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Mantua PTA Alert News November 15, 2011



Thanksgiving Luncheons This Week

Mantua's annual Thanksgiving luncheons are this Wednesday, Nov. 16, and Thursday, Nov. 17. Grades K-3 will have their luncheon on Wednesday and grades 4-6 will have theirs on Thursday. Your child needs to BRING a bagged lunch on the day they are NOT having their luncheon (K-3 needs to BRING lunch on Nov. 17, and grades 4-6 needs to BRING lunch on Nov. 16).

Parking Reminder

Parking will be very limited during the luncheons so be sure to park only in designated areas. Cars will be ticketed for parking in the fire lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in this area. Some cars may park parallel past the yellow curb towards the first house. However, you must remain a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

Mantua Drama Club to Perform

"The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Silly (Stupid) Tales"

The Mantua Drama Club proudly presents "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Silly (Stupid) Tales" this Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Go [HERE](#) to download the play flyer.

Mantua Spirit Wear Available at Thanksgiving Luncheons

Celebrate 50 years of educational excellence at Mantua with 50th anniversary spirit wear. Surplus t-shirts, sweats and car magnet are available while supply last. These items will be sold in the main lobby during the Thanksgiving luncheons this week. Be sure to stop at the display table and shop. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

Parent Education Program

Dr. Katie Hennessy, director for the Center for Cognitive Therapy and Assessment, will present a workshop at Mantua on Helping Children with Anxiety on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Dr. Hennessy will address the increased prevalence of anxiety in children, classic signs of anxiety, ways to help children recognize and manage their anxiety (with an emphasis on cognitive behavior therapy), and techniques parents can use to create a supportive and challenging environment for anxious children. Childcare will be provided! More details will be sent home in your child's Tuesday folder this week. Go [HERE](#) to download the program flier. Contact Margaret Scheele at Margaret_Scheele@yahoo.com with questions.

PTA Reflections Winners Announced

Thanks and congratulations to all who participated this year in the Art Reflections program! All winners of the Outstanding Interpretation award (1st place) will have their work sent on to the next level where they will compete with other schools in our cluster. Results will be available soon. We had 20 wonderful student entries this year! Here are the results:

Outstanding Interpretation (1st place)

Literature: grades K-2: Connor Tadlock; grades 3-5: Sarah Tadlock; grades 6-8: Manognya Bhattaram.

Visual Arts: grades K-2: Amelia Kim; grades 3-5: Catherine Tadlock; grades 6-8: Sammy Hong.

Photography: grades K-2: Justin Mangis; grades 3-5: Jiny Cho.

Film: grades K-2: Mahima Bhattaram (from Pine Springs Elementary).

Award of Excellence (2nd place)

Literature: grades K-2: Suruthikha Vijay; grades 3-5: Amartya Banerjee; grades 6-8: Joanna Di Scipio.

Visual Arts: grades K-2: Jimmy Brady; grades 3-5: Xuan Huynh.

Award of Merit (3rd place)

Literature: grades 3-5: Kevin Liang.

Visual Arts: grades 3-5: Kane Zhang.

Congratulations to all the participants including:

Literature: grades 3-5: Melody Day and Andrew Chagnon.

Visual Arts: Kevin Liang and Jenna Mangis.

Mantua Art Department Needs Baby Food Jars; Parent Help

The art room needs your medium and large baby food jars throughout the year. Please wash them in the dishwasher on hot and deliver them to the front desk or the art room.

Additionally, the art room needs a parent helper to wash smocks every two weeks. If you are able to do a load of laundry once or twice a month, please contact Mantua art teacher Jennifer Watkins at Jennifer.Watkins@fcps.edu. More supply and volunteer needs are listed on the Art Blackboard site for your consideration.

Mantua PTA - What it Does For Our School

The Mantua PTA does many things for our school and most recently, it used \$10,000 of its funds to pay for the school's 50th anniversary celebration held last month. Not only was the celebration a great day of fun, it did not require us to dip into the encumbered funds.

The event broke even. Therefore, at the November PTA meeting members voted to give Mantua this same \$10,000, which will be used to purchase response tools for the 2nd through 6th grades to share. This \$8,000 system gives each child the ability to simultaneously respond to questions using a hand-held device (similar to a TV remote). With this system, teachers are able to tell who understands the concept and who does not. The additional \$2,000 will be used to purchase four document cameras for classroom use.

PTA Auction Needs Your Help!

Many hands make light work, or so the saying goes. It is already time to start planning for the February auction, one of Mantua's three fundraisers. All proceeds from this event go towards updating supplies in our children's classrooms and helping Mantua maintain its star status as a top elementary. There are many different sizes and types of jobs that we need help with, including hanging signs, copying flyers, mailing out letters, data entry etc. Please join the Auction Committee - we can always use the help. The committee includes Adele Logan-Galen, Teresa Le Mair, Meri Farling and Jennifer Epley. Contact Jennifer Epley epleyjb@gmail.com or 202-744-4785 for more information.

Change In Building Use Scheduling

The school office is no longer handling the schedule to reserve rooms at Mantua. If you need to reserve space go to www.fcps.edu, click on Community at the top of the home page and then scroll down to the bottom of the Community page to find How to Use School Buildings and Grounds. The Building Safety Guidelines can be found on the PTA website [HERE](#).

Important Upcoming Events

Fri. Nov 11–Fri. Nov. 18: Mantua Book Fair, in the library

Wed. Nov 16–Thurs. Nov. 17: Mantua Thanksgiving Luncheons

Wed. Nov. 23: School Closes Two Hours Early

Thurs. Nov. 24–Fri. Nov. 25: School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted Meeting

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) will hear from Tanisha Holland, admissions director at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, at its next general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Ms. Holland will discuss what you need to know about applying to TJHSS&T. The meeting will be held at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Admission is free and open to the public. For information visit: <http://FCAG.org> or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FCAG>, or contact the association at secretary@FCAG.org.

Eddie Allan Poe, the Musical

The Creative Cauldron's Learning Theater at the Falls Church ArtSpace presents Eddie Allan Poe, a delightful and amusing piece written by Stephen Gregory Smith with original music by critically acclaimed composer Matt Conner. In this original, kid-friendly production, the oddball students at the Eddie Allan Poe Academy are working hard to master their mysterious and macabre storytelling techniques, just like the great master himself. But their headmaster informs them that the Academy's funding is in jeopardy, and they must try to put a "normal" spin on Poe's great classics if they are to remain open. The Creative Cauldron's Learning Theater ensemble is a multi-generational cast of student performers and professional actors. Performances are Nov. 4–20. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for students/seniors. Go to:

<http://www.creativecauldron.org/eddie-allan-poe-149.html> for more information.

Mantua Made Market

You're invited to the Mantua Made Market where your talented, crafty neighbors will be selling beautiful handcrafted items, as well as food and deserts. Crafts and artwork will include pottery, paintings, stockings and pillow covers, mosaics, note cards, invitations and scrapbooks, and much more. The Market is Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mantua Swim & Tennis Club, 9330 Pentland Place, Fairfax.

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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