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Mantua PTA Alert News November 13, 2012



The Auction is OPEN!

Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping! Go to the [AUCTION WEBSITE](#) to browse and bid. There's something for everyone - teacher outings, birthday parties, gift cards, and tasty treats galore! The online bidding is REALLY EASY and works just like eBay. Look for step-by-step instructions on the site. **The closing schedule has been revised due to additional offerings.** Now Services/Activities, Entertainment, Getaways/Day Trips, and Novelties will all close on **November 16th** followed by Faculty Fun and Good Eats on **November 20th**. Have fun bidding and supporting our Mantua students! A special thank you to our Platinum Sponsor Judy Wonus of Re/Max Allegiance for 30 Years of support to Mantua Elementary!

Mantua Drama Club Presentation: Tickets Available Before Show

Mantua Drama Club presents "Treasure Island." Join us as a cast of 75 students bring this enjoyable story to the stage on Friday, **November 16th** at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, **November 17th** at 2:00 p.m. in the Mantua Elementary School gymnasium. Tickets at the door: \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

If you would like to buy your tickets before the show, the Drama Club will be pre-selling tickets on Tuesday, November 13th in the gym from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and in the library at the Book Fair from 6:00-8:00 p.m. They will also be available on

Wednesday, November 14th both before and after rehearsal (which is from 5:00-7:30 p.m.) This is a great way to avoid the ticket lines before the performance. Please email [Chrissy Boylan](mailto:Chrissy.Boylan@mantua.k12.pa.us) if you can't be there either day and want to order tickets.

The Book Fair is Here

Mantua's annual Book Fair is underway and open daily through Friday, November 16th (closes that day at noon.) All classes have had their day to browse, and students may buy books this week. Parents may also buy books during the Thanksgiving Luncheon days on November 14th and 15th. Anyone who wishes to volunteer can sign up [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Lori Recher](#).

Mantua Yearbooks: Online Ordering ONLY

This year, Mantua yearbooks can be purchased online only. To purchase your student's yearbook, go to www.jostens.com. Point your mouse to the "Yearbooks" tab, and click on "Buy Your Yearbook." Enter "Mantua" in the school line, and you will be brought to the purchasing page where you can buy your child's yearbook for \$25. Personalization is extra. You can also find a link on the [Mantua PTA Website](#). Prices go up February 1st, so order your yearbook now!

Restaurant Night at Pizza Hut

Mark your calendar for a post-Thanksgiving Family Fun Night Out at Pizza Hut on Tuesday, November 27th. The Mantua PTA will host this event at the Pizza Hut on the corner of Prosperity Avenue and Little River Turnpike from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come dine-in, carry out or request delivery and enjoy pizza, pasta, wings, sides

and desserts. Pizza Hut will donate 20% of the evening's sales to the Mantua PTA when the Mantua Fundraiser Night flyer is presented at the time of purchase. Flyers will be distributed in Tuesday folders. For additional flyers, click [HERE](#). Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions. Buon appetito!

Use of Personally-Owned Computing Devices

This year, 5th and 6th graders may bring their personally-owned computing devices (i.e., iPods, iPads, Kindles, Nooks, etc.) for instructional purposes. Any student who brings one of these devices must have it registered at school along with parent permission to use it at school.

Please note: students must know how to use their own computing devices. Teachers and school staff do not have the resources or time to instruct students on correct use of these devices. Please be sure that your student is knowledgeable on use of any registered computing device brought to Mantua.

Science Fair Club

Are you interested in organizing a Science Fair Club for grades 3-6? Parent volunteers will guide students through the scientific process as students design and conduct a scientific experiment. The results of the student research will be presented at the Mantua Science Fun Night on April 11th. Science Fair Club will meet on Wednesdays, January 9th-April 10th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Please contact Anbu Vijay, Haydee Cooper, and Eva Bousbouras at mantuasciencefair@gmail.com.

