magnets For Sale

Don't forget to order a car magnet before the winter holidays. A Mantua Elementary School magnet makes a great gift! Show your school spirit everywhere you go. To purchase, return a completed order form with a check made payable to the Mantua PTA. Magnets are \$6 each. Two or more are \$5 each. Paid for magnets will be sent home in your child's Tuesday folder. Allow a week for delivery. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net) with any questions.

### Important Upcoming Event

Mon. 12/20: Winter Choral Concert, 7 p.m.

Wed. 12/22: Holiday Sing-a-Long, gym, 9:30 a.m.

Wed. 12/22: School closes early (1:40 p.m.) for winter break

Thurs. 12/23-Fri. 12/31: Winter Break

### What About that Lottery Money?

The public perception is that education should be in no trouble because we are showered with lottery funds. To put the lottery proceeds for education in perspective, State General Fund Aid to Education in FY 2012 will be \$4.9 billion. The lottery proceeds for education in that year will be \$435.2 million.

This money is not "bonus money" for our schools. It is used to fund ongoing programs, so the lottery is, in effect, just another tax to fund essential programs. If we did not have a lottery, these programs would need to be funded from the General Fund and a new revenue source would be needed.

Here is how the lottery proceeds are being used in FY 2011:

#### Lottery Proceeds Programs FY 2011

Foster Care \$12,896,417

At-Risk \$63,801,568

Virginia Preschool Initiative \$67,607,769

Early Reading Intervention \$14,720,585

Mentor Teacher \$1,000,000  
K-3 Primary Class Size \$73,229,929  
School Breakfast Program \$2,687,265  
SOL Algebra Readiness \$9,018,272  
Alternative Education \$6,729,485  
ISAEP \$2,247,581  
Special Education - Regional Tuition \$75,141,153  
Vocational Education - Categorical \$10,400,829  
No Child Left Behind/Education for a Lifetime \$4,749,675  
Project Graduation \$2,774,478  
Supplemental Basic Aid \$938,311  
Remedial Summer School \$25,064,692  
English as a Second Language \$37,272,009  
Textbooks (split funded) \$24,919,982  
**Total \$435,200,000**

### Alert News Contributions

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Sincerely,

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