



# Mantua PTA Alert News

November 11, 2003

## Show Your School Spirit

Exciting new Mantua tie-dyed t-shirts are coming your way! Look in your Tuesday folder this week to find all the details you'll need plus an order form. Ordering deadline is Friday, November 21, and shirts will arrive in time for the winter holidays. Contact Beth Rivelis with questions at [rivelis@cox.net](mailto:rivelis@cox.net) or 703-359-2799.

## Drama Club

Don't forget November 21 or 22 for a Shakespearean evening with our Drama Club! Friday's performance will be interpreted. Ticket purchase is optional, but donations will help defray the cost of production, and will gladly be accepted. Contact Donna Cipicchio at 703-426-4272 or [TwoD3cpo@aol.com](mailto:TwoD3cpo@aol.com) for more information.

## Book Fair Starts Friday

The annual Mantua Book Fair will be held in the school library, **starting this Friday** from 8:30 to 4:00, and continuing every day next week, with extended hours on Tuesday! There will be hundreds of titles, both fiction and non-fiction, for all ages, preschool to adult. Teacher wish lists and librarian wish lists will be available. Proceeds will benefit the school library.

## Mantua Parent Passes Away

Mantua parent Michael Reaves passed away earlier this month. Michael was a wonderful man and a wonderful dad. Our thoughts are with Mrs. Liset Reaves and, of course, sons Michael and Joshua. For those who are interested, the family has requested contributions be sent to

The Michael and Joshua Reaves College Fund 9060477  
c/o The Arlington Federal Credit Union  
2130 N. Glebe Road  
Arlington, VA 22207

## Original-Art Magnets

This week's Tuesday folder should contain a magnet with your child's original artwork on it, and a packet containing an order form for various other products onto which the artwork can be transferred. The magnets are not free (\$6) and if not purchased they *must* be returned. If you would like to purchase holiday gifts, your order must be in by November 14. Orders received after November 14 will be filled in January. Please make out your check to Mantua PTA, and drop it and your order into the special box in the main office. Any questions, please contact Barbara Mingo at [bsmingo@hotmail.com](mailto:bsmingo@hotmail.com) or 703-352-1432.

## From Mrs. Fernandez -- Last Week's Highlights

- *The circle of community extends outward to embrace parents who are viewed as the child's first and most important teachers.* (Boyer, 1995.) Monday and Tuesday, our teachers enjoyed meeting with each of you to discuss your child's progress during Parent Conferences.
- Tuesday, Mantua also served as a voting site for a very important county election.
- This week was Red Ribbon Week, which focused on encouraging our students to be drug and alcohol free! Many students signed pledges that they would say no to drugs and alcohol.
- Thursday, our fifth grade students went on a field trip to the Kennedy Center to see the National Symphony Orchestra.
- Friday, as part of their study of Virginia history, our fourth graders went on a field trip to Williamsburg.
- Friday evening, our sixth graders enjoyed their very first *Sixth Grade Night Out*. Ms. Thompson, Mr. Collins and a group of dedicated parent volunteers provided an evening of pizza and snacks while students watched the movie, *Finding Nemo!* This event was to reward our sixth graders for their excellent behavior in the hallways and the cafeteria.

## Time for Leaf Raking

Kids Care Club Leaf Raking for our Senior neighbors is this Saturday, November 15, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Meet in front of the school for assignments. If you can't make it right at 11:00, but would like to join us, there will be a listing of the homes we are raking and the approximate time we will be at each, located on the front doors of the school. Assignments can still be made to individual organizations like Girl or Boy Scouts. Questions, or to say you'll help, contact Jennifer Cooper, 703-426-2490 or [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com). Thanks for your help!

(Rain date is Sunday, November 16, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

## Hands on Science Winter Session: Chemistry!

Registration forms (bright green) for our most popular HOS session are coming home in this week's Tuesday folder. Space for classes is limited, so please send in your form as soon as possible to reserve your child's space. **Do Not Wait!** Winter Session classes start the week of January 19. Questions? Contact Randi Kirkland at [randi\\_kirkland@yahoo.com](mailto:randi_kirkland@yahoo.com) or 703-208-2262

## Raccoon Run Planning Meeting

It's Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the **upper pod** (that's a location change). Want to find out more and be part of a fun team? Then join us for the first planning meeting for the May 8, 2004, race. Contact Jennifer Cooper, 703-426-2490 or [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com).

## Grocery Store Programs

One more friendly reminder about the grocery store programs.

- Giant: [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com) (our code: 01887).
- Harris Teeter: [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com) (our code: 4458).
- Safeway: [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) (our code: 6662473).

Questions? Contact Donna Yudkin ([dqy@cox.net](mailto:dqy@cox.net)).

## Principal's Coffee

This month's coffee is on Wednesday, November 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Barb Suidikas. The grade-level teams are implementing some of the concepts of Professional Learning Communities this year. We will be discussing how PLC integrates with Dr. Boyer's philosophy of best practices in elementary education. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Barb at 703-385-0358 or [Suidibarb@aol.com](mailto:Suidibarb@aol.com).