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Mantua PTA Alert News October 23, 2012



School Arrival Reminder from the Front Office

Please remember that school begins each day at 9:10 a.m. Students may not arrive before 8:55 a.m. as there is no supervision.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Thanksgiving Luncheon for 4-6th grades will be on Wednesday, November 14th, and the K-3 Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on Thursday, November 15th. Please check the Tuesday folders for more information.

Picture Make-Up Day

Picture make-up day will be held on Wednesday, November 7th in the morning only. If parents do not like the original pictures and want them re-taken, just send the student to the school on the make-up day with the original packet of pictures, and they will take a new set of pictures. Envelopes will be in the front office for anyone that might need them. The photography studio does not send enough envelopes to send home to everyone. A reminder will be sent home the week before.

Chess Club: Starting October 30th!

If you have a child in grades 4-6 who is looking for a fun environment to learn the game of chess and/or improve their skills, then the Mantua Chess Club is for them! The club will run October 30th through May every Tuesday 4:00-5:00 p.m. If your child is interested in joining, please contact [Lori Prendergast](#) with the

following information: student name, current grade, level (beginner, intermediate, etc.) and parent contact information. PLEASE NOTE: This is a parent volunteer assisted program, so we will need parents to help our wonderful teachers/coaches!

Silent Auction Donation Deadline EXTENDED to October 26th!

Thank you to those of you who have already donated to the auction. We have received some wonderful items so far, but more items means a more exciting auction that will raise even more money for our fabulous school! In addition, there is now some serious competition for that ice cream party! Will your child's class be the winner? As of Friday, the class in the lead was Ms. Hochstetler, followed closely by Mr. Bloch.

Donations may be dropped off in the front office all week. Questions contact Alice Wang or Donna Hoover at mantua.pta.auction@gmail.com.

Family Fun Night: Pokemon Night

Join us for our annual PTA Family Fun Pokemon and Other Trading Cards Night on Friday, **November 2nd**, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Bring your Pokemon cards or other trading cards to trade and play with friends. If you are new to Pokemon then learn how to play the game with our expert game guide, Tim Foley. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions.

Attention: Take Home Readers!

The Take Home Reading (THR) program for grades K-1 will be starting for the second quarter. There will be a training session on **October 25th** at 9:15 a.m. Anyone who signed up to be a THR volunteer will be receiving further instructions

from their classroom's coordinator in the coming week. Any additional questions, please contact [Lori Recher](#).

Counselor's Corner:

Red Ribbon Week Reminder, Bullying Week, and Conferences

Don't forget to dress us in our daily themes for Red Ribbon Week:

Monday, 10/22 - Elect to be Drug Free: Wear red, white, and blue or the American Flag pattern.

Tuesday, 10/23 - Team Up Against Drugs and Alcohol: Wear your favorite sports team clothing.

Wednesday, 10/24 - I've Got Better Things to Do than Drugs: Wear red.

Thursday, 10/25 - Too Bright to Do Drugs: Wear your favorite neon colors.

Friday, 10/26 - Say BOO to Drugs and Alcohol: Each grade levels will dress up for the Spirit Parade - information will come from your teachers.

Bullying Prevention Month

October is the National Bullying Prevention Month. Mrs. Warren and Ms. Kim are teaming up with the library team to provide lessons on bullying prevention. For more information on bullying prevention:

- www.stopbullying.gov
- Article from the [Washington Post - Bullying](#)

Parent/Teacher Conferences Nov. 5th-6th:

If you would like your child's School Counselor to join your parent/teacher

conference, please let us know your scheduled time and date. We will do our best to attend all requests. Please email [Susan Kim](#) if your child is in grades K-3 and/or [Allison Warren](#) if your child is in grades 4-6.

Support Mantua While Shopping on Amazon

Please support Mantua when you shop for the holidays, birthdays and gifts! By using the Amazon link on the Mantua PTA website, you can shop (privately and securely) and Mantua can receive up to 10% of your purchase. To get started, simply go to the [PTA website](#) and start shopping! By accessing Amazon through the Mantua PTA website, you will be on your way to shopping and supporting your favorite school!

Art Reflections Program

Create a dance, draw a picture, write a story or a poem! The Arts Reflections Program is here! If your child has a love of the arts, this program is for them! This competition is open to all elementary grades K-6. Categories include: dance choreography, music composition, film production, photography, literature, and visual arts. The 2012-13 theme is "The Magic of the Moment." How does it work? Have your child think about the theme, create an original piece of work in any of the above mentioned categories, and then submit that work no later than **Friday, November 9th** in the PTA office mail box. It's THAT easy!! An entry form went home in recent Tuesday folders but if you did not receive one, please click [HERE](#) to download one. If you have any questions or need further information, please email [Lori Prendergast](#).

