



Mantua PTA Alert News

March 5, 2013



Mark Your Calendar: The Carnival is March 16th!

The Future's So Bright at Mantua! Join us for the Spring Carnival on Saturday, **March 16th**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - rain or shine! Carnival wristbands will allow UNLIMITED play at all of the game booths, except the Rock Climbing Wall and Dunk Tank. Come to the Carnival and enjoy the Cakewalk, enter to win a fantastic prize in the Raffle, and play games for all skill levels.

Same low price for wristband this year!

Children 4 and under are free; children 5 and older are \$15 each, with a \$50 family cap at the time of purchase. Look for your order form in the March 12th Tuesday Folder.

Help your child's class win a party!

New this year, the class with the most volunteers and donations to the Cakewalk will win a party! For more information and to help your child's class win, please visit [THIS WEBSITE](#), or www.mantuapta.org/events/carnival/. Currently, Ms. Sottolano's class is in first place, and Ms. Ariail's class is in second. Meanwhile, Ms. Boyd's and Ms. Hansen's classes are tied for third place! Be sure to sign up now to help your class win!

Looking to clear space in your closet? Did you receive a hostess gift you will never use, or have jewelry you no longer wear? Please consider donating to the Carnival's Jewelry and Hostess Gift Sale! **Donations will be collected in the Library until 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15th.**

During the Carnival, be sure to stop by the Sale in the Library - all proceeds will benefit our PTA!

There will be something for everyone at the Mantua Spring Carnival - you won't want to miss it!



All information about the Mantua Carnival can be found [HERE!](#)

Box Tops Contest Results Are In!

The labels are all counted for the school year and the winner of this season's pizza party contest is **Ms. Loach's class!** Mantua collected a total of \$2,005 in box tops which easily beat our goal of \$1,500. Congratulations and a big "thank you" for all your collecting!

Keep on clipping labels for the next school year contest which will be in the fall of 2013! Please remember that we collect both Box Tops AND Labels for Education. The \$2,000 did not include the hundreds of Labels for Education that we turn in to pick out equipment for the school.

Yearbook Update

The yearbook is coming together. You can still purchase yearbooks online at the [PTA Website](#). We still need candid photos from the following classes: Anderson, Boyd, Cajati, Deixler, Eندان, Garneski, Greene, Hansen, Hartwell, Kepler, Leonard, Lewis, Malc, Massucci, Rutherford, Schiesl, Sottolano, and Warner.

Please email photos to mantuayearbooks@gmail.com. Thank you!

Destination Imagination and Odyssey of the Mind

Good luck to Destination Imagination and Odyssey of the Mind Participants in your respective Regional Tournaments this Saturday, **March 9th**. The Mantua PTA wishes all participants the best of luck - and, have fun!

Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle!

Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle is back! Information about the raffle prizes and ticket sales was sent home in last week's Tuesday folders. Raffle prizes include an iPad Mini, hundreds of dollars in gift cards, \$500 cash, and many more! **NEW PRIZES JUST ADDED:** a Yamaha Portable Keyboard and a Sony DCR-SX85 Handy Cam, both donated by Clay and Kathie Kime of ReMax Preferred Properties.

There are also prizes just for selling tickets. Rocky drew Zak Alhassan's name as last week's winner of the Five Below gift card. You could be the next big winner! All you have to do is sell 10 raffle tickets. The next drawing will be on this Friday's GMM.

Click on the links here for more [raffle information](#) and an [order form](#). Questions can be directed to [Meri Farling](#).

Mantua Raccoon Runners: Deadline Extended to March 5th

The Mantua Raccoon Runners is a positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-6th grades. This program, sponsored by the Mantua PTA, will empower young girls to be true to themselves through lessons in positive body image, health and nutrition, and social awareness. This will all be done while we strengthen ourselves through various fitness activities as we train for a 5k run. Any girl in grades 3-6 is eligible to participate.

At the end of the program, the Raccoon Runners will participate in the Raccoon Run, a fundraiser to support Life With Cancer, on Saturday, **May 11th**. Please click on the following links for the [registration form](#) and a more [detailed explanation](#) of the program.

The registration fee is \$50, and checks can be made payable to Mantua PTA. The deadline for registration has been **extended to March 5th**. The first 30 spaces will be filled with fall Girls On The Run participants and then there will be a lottery for the remaining spaces. If you have any questions, please contact [Meri Farling](#).

Counselor's Corner

The Middle School Transition

Here's an [article](#) with tips for parents on how to ease the transition.

Parent Workshop Feedback: Thanks to everyone who came out to the parent workshop last Wednesday, February 27th.

Parents are encouraged to send their feedback to Allison.Warren@fcps.edu to improve future meetings.

1. What did you find helpful?
2. What would you like more information on?
3. Suggestions for next year and/or other comments.

Grade 4-6 Counselor, Mrs. Warren's Long Term Substitute

We would like to welcome Michael Matthews. Mr. Matthews is a certified School Counselor who completed his practicum and internship work in Fairfax County. He graduated from George Mason in December and will work with grades 4-6 while Mrs. Warren is out on maternity leave April 1st to June 18th. Mr. Matthews will be visiting the students and staff this week to help with the transition.

Community Resources

From Fairfax County Department of Family Services: Kaiser Permanente, a medical care organization, is offering free health care services to qualified children living in Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church. Citizenship not required.

Your child between the ages of 0 to 18 may be eligible if your family:

1. Meets income guidelines.
2. Does not have affordable health insurance through a parent's employer.
3. Does not qualify for Medicaid (FAMIS Plus) and FAMIS.

To apply, call 703-324-7315; TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ss/mccp.

SOL Testing Dates

Please note this year's schedule for SOL Testing:

March

12 & 14 - **5th Grade Writing**

May

13 - **5th Grade Science**

14 - **3rd Grade Reading, part 1**

15 - **3rd Grade Reading, part 2**

16 - **6th Grade Reading**

17 - **4th Grade Reading**

20 - **3rd Grade Science**

21 - **5th Grade Reading**

22 - **4th Grade Social Studies**

23 - **6th Grade Math (all 6th graders)**

24 - **3rd Grade Social Studies**

29 - 5th Grade Math (all 5th graders)

30 - 4th Grade Math

31 - 3rd Grade Math

June

3 - 6th Grade US History

Important Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 5: Deadline to Register for Raccoon Run

Thursday, March 14: PTA Meeting

Saturday, March 16: Mantua Carnival

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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2012-13 FCPS & PTA Calendar at a Glance [HERE](#)

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

