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# Mantua PTA Alert News

## March 12, 2013



## PTA Meeting This Thursday

The Mantua PTA regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Come to the meeting in between the Mantua Girls Basketball games! We will try to keep in short and sweet!

## Wristbands on Sale This Week!

Mantua's annual Spring Carnival is this Saturday, **March 16th**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Avoid the crowds, and buy your Carnival wristbands now! During the Carnival, wristbands will provide unlimited play at most games, the cakewalk, and moon bounces. Wristbands will be the same low price as last year: Children 4 and under are free, while those 5 years and older are \$15, with a \$50 family cap. **Wristbands will be sold in front of the cafeteria during the following times:**

Wednesday, March 13: 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 14: 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 15: 8:30-9:00 a.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16: 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Look for a wristband order form in today's Tuesday folder, or by clicking [HERE](#).

While wristbands are good for unlimited games all day long, cash will be accepted for food, cotton candy, drinks, rock wall, dunk tank and for purchases at the Jewelry/Hostess gift sale. Please contact [Avril Donat](#) or [Chrissy Boylan](#) with any questions about the Carnival wristbands.

## Help your child's class win a party!

Don't forget: 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

[www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A4AE2FA02-20131](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A4AE2FA02-20131) or

[www.mantupta.org/events/carnival/](http://www.mantupta.org/events/carnival/). Currently, Ms. Ariail's class is in first place, and Ms. Sottolano's class is in second. Meanwhile, Ms. Hartwell's class has moved into third place! Be sure to sign up now to help your class win!



Get all information about the Mantua Carnival right [HERE!](#)

## Last Week for Raffle Tickets!

This is the final week to purchase tickets for Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle! You can order tickets with the order form in your child's Tuesday folder as well as outside the cafeteria before school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Friday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m., and at the Carnival. Don't miss out on a chance to win an iPad mini, \$500 CASH or one of the many other wonderful prizes we will be raffling off at the Spring Carnival this Saturday. Click on the links here for more [raffle information](#) and an [order form](#).

Rocky Raccoon will be drawing the names of the lucky winners of a \$25 5-Below gift card, a \$50 Game Stop gift card and 5lb Hershey bar Friday morning on GMM. To qualify for this drawing, all you have to do is to sell 20 raffle tickets! Remember, only sell tickets to friends, neighbors and family members - never sell to strangers.

Questions can be directed to [Meri Farling](#).

## Carnival Banner Winners!

The Carnival Committee is happy to announce six winners of this year's booth banner contest. Listed alphabetically by last names, the winners are

**Kylie Chavarria:** Grade 4/Garneski, *Landscape's Lollipop Tree*

**Isabel Neuhauser:** Grade 3/De-La Rigaudier, *Veterinarian's Rat Race*

**Rommel Pagkalinawan:** Grade 3/De-La Rigaudier, *Astronauts on the Moon*

**Karcsi Pentek:** Grade 2/Loach, *The Pro Golfer*

**Audrey Reese:** Grade 2/Loach, *Hula Hoop Contestant*

Congratulations to the winners and kudos to all the contestants for such creative work. See all the banners at the Carnival this Saturday!

## Mantua Basketball Championship Games THIS Week

The championship basketball games are being played this Wednesday and Thursday. Please visit the [WEBSITE](#) for more details, and come out and support our students! The schedule is as follows:

### Wednesday, March 13th

- 3rd and 4th Grade Boys at 5:45 p.m.
- 5th and 6th Grade Boys at 7:45 p.m.

### Thursday, March 14th

- 3rd and 4th Grade Girls at 5:45 p.m.
- 5th and 6th Grade Girls at 7:45 p.m.

## Mantua Division B Science Olympiad

Manuta's Division B Science Olympiad team recently competed in two area tournaments. Team members Amartya Banerjee, Rohan Selvan, Catherine Tadlock, Sarah Tadlock, Todd Tran, and Sanjay Venkatesan have been meeting and practicing since early January, and were one of the smallest teams and youngest teams in the entire competition. They competed mostly against 7th and 8th grade participants.

In late January, the students participated in the Fairfax Invitational competition against 34 other middle school teams. Catherine Tadlock and Sarah Tadlock earned fifth place medals for Metric Mastery, an event where they had to use mathematics and estimation skills to determine measurements of various items. In early March, the team attended a regional event with 20 other teams, where Todd Tran and Sanjay Venkatesan won third place in Rotor Egg Drop, an engineering event where they designed an invention to slow the descent of a raw egg dropped from a height and to protect the egg from cracking.

The students enjoyed the events, and look forward to continuing as middle schoolers next year. For more information, visit <http://www.virginiaso.com>.

## Important Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 12: 5th Grade Writing SOL

Thursday, March 14: 5th Grade Writing SOL

Thursday, March 14: PTA Meeting

Saturday, March 16: Mantua Carnival

## A Message from the FCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services

### Energy Zone Fitness Challenge

Research shows children copy the behavior of adults in their life. If parents are physically active, the children will be active too. Exercise burns calories, which assist in maintaining ideal weight. **Fit adults and children exercise 60 minutes per day.**

### Keep Moving to Stay in Shape Tips

- \* Plan daily family walks.
- \* Limit television or computer time to 1 to 2 hours per day.
- \* Make exercise fun.
- \* Encourage play outside with other children.
- \* Assign chores that involve activity such as cleaning or walking the dog.
- \* Help your children find physical activities they enjoy.

**Remember, making a healthy change takes time and don't expect perfection.**

## Frost Family Festival

6th Grade Families: FROST FAMILY FESTIVAL is coming Thursday, **March 21st** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This open house is a fun event and a great way for rising 7th graders to get familiar with Frost Middle School. There will be school tours, class demos, spirit wear, a pizza dinner, and much more to keep parents and children entertained. Make sure to get your tickets early. The last day to pre-order tickets is Friday, March 15th. Contact Joan Fisher at [joanmkf@aol.com](mailto:joanmkf@aol.com) with questions.

## Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto: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