AMC-8 Mathematics Exam to be Administered at Mantua

Is your child a mathematics lover? If so you may want to learn about the American Mathematics Competitions 8 (AMC-8) examination. As a parent initiative, the test will be administered on Tuesday, November 13th at Mantua Elementary School.

The AMC 8 exam is a challenge appropriate for students very interested in mathematics that are enrolled in 6th grade, as well as 5th grade students capable of solving at least half the questions on an previous AMC-8 exam. The exam format is 25 multiple choice questions during a 40 minute period and is administered by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). For additional information about the exam and a list of sample questions, click [HERE](#).

If you are interested in taking the test or have further questions, please contact Mantua parents Jin Kang at jjinkang1997@yahoo.com or László Péntek at Mr.Laszlo.2@yahoo.com or telephone (703) 725-3818. Please contact Mr. Kang or Mr. Pentek no later than Friday, October 26th to sign up for the test.

Box Tops Contest Over – Winner to be Announced Soon

The Fall Box Tops campaign has ended, but please keep collecting Box Tops, Labels for Education and Tyson's Project A+ labels for the Spring campaign! A list of participating products can be found at www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com and www.projectaplus.tyson.com.

There are a lot more Box Tops to count but here are the leading classes to date: 1st – Ms. Ariail, 2nd – Ms. Cecere, 3rd – Ms. Loach. Only the 1st place class gets the winning prize.

You can also earn money for the school by registering at

www.boxtops4education.com. Once registered, you can "Click & Earn" every month to earn money for the school. You can also go through www.boxtops4education to shop online at other websites and quickly earn lots of money for the school..com

A Message from Fairfax County Public Schools

Read about Fairfax County Public Schools in the new 2012-13 State of the Schools report by visiting [this website](#). You'll find information about the budget, student achievement, and future challenges, and find out why FCPS is a world-class school system. The report will also be published in this week's edition of The Washington Post's Fairfax Local Living section.

Important Upcoming Events

Fri. Oct 26: Fall Spirit Parade (last day of Spirit Week)

Sat. Oct 27 & Sun. 28: Basketball Evaluations

Mon. Oct 29: Raising Financially Aware Kids Seminar

Fri. Nov 2: Pokemon Night at Mantua

Mon. Nov 5 & Tues. Nov 6: No School (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

How to Raise Financially Aware Kids!

Help your children appreciate the value of a dollar! Understanding how to raise financially aware kids is important so that children learn what they can do with money early in life. By forming good financial habits early, your children can apply what they learn at home as they grow to face financial expectations in the adult world. Join us on Monday, **October 29th** at 7:00 p.m. in the school library for this informative workshop. We'll discuss money values, allowances, putting your money to work, smart spending and understanding a child's needs versus wants, and how to involve kids in the family finances. Our guest speaker will be Sam Eisen, Virginia

Chapter Director of the Foundation for Personal Financial Education (FPFE), a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to financial awareness in the community. More details can be found [HERE](#). Contact [Margaret Scheele](#) with any questions.

Woodson Drama Night Out for Kids 1st - 6th Grade

It's not too late to register for Woodson High School Theater Department's Drama Night Out for 1st-6th graders! It will be held on Saturday, **October 27th**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and lasting up to 11:00 p.m. You can pick up at a time that works for you. Your kids will have fun with others in their age group learning improvisation, musical theater and acting skills all taught by talented theater students and while Moms and Dads get a night off. Teen Drama Counselors work with your children under the leadership of Terri Hobson, Woodson Drama Teacher. Kids are welcome to come in costume if they wish. Halloween fun will be part of the mix! Visit <http://www.wtwdrama.org/boosters/night-out/> for more information and to register.

Woodson Cavalier Varsity Precisionette Dance Camp

Want something energetic and fun for your kids to do on the Teacher workdays? Let the Woodson Dance Team provide a fun, safe, healthy experience for them. The participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and HAVE FUN! They will be divided by age during dance to provide the most meaningful experience for all.

DATES: Monday November 5th and/or Tuesday November 6th

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

COST: \$45 for one day, \$65 for both days (after October 20th add \$5.)

PARTICIPANTS: Kindergarten-8th grade

PLACE: W.T. Woodson Dance Room and Auxiliary Gym

BRING/WEAR: Lunch, snack, water bottle, sneakers (dance shoes optional), shorts/dance pants and shirt.

Checks payable to: Woodson Precisionettes

Come learn some dance from the award winning W.T. Woodson Precisionettes.

Space is limited so register early! All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made at camp! Registration forms can be found [HERE](#).

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.

如果您需要一份中文的曼图亚小学校园新闻周刊，请联系雷晓春女士。电话：703-425-1097

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Si desea recibir una copia de esta informacion en Espanol, porfavor llame Gabriella Numbela a 703-573-6375 or e-mail a ganumbela@hotmail.com.

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

Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

