



Mantua PTA Alert News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Take Home Reading/Bag of Books Training

Friday, Oct. 15

Woodson Pyramid Spirit Night
KCC Last Day for Clothing Collection

Monday, Oct. 18

Columbus Day Holiday- *No School!!*
Gifted & Talented Speaker @ Falls Church HS

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Principal's Coffee @ 2:00 pm

Monday, Oct. 26

Basketball Registration ENDS



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Please join us for the next **Principal's Coffee on Tuesday October 19 at 2pm**. Mrs. Fernandez will be leading a discussion on the Foreign Language Exposure program which is being launched at Mantua this year. The program, which was developed in conjunction with the Italian Embassy, will be introduce Italian into the curriculum of all third grade students. We will also have staff on hand from the FLEX (Foreign Language Experience) program to answer any questions you may have. The coffees are a wonderful way to meet other parents and school staff. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The coffee will be at the home of Corinne Habel and limited child minding will be available. Korean and Spanish translators will be available. RSVP to Corinne at chabel1@cox.net or 703-246-9210. We hope to see you there.

SALLY FOSTER CONCLUDES IN GRAND STYLE

Thank you so much for turning in your Sally Foster orders. We are busily processing orders to ensure that you receive your products during the Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled for November 1 and 2. We'd love to have you help us with delivery on October 28. Email either of us if you're interested.

We have winners for our bug estimating contest! Our first place winners are Brian Yudkin and Christopher Hill, both from Ms. Wilson's class. (Brian and Christopher guessed the exact amount of bugs!) Our second place winners are Rebecca Cho from Ms. Baker's class and Isun Malekghasseni from Ms. Borrelli's class. Our third place winner is Jacqueline Nguyen from Ms. Buck's class. Also...honorable mentions go to Brynne Townley from Ms. Wilson's class, Swetha Rao from Mr. Malc's class, Ariella Richmond from Ms. Bousbouras' class, Hanna Qi from Ms. Garneski's class, Kateri Crist and Joshua Schiffres both from Ms. Blaney's class, and John Cho from Ms. Coutcher's class. Our first, second and third place winners will receive prizes.

We'll announce winners for our on-line registration contest in a future Alert News.

Don't forget that you can buy Sally Foster on-line through January 15, 2005. On-line prize credit runs through October 15. Thank you again for supporting Mantua by buying and selling Sally Foster.

Lynn Richmond @
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Please Donate to the Auction

We need your donations in order to make the Auction a success. All donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated.

Be creative! It's for a great cause. The PTA provides funding for technology upgrades that the school doesn't have adequate funds for, supports field trips, and gives your child's classroom teacher funding to purchase needed books and supplies.

Every family has something to donate:

- Ask your employer or your child's dance/hobby instructor to donate goods or services.
- Share professional services of your own (piano lessons, estate planning, accounting services, or even babysitting).
- Donate possessions (a weekend at your vacation home, no longer needed musical instruments, theater or sporting event tickets).
- Share a hobby (a gourmet meal, party planning, quilting work, or a dessert sampler), or solicit donations from establishments you frequent.

You can tell us about your donation online (www.mantuapta.org) or by filling out the form sent home.

SPIRIT NIGHT AT WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL

This Friday, October 15th, is Spirit Night at the Woodson High School football game where Woodson is playing the Madison Warhawks. The evening will begin with the Elementary School Spirit Run (be sure to wear your Mantua T-shirts or any red shirt) where pre-Woodson students lead the team onto the field and do a jog around the track. You must arrive by 7:00 if you would like to participate in the run. Students will be called by loudspeaker down to a meeting place on the field to begin the run. Kickoff is at 7:30. The Frost and Woodson bands will be playing at half-time and Outback Steakhouse will be on site selling hamburgers and chicken fingers. Proceeds will benefit the Band and Athletic Booster organizations. Tickets are \$5 at the gate. Parking can be difficult so try to get to Woodson early or consider parking at Fair City Mall or Frost Middle School and walking to the game. Questions -- email or call Julia Margulies at margfam2@aol.com, (703)978-7156.

MANTUA PTA MEETINGS

Mantua PTA meetings are held on the first Wed of every month at 7:00 pm in the school library. Everyone is invited to attend. It is a great way to keep in touch with what is going on at school.

The schedule of meetings is: Oct 6, Nov3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, June 1.

Attention Volunteers for the Take Home Reading/ Bag of Books program

There will be a training on October 13th at 9:15 in the lower pod for all volunteers for the Take Home Reading/Bag of Books program. Questions, please contact Judy Regan at JRegan04@cox.net.

Alert News Contributions

Send via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org or contact Mary Rustick at 703-591-7160.

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PROVIDENCE PLAYERS

Providence Players of Fairfax, formerly known as the Frost Players, proudly present our fall offering (our seventh season!). Providence Player members are comprised primarily of parents and students in the Mantua, Frost, and Woodson pyramid. Membership is open to all who want to work on stage or behind the scenes to provide affordable, quality Community Theater to our area.

