



Mantua PTA Alert News

May 25, 2004

Kids Care Club

Our last project was a success. Seventeen Kids Care members delivered many needed items to the Fairfax Animal Shelter and learned all the wonderful things they do for many lost, rescued and returned dog, cats, bunnies, chickens, snakes, parrots, etc. Our donations were well received.

It's been a super year! Those who participated in the Kids Care Service projects found each one rewarding and helpful to someone in need. We raked, we collected, we delivered, we performed, we ran, we gave, we delivered, but most of all we cared. After all, that is what it is all about.

Thanks for all your support. See you next year for more fun and exciting programs! Jennifer Cooper

Teacher of Year Honors

On May 26 at Luther Jackson MS, the School Board will honor the nominees and recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award. Please join us in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate our nominees, Mrs. Hanpeter and Mrs. Kaplan.

Interested in Cub Scouts?

Come find out more! On Tuesday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m., all rising 1st - 5th grade boys and their parents are invited to join Pack 1533 for a fun game of "Capture the Flag" in the Mantua Playing Field. Parents, Scouting is a wonderful program, and there are great opportunities for you to be involved with your son. This event is a great way to introduce your son to the fun of Cub Scouting.

Cafeteria Reminder

Even though there are only a few weeks left of school, we don't want any students going hungry at lunch. (Please be assured that no child goes hungry, the PTA does buy a lunch for those with insufficient funds, subject to reimbursement). We are finding many of the student's cafeteria accounts are running low. ***Please ensure that your student has enough credit left on his/her cafeteria account.*** If students are in need of money, they will come home with a stamp on their hand indicating their account is getting low. Please send in a check (payable to Mantua Cafeteria) or cash. Thank you for your support. ***The Cafeteria Staff***

Congratulations to Board Members

Congratulations and thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to support the PTA and Mantua ES by leading committees and organizing activities as members of the 2004-2005 PTA Board! A few Board positions are still open, so don't miss your opportunity. See the list at the Mantua PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org, ***and get involved!*** For more information, contact Carole Thomas at caroleandjay@aol.com or 703-978-6159.

The Giant Report

A+ to all you families that designated Mantua this year in Giant's BonusBucks Program, earning points every time you shopped! **Mantua has received \$904.56**, to be used to enhance the educational program. In September, I'll send out information about signing up again (or for the first time!) -- it's an easy way to support Mantua! Direct any questions to Donna Yudkin at 703-641-8779 or dqy@cox.net.

Paper Rolls for Ancient Cultures Fest

The third grade needs empty wrapping paper rolls and empty paper towel rolls (not toilet paper rolls, however). We are collecting them for our end of the year Ancient Cultures Festival. For more information, please contact Mrs. Hawryluk.

Parking in Horner Court Cul-de-sac

BEWARE!!! Cars are being ticketed for parking in the Fire Lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) on the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in this area. 3-4 cars may park parallel past the yellow curb, in front of the house at the end.

Providence Players

Providence Players' next production, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, starts June 4. The play runs Fridays and Saturdays for three weekends at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on June 13 at 2:00. The Players' new venue, The James Lee Community Center, is located at 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Tickets are \$12, or \$7 for seniors and students 18 and under. Please call 703-425-6782, or email us at ProvidencePlayers@cox.net. Visa and MasterCard orders can be accepted.

PTA Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the May meeting are on the PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org, for your perusal.

A Sixth Grade Project

Hey parents! The 6th grade United Nations group at Mantua has come up with a Fun Stuff For Sick Kids Drive. We are collecting little toys such as McDonalds happy meal toys and Burger King toys AND arts and crafts supplies that are in pretty good condition. These will be collected for kids that have to spend a lot of time in Fairfax Hospital. **WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING ANY TOYS WITH LATEX!!!** The deadline for the drive is May 27th, so please bring in those toys and art supplies now!! Parents, please try to bring in some clear shoebox-sized containers, as well, so the hospital can put the supplies in the boxes!!!