



Mantua PTA Alert News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Grades K-3

Thursday, Nov. 18

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Grades 4-6

Friday, Nov. 19 & Saturday, Nov. 20

Drama Club Presents "An Evening
with Mark Twain"

Saturday, Nov. 20

Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 24

2 Hour Early Dismissal
Hands on Science Registrations Due

Thursday, Nov. 25—Friday, Nov. 26

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS—
No School!!

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM SIGN - UP

We had a great turnout at the OM Information Night last Wednesday and are forming teams at every grade level. Even if you were unable to attend, there is still time for students to sign-up. WE STILL NEED A FEW CO-COACHES, too. There is an excellent training for coaches/interested parents this Saturday, Nov. 20, from 8:30 to 12:30, at Mark Twain Middle School in Springfield (which is about 20 min. from Mantua). You will be inspired about this great program! For student or co-coach sign-up or if you just want some more information, please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or randi_kirkland@yahoo.com.

HANDS ON SCIENCE WINTER REGISTRATION

Registration forms (bright green) for the Architecture and Engineering winter session "Connectivity" were sent home in last Tuesday's folder.

Grades K-1

Dive into Dimensions
Mondays 1:35 pm & Fridays 7:55 am

Grades 2-3

Towers and Tales
Mondays 1:35 pm, Wed. & Fri. 7:55 am

Grades 4-5-6

Behind the Magic
Mondays 1:35 pm & Fridays 7:55 am

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK JANUARY 31, 2005. The last day to register in Wednesday, NOVEMBER, 24. Classes fill up quickly, so register as soon as possible. Questions? Please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or mail to: randi_kirkland@yahoo.com

Mantua PTA Auction: First-Round Closing!

**Hurry,
the Entertainment and Merchandise
categories are closing at 10:00 p.m.
this Wednesday!**

<http://auction.mantuapta.org/>

Don't miss this last opportunity to win items in these categories and support all our kids at Mantua at the same time. Auction monies help buy computer and non-computer equipment, help pay for teaching tools and staff development, for classroom books and supplies, and for so much more! (Browse the Auction's "Principal's Wish List" for some specific examples.)

The other auction categories will remain open and you'll still be able to get great bargains by bidding on some audacious auction items.

The Getaways and Services categories will be open till December 1, and the Faculty Fun and Restaurants categories won't close till December 8. But on Wednesday, November 17, at 10:00 p.m., Entertainment and Merchandise items will go to the highest bidders! **Including you??**

Join in the fun!

<http://auction.mantuapta.org/>

You may pay for and pick up your Entertainment and Merchandise winnings at school during the Grade 4-6 Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 18. Payment at school is by cash or check (payable to Mantua PTA) only.

OUR SCHOOL SKATE PARTY IS JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS AWAY!

Make sure this fun event is on your calendar! On Sunday, December 5th, we have the whole place to ourselves from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Admission is only \$3 per skater. Bring your own skates or rent roller or inline skates for \$2.50. There are good deals for food, laser tag, and moon bounces, plus there are lots of arcade games. You'll have a great time!

Everyone is welcome! The facility-use agreement has a 100-person minimum, but Skate-N-Fun Zone can accommodate many more, so bring along as many friends as you wish -- the more, the merrier!

Questions? contact Donna Yudkin (DQY@cox.net; 703-641-8779).

SPORTS MAGNETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

If you missed the chance to buy a magnet during the basketball player placement evaluations, you can still get one or more if you are shopping for the holidays! I still have plenty of the basketball, soccer, and baseball magnets -- each just \$3.

To order them, contact Donna Yudkin at 703-641-8779 or DQY@cox.net.

WOODSON COMMUNITY COALITION

AN EVENING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

In conjunction with the Woodson and Frost PTAs and the Woodson Students Against Destructive Decisions, we invite parents and students to an evening with STEVE FITZHUGH presenting "MAKING RIGHT CHOICES".on Tuesday, Nov 23 at 7pm in the Frost Cafeteria. Steve is a noted speaker and retired NFL player who relates a positive message on critical issues affecting our children today encouraging them to make the right choices.

NEXT MEETING:

Coalition Connection Coffee on Tuesday, December 7 at 10 am at the JCC.

PTA Newsletter

The PTA's quarterly newsletter is available right now! It's got all the highlights you've come to expect, and more. Find it on the PTA home page, www.mantuapta.org, at the Newsletter link, or download it directly from http://www.mantuapta.org/about/newsletter/2004/Newsletter_2004-11.pdf.