We'll open October 15th, with the perennial favorite, *Heaven Can Wait* by Harry Segall. This comedy-fantasy brings us Joe Pendleton, a fighter with a big heart and an unfortunate problem. An overzealous "escort" has taken him before his time to the pearly gates! With the assistance of his heavenly companions, the mysterious Mr. Jordan and the unfortunate escort, 7013, Joe does some body hopping before finding his true destiny, along the way finding true love and solving a murder!

Heaven Can Wait runs October 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th at 7:30 PM and October 24th at 2 PM (matinee). We perform at our new venue, the newly renovated James Lee Community Center Theater- 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church Virginia 22042.

Information about our new season is available on the web: www.providenceplayers.org. There you will also find ticket pricing and a map to our new venue, James Lee Community

Art Room Needs:

- ✍ Button down long sleeve work shirts (no shirts that slide over the head): please wash with hot water before you bring them in.
- ✍ A parent volunteer to wash smocks weekly (pick up on Friday and drop off on Monday)
- ✍ Boxes of Tissues
- ✍ A parent volunteer to help with laminating, cutting paper, hanging art work and preparing materials

Tissues and shirts can be placed in the large white bin in the hallway by the art room.

Please e-mail Jennifer.Watkins@fcps.edu if you can help.

FLEX PROGRAM

FLEX Confirmation letters in today's Tuesday folder. If you registered for a Foreign Language (FLEX) class and do not have a confirmation form in today's folder indicating class location, time and date, please contact Linda Halstead at 703-503-5175 or pajusihalstead@cox.net. Classes begin next Monday, October 18th.



Mantua Basketball is Back!

Registration has begun for another great season of the Mantua Basketball League. Boys and Girls in Grades 3 – 6 can participate in one of the best house leagues around. All games and practices will be held at Mantua. You can learn more and register on line through the Mantua PTA website www.mantuapta.org. Information will also be sent home in a future Tuesday Folder. Please include a check for \$40 payable to MANTUA PTA with your registration form or pay online thru PayPal.

Volunteers are always needed to make the league a success for everyone. If you are interested in volunteering please complete the back of the registration form. If you are willing to be a coach or assistant coach, please contact Rob Mead at Mantuaball@cox.net.

Registration will end October 26 and Player Evaluations will be held on Saturday, 11/6 and Sunday, 11/7.

A CLOTHING DRIVE FOR KIDS IN LOCAL SHELTERS

NEEDED: NEW SOCKS, MITTENS, GLOVES, SCARVES AND HATS

Please help the Kids Care Club help other kids less fortunate by donating new socks, mittens, gloves, scarves and hats. Place them in our collection box in the front foyer across from the cafeteria now until OCT 15. Thank you in advance for your support, which helps us support the Fairfax Human Service Council's service project for VolunteerFest 2004. Any questions, contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com or call 703-426-2490.

Help Out a Family in Need Please help!!

Clothing is needed for 2 students.
Girls Sizes 10 and 7.
Pants, sweaters, coats, hat, gloves, shirts.
Please bring clothing to Lesley Kravitz
in room 33. Thank you.

PTA RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Mantua PTA collects and recycles empty printer cartridges and cell phones. Not only does this cut down on the amount of waste sent to landfills, but we raise money for PTA programs, as well.

If you have empty inkjet, laser, fax, and copier cartridges, or used cell phones, please put them in the drop box located in the school lobby under the PTA bulletin board. (Please don't include toner bottles, toner tubes, or printer ribbons as these are not recyclable.) If possible, pack the larger cartridges in their original boxes. If you have any questions or are interested in having cartridges shipped directly from your home or office, please e-mail Donna Konigsberg at dkk@cox.net.

REFLECTIONS - "A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO..."

Have you heard of Reflections? Reflections is a PTA sponsored program that promotes the arts in the areas of Visual Arts, Photography, Literature and Music. Students create a piece of artwork, take a photo, write a song or story about this year's theme, "A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO.....". Entries will be judged and winners will have their work submitted to the next level of judging. All participants will have their works displayed in school and will receive recognition at the end of year awards ceremony. We are now accepting entries. Deadline is November 5, 2004.

Reflections Theme Search for future 2005-2006

Have a great idea for the next Reflections theme? The National PTA is looking for a student suggested theme. The winning student will receive \$100 and recognition at the National PTA convention. Submit your theme today! Theme applications can be picked up at the PTA bulletin board area or the PTA website. Deadline for a new theme is October 27, 2004.

Rules and information can be picked up at the PTA bulletin board area or the PTA homepage at www.mantuapta.org (click Activities/Events, click Reflections). For questions, contact Deanna Woo at dtwoo@aol.com.