



## Mantua PTA Alert News December 4, 2012



### Registration for Mantua Winter Enrichment Program

Packets with information about classes that are being offered January through March were sent home in Tuesday folders two weeks ago. Paper registration is open for Yoga and Pottery – you may return your permission slip/registration form with payment to the Mantua PTA box. Online registration for bRiKadventures, Spa Science, MusIQ, and Robotics is also. Classes with online registration will be filled on a first come, first served basis. You can find the class information [HERE](#).

Registration deadline is **December 5th**. If you have questions about the Enrichment Program at Mantua, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

### Auction Item Pick-Up Now Through December 7th

Thank you to all the Mantua faculty and staff who participated in our online Auction. It was a huge success! Items need to be paid for and picked up from the front office by Friday, **December 7th**. You may pay with Paypal or a check to Mantua PTA. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Wang or Donna Hoover at [mantua.pta.auction@gmail.com](mailto:mantua.pta.auction@gmail.com).

### 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!

## Arts Reflections Program Winners

The Mantua PTA would like to congratulate the following winners at Mantua in the Arts Reflections program:

**Dance Choreography:** 1st place, Jolie Tran.

**Primary level Visual Arts:** 1st place, Amelia Kim; 2nd place, Donna Lee; 3rd Place, Katherine Hill.

**Primary Level Literature:** 1st place, Anna Kim; 2nd place, Audrey Reese; 3rd place, Ashia Omair.

**Intermediate Level Visual Arts:** 1st place, Yarden Moses; 2nd place, Nicole Choe.

**Intermediate Level Literature:** 1st place, Zachre Andrews; 2nd place, Suruthikha Vijay.

**Middle School Level Visual Arts:** 1st place, Lucy Clarke; 2nd place, Kevin Liang.

**Middle School Level Literature:** 1st place, Amartya Banerjee; 2nd place, Melody Day; 3rd place, Kylie Edington.

All first place winners will move on to divisional judging held in December.

Congratulations!

## AMC-8 Exam Results In: Mantua Student Honored!

The AMC-8 exam results are in and congratulations go to **Benjamin Kang!**

Benjamin was honored as one of the brightest middle school students worldwide at a national medal ceremony sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) as a result of his high test scores.



## *Counselor's Corner: Bookmark Contest and More!*

### *Student Safety and Wellness Bookmark Contest*

Students may pick up materials and directions in the library starting next week to participate in the annual Student Safety and Wellness Bookmark Contest. Winners will be displayed on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria, receive a certificate, and be recognized on the morning announcements. One grand prize winner from grades K-3 and one from grades 4-6 will be submitted to the county for the opportunity to have their bookmark produced and distributed throughout FCPS. This year's theme is "Making My World Beautiful by Being Drug and Bully Free." Entries must be submitted to the library, Ms. Kim, or Mrs. Warren by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17th.

### *Military OneSource*

Military OneSource has been revamped to meet the needs of military families and

now provides round-the-clock consultants available worldwide to assist with family life topics ranging from moving to nonmedical counseling referral, including anger management and communication skills. Military OneSource offers 12 nonmedical counseling sessions per issue per person in a family at no cost. For more information, go to <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>.

### Coping with the Holidays Workshop

There is a "Coping with the Holidays" Workshop on Thursday, **December 6th** from 7:30-9:00 p.m. This is for grieving adults - teens are also welcome. The workshop will be at Hope Lutheran Church on Ravensworth Road in Annandale. To register please call Haven at (703) 941-7000. Phones are answered 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Messages can be left on the machine and someone will call back on the next shift.

### 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](mailto:mantuasciencefair@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:MantuaScienceFunNight@gmail.com).

### Treasure Island DVDs Available for Purchase

DVDs of this year's performance of Treasure Island are available for \$10 each! If you'd like to purchase a DVD (or more than one), please send cash or check to Mantua PTA in an envelope with the following information to the Mantua PTA mailbox: "Treasure Island DVD", Student's Name, Teacher's Name. DVDs will be delivered via Tuesday Folders. If you have questions, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#).

### Important Upcoming Events

Wed. Dec 5: Workshop - Raising Financially Aware Kids

Mon. Dec 17: Winter Choral Concert

Tues. Dec 18: Winter Band Concert

Fri. Dec. 21: All-School Winter Sing-Along

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

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](mailto:Margaret.Scheele@yahoo.com) to register or with any questions.

## Woodson High School Drama Camp

Do your holiday shopping while your kids have a great time at our annual Woodson Drama Camp! The Woodson High School Drama Department will be hosting Drama Camp on Saturday, December 8th from 2:00-8:00 p.m. for elementary students AND middle school students interested in theater! Acting, Improv, and musical theater with your age group are all taught by our talented drama students. Pizza dinner included! For more information and to register, visit [www.wtwdrama.org/boosters/drama-camp/](http://www.wtwdrama.org/boosters/drama-camp/). Questions? Contact Woodson Drama Booster President, Denise Taylor at [deniseatsea@aol.com](mailto:deniseatsea@aol.com).

## FCPS Superintendent Search

As you may be aware, Dr. Jack D. Dale announced his retirement as Division Superintendent effective June 30, 2013. As a result, the Fairfax County School Board has initiated its search for a new Division Superintendent.

All Fairfax County residents will have the opportunity to attend community open forums. The following community forums are open to any member of the community and will start at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria:

December 4th at Langley High School, December 5th at Robinson Secondary School, and December 6th at Annandale High School.

Also, two community open forums will be held at the Fairfax County Public Schools

Gatehouse Administration Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, in Room 1600, on December 6th at 10:00 a.m. and December 7th at 1:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity to provide your input.

Additional information about the Superintendent Search can also be found at [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu).

## 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](http://www.providenceplayers.org) or [www.youngheartsltn.org](http://www.youngheartsltn.org).

Alert News Contributions



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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