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Sally Foster Corrections Due!!

If you have not yet checked your child's Sally Foster order for completeness and accuracy, please do it today! In addition to checking the items in the boxes, also check to be sure that you brought home only the boxes with your child's name on them.

We are missing a couple of boxes for 2 children's orders.

If you find that you have someone else's box, or that there are problems with your child's order, please call Jeannine Davies at 703-383-1256, or email j9davies@cox.net

Thanks again for another great year with our Sally Foster fundraiser!!

MANTUA ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR NOW OPEN!!

The annual Mantua Book Fair will be held in the school library with hundreds of titles from Bookworm Plantation, both fiction and non-fiction for all ages, preschool to adult. Teacher "wish lists" will be available should you want to donate books to your child's classroom. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the school library. Also, don't forget to check our librarian's wish list to donate a book to the library in your child's name.

Hours for the sale are as follows:

Tuesday, November 16

8:30 AM to 8 PM

EXTENDED

HOURS!!!

Wednesday, November 17

8:30 AM to 4 PM

Thursday, November 18

8:30 AM to 4 PM

Friday, November 19

8:30 AM to 12 noon

Please note that the sale ends at noon so that we may pack up the remaining books for the vendor. Parents, please remember to visit the book fair while at the school for your child's Thanksgiving luncheon.



DRAMA CLUB

Mark your calendars for November 19th and 20th. This year's Drama Club presents "An Evening with Mark Twain" in the form of three short plays and a musical.

The Trial of Tom Sawyer by Virginia Glasgow Kosie is a play taken from The Adventures of Tom Sawyer with such great characters as Becky Thatcher, Aunt Polly, Huck Finn and of course, Tom Sawyer.

The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain adapted by Joellen Bland. This is the classic tale of switched identities of a young prince in the 1500's and a poor pauper, each wanting to know how the other half lives.

In the Garden of Eden adapted from Twain by Tim Kelly. A young Mark Twain takes us to the Garden of Eden where we meet tourists, bird watchers, animals and of course, Adam and Eve. A light hearted tale of Twain's view of Eden.

Musical Twain This upbeat musical and dance production features two original songs by John Engerman The Grandest River in the World and Tall Tales on the Mississippi.

Come join us for an evening of drama, song and dance! Show time begins at 7:00pm. Saturday's performance will be sign language interpreted.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA

Washington National Opera 's acclaimed school progra, the Opera Look-in, is now available for the first time to family audiences. This one hour performance includes demonstrations by members of the Washington National Opera Orchestra and production staff, and culminates with lively excerpts from Federico Moreno Torroba's zarzuela, Luis Fernanda, with full staging, costumes and orchestra.

Event time: Saturday, November 20, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. @ the Kennedy Center Opera House. **Cost:** youth-\$10.00 Adults \$15-35.00

For more info, visit their website at www.dc-opera.org or call 800.US.OPERA.

KIDS CARE CLUB

CALLING ALL LEAF RAKERS WE STILL NEED YOU!!

The Kids Care Club needs your services again this weekend.

Due to the rainy weather last week, there are still several yards that need

our service. Additionally, there are 3 homes on Duval Street that require bagging. The Dain family has offered the services of their riding mower. If you are able to lend a hand, please meet in front of the school at 10am on Saturday, Nov 20.

Check the front door of the school for a posting of where crews will be and join one if you can. Please let Jennifer Cooper know if you are able to help Saturday or some other time that's more convenient:

jalcooper@aol.com

703-426-2490

Thanks for helping!

KEEP THE EYEGLASSES COMING!!

Eyeglasses are still being collected until Wednesday, November 24 when we break for Thanksgiving. All donations will support the Lions Club/LensCrafters project of repairing them for those in need.

NEXT KIDS CARE CLUB MEETING:

Thursday, DEC 2 3:30-4:30 in the cafeteria to discuss our December Holiday Giving project.

WIZARD VS. HAWKS - SPECIAL

Come enjoy a special opportunity to watch the Washington Wizards play the Atlanta Hawks on Sunday, January 2 at Noon. The Wizards have extended an offer for Club Seats (that normally go for \$90) for just \$30 per seat (plus \$5 per order). To take advantage of this great offer, please contact Jill Buxbaum at 202-628-3200 X6980 or jbuxbaum@washsports.com and let her know you are from Mantua. Please act quickly – there are only a limited number of seats available for this great

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