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# Mantua PTA Alert News February 28, 2012



# March PTA Meeting/Before Meeting Presentation

Mantua's general monthly PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in the library. During that time Mrs' Fernandez, along with the PTA board will go over all pertinent school-related information.

#### Sixth Grade Teacher Mr. Malc to Discuss Two Words

Come to the presentation immediately before the PTA meeting on March 8, at 6:30 p.m. Sixth grade AAP teacher Mr. Malc will devote his discussion to the meaning of just two words – trophy and sorry. Do you feel that these words held different meanings when you were children then they do now for your own children? Are they as relevant to the educational process, and to life in general, as they once were? Have their meanings changed? Or are these words now altogether meaningless? Always colorful, sometimes controversial, Mr. Malc will mix his brand of humor with the subject at hand. For the faint of heart, Mr. Malc has promised – no math homework!

### Mantua Carnival Jewelry and Accessories Sale

Consider donating your unwanted jewelry and accessories to the Mantua Carnival's jewelry and accessories sale. All jewelry and accessories, such as purses, wallets, scarves and belts, will be accepted. Donations are being collected in the library until March 23. This is a great way to clear out unwanted jewelry and accessories, and to pick up some new pieces at bargain prices! Make sure to stop by the jewelry and accessories sale area in the library during the carnival. All proceeds will benefit the PTA! Contact Karen Gaughan at AllGone@cox.net, or Adele Logan-Galen at ACGalen@aol.com, with questions.

# Mantua Online Auction a Success!

Thanks to all of the wonderful faculty, parents and businesses who donated

activities, services and items to the auction, as well as to our enthusiastic bidders! A special note of appreciation goes out to Jennifer Epley, Teresa LeMair, and the entire PTA auction committee, as well as to Karen Levin, Lorri Fowlkes, and Meena Bhatia in the office. To our platinum sponsors, Judy Wonus and Mary Thyfault Clark of RE/MAX Allegiance Realtors — we appreciate all you do to support Mantua! Please remember to pay for and pick up your winnings in the office by Wednesday, Feb. 29.

# Help Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Mantua will observe Read Across America, the yearly celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, this Thursday, March 1, in the school library. Admission is one new or gently used book. As part of the the celebration, Mantua is conducting it's first annual book drive. Consider donating a new or gently used book. The goal is to donate 1,000 books to a local charity, which will then distribute these books to local schools and shelters. The book drive runs through March 2.

# Family Fun Lego Night

Don't miss Mantua's annual Family Fun Lego Night on Friday, March 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the cafeteria. Join your friends for an evening of Lego fun. Brian Meny, of Brixalot, Inc., will bring thousands of Legos and Duplos and lead the group in building. There is no cost to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions.

#### Mantua Carnival Poster Contest

The Mantua carnival is sponsoring a poster contest as its first event. Encourage your child's creativity for a chance to win a Five Below gift card. Each entry, which should be on poster board measuring 14"x22", must be a student's original work. Posters need to include the Mantua's 50th birthday carnival theme, as well as the carnival date and time (March 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Entries must be placed in the poster contest box in the front office by Friday, March 9, at 1 p.m. Students may only submit one poster. Make sure your child's name, grade, teacher and homeroom number are written on the back. Posters will be judged on the use of the carnival theme and creativity. Winners will be announced on GMM. Contact Michelle Collins at mmarcollins@gmail.com with questions.

### Colonial Day

Fourth Grade's Colonial Day will take place on Friday, March 16. Volunteers still are needed to help the day of as well as ahead of time with baking cookies and/or cornbread. Help is needed before school, as well as for half-day and lunchtime shifts. If you can spare a few hours, please volunteer HERE.

A \$27 fee is required per student. Please send a check, payable to Mantua Elementary School with your child's name and teacher noted. Contact Kristin Driscoll at drikrO1@yahoo.com with questions.

### Girls on the Run

Mantua's Girls on the Run's spring season begins March 12. Sessions take place immediately after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Important dates:

Mar 12 - Spring 2012 Program Begins

May 20 - GOTR 5K

May 25 - Spring 2012 Program Ends

Contact Robert Silkowitz at Robert. Silkowitz@emerson.com with questions.

# Important Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 8: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 9: Family Fun Night, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 12: Girls on the Run program begins

Friday, March 24: Spring Carnival, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Frost Family Festival

The Frost Family Festival is Thursday, March 15. This is a great opportunity for rising 7th graders and their parents to learn more about Frost Middle School. Tour the school, see in-class demonstrations, and meet faculty and staff. Pizza and drinks are available for purchase. Contact Regina Printz at rrprintz@hotmail.com or 703-503-8208 for more information.

### Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

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

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