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## Thanks to All Who Helped Make a Wonderful 50th Celebration

Many thanks to all who helped make Saturday's 50th celebration the success it was. This wonderful event would not have been possible without the planning efforts of Jennifer Epley, Meri Farling, Kathleen DeCarlo, Lori Recher, Teresa LeMair, Lesley Kowalski, Margaret Scheele, Tracy Stickley, Katherine Thiel, Nicole Armstrong and Andrea Maines. In addition, thanks to all of the Mantua parents and teachers who volunteered their time.

Whether you're new to the Mantua school community, or have been part of it for many years, there was much to learn and see during the festivities, including a chance to hear from Mr. Robert (Bob) Lane, Mantua's first principal, who helped open the school in September 1961. At the time, there were less than 20 teachers and about 300 students, and horses were known to wander in to the school yard from their nearby stables.

For those of you who did not get a chance to view the Mantua timeline put together for this event, it is now on the PTA's website [HERE](#).

If you were taking photos during the event please consider sending a couple of your best ones to the yearbook committee at [mantuayearbooks@gmail.com](mailto:mantuayearbooks@gmail.com).

## Interims will be in This Week's Tuesday Folder

All 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students will receive an interim report tomorrow to update parents regarding their progress.

## Mantua Elementary School Directory Update

Congratulations to Larry Brown from Green Homes LLC, who was the student directory's back page high bidder.

This is the last chance to advertise in the directory, which will be going to press soon. If interested, go to [mantuapta.org](http://mantuapta.org) and click on the link on the right side to get the form. Ignore the Oct. 7 deadline. It has been extended to the end of the week. Advertising is as low as \$30.

Also, remember to check your personal data that will be included in the directory if you haven't already done so. An email with instructions on how to confirm or correct your information was sent out recently.

### *October's Fungi Award Goes to....*

Christine Clifford received this month's Fungi Award. Christine's "fun" to the school is her hard work and dedication on continuing and expanding the pollinating garden that Katie Hesford began last year. This is an effort that has caught the interest and involvement of classroom teachers at all grade levels. If gardening is your thing, the fun in this endeavor is out there for the taking! Contact Christine Clifford at [houseverde@verizon.net](mailto:houseverde@verizon.net).

### *Human Relations Committee Meets Oct. 21*

The Human Relations Committee's first meeting is Friday, Oct. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Teresa McConnel, [Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu](mailto:Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu), with questions, or if you would like to offer a topic for discussion.

### *Girl Scout Troop 4638 Helps Beautify School Grounds*

Mantua would like to recognize Junior Girl Scout Troop 4638 for their generous donation of time, energy and the plants needed to beautify the grounds surrounding the flagpole at the school's entrance. This special contribution was in honor of Mantua's 50th anniversary. Thank you girls!

### *Destination Imagination, Odyssey of the Mind Meeting*

Learn about Destination Imagination and Odyssey of the Mind during an informational session on Monday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. These two extraordinary, creative, problem-solving programs invite student teams from all over the world to solve mind-bending challenges and problems. These extracurricular activities require cooperation between students and volunteer adults. Students learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving. This informational session is for both students and parents! Contact

Lesley Kowalski at [mantuaptaprez@gmail.com](mailto:mantuaptaprez@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

## Important Upcoming Events

Fri. Oct. 28: Fall Spirit Parade

Mon.-Tues. Nov. 7-8: School Closed for teacher work days/parent-teacher conferences.

## WT Woodson Chorus Tag Day

Meet the young stars of the W.T. Woodson's Choral Department on Tag Day, being held on Saturday, Oct. 22. On Tag Day members of the choral department will visit door-to-door throughout the Woodson community. Choral activities are only partially funded by the county, and your Tag Day donation will help the school continue the award-winning program for which Woodson is known. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution when these young singers visit. Please join us for fabulous choral events throughout the year, including a series of free seasonal concerts. See [www.woodsonchorus.org](http://www.woodsonchorus.org) for details. We appreciate your support!

## Woodson Varsity Precisionettes Dance Camp, Nov. 7-8

Want something energetic and fun for your kids to do during the upcoming teacher workdays? Let the Woodson Dance Team provide a fun, safe and healthy experience for them! Come learn some dance moves from the award winning W.T. Woodson Precisionettes. The participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and most of all, have fun! Participants will be divided by age during dancing to provide the most meaningful experience for all. Space is limited so register early. All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made at camp. The camp will be Monday and/or Tuesday, Nov. 7 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$45 for one day or \$65 for both days. Register early. The fee goes up after Oct. 28. Download a registration form [HERE](#). Contact camp coordinators Madelyn Weaver, at [madelynweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:madelynweaver@yahoo.com), or Anne Foster, at [dancecamp11@yahoo.com](mailto:dancecamp11@yahoo.com), for more information.

## Alert News Contributions

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