Community Building Network

A huge welcome and thank you to our new Community Building Network

Chairperson, Shoshi Kalderon! The PTA Community Building Network was created to help overcome any barriers that parents/guardians face in relations to school matters. Such barriers may be based on language differences, cultural differences, gender differences, or socio-economic differences. If you have anything you'd like to discuss with Shoshi, please contact her by [EMAIL](#) or by phone at 571-436-1603.

Winter Enrichment Programs Begin in January

Our Fall Robotics Program was such a huge success that the PTA is planning to offer more programs this winter! We will be offering Robotics, Yoga, BrikAdventures, Pottery, MusIQ and Spa Science. In the next week or two, packets will come home in Tuesday Folders with information about our Winter Enrichments Programs. Some registrations will be online, some will be paper registration. If you have questions, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

Science Fun Night

Interested in sharing your enthusiasm for science? Know an expert who'd like to "ignite" the love of science? We are interested in recruiting science experts for a Mantua Science Fun Night on **April 11th** (grades 3-6). Please contact Anbu Vijay, Haydee Cooper, and Eva Bousbouras at MantuaScienceFunNight@gmail.com.

Art Room Request

The art room requests donations of baby food jars. If you are able to donate, please run the jars through a hot cycle in your dishwasher and thoroughly dry them before delivering them to school. The lids are not needed.

Counselor's Corner: Career Awareness Month & November Spirit Days

November is National Career Awareness Month

- Visit the VA Career View website with your children (<http://vaview.org>). This website has many age appropriate activities for your children to be career ready.
- An interesting article to read from the American School Counselor Association: *Careers: Building Your Child's Future Together* - When planning a career with your child, there are many things to take into consideration based on the child's age.

NOVEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

Wednesday, November 28th - Postsecondary Day - Dress to show post-secondary options by wearing your favorite college clothing, military clothing, or dress as a career that would attend a trade school or apprenticeship (plumber, electrician, etc.)

Thursday, November 29th - Careers Related to Core Subjects - Dress as a career related to Language Arts, Math, Science, History, or the Arts. Examples: Writer/Journalist, Scientist, Artist, Actor, Musician, Meteorologist, etc.

Friday, November 30th - Community Helpers - Dress as a career that helps the community. Examples: Police Officer, Firefighter, Nurse, Doctor, Teacher, Environmentalist, etc.

Summer Enrichment Opportunities

UVA's Curry School of Education is offering 2013 Saturday Enrichment Programs

for students in grades K-5. For more information, visit their website at

<http://curry.virginia.edu/sep>. Need-based Financial Aid is available.

Important Upcoming Events

Wed. Nov 14 & Thurs. Nov 15: Thanksgiving Luncheon

Fri. Nov 16 & Sat. Nov 17: "Treasure Island" Productions

Wed. Nov 21: 2-hour early release

Thurs. Nov 22 & Fri. Nov 23: School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

"Yes, You Can Raise Financially Aware Kids" Workshop Rescheduled

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 Wednesday, **December 5th** at 7:00 p.m. (rescheduled from October 29th) 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, fellow Mantua resident and Virginia Chapter Director of the Foundation for Personal Financial Education (FPFE), a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to financial awareness in the community. Child care will be available for a nominal fee. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Contact Margaret.Scheele@yahoo.com to register or with any questions.

Woodson High School: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world. They lie, steal, and cheat. Now they have taken over the church's annual Christmas pageant! The entire

town has gathered in anticipation, waiting to see the Herdmans ruin Christmas – or will they? This funny, heartwarming, holiday tale has become a classic and is good for the entire family.

This production will benefit the work of "The Young Hearts", a group of students from Woodson High School students who raise funds to battle blood cancers and other diseases. A portion of all proceeds from this production will be donated to Young Hearts Foundation in pursuit of their important mission. The production will be in honor of Madame Nelson, a valuable Woodson teacher who recently passed away from blood cancer.

Performances will be at the James Lee Community Center Theater on December 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th, and 15th at 7:30 p.m. AND on December 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th at 2:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$15. For tickets or information, please go to www.providenceplayers.org or www.youngheartsltn.org.

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](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

