



Mantua PTA Alert News

December 7th, 2004

Page 1 of 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Woodson Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Faculty Fun, Restaurants, and Bargains Auction ENDS!

Thursday, Dec. 9

Hands on Science
Registration Ends

Thursday, Dec. 16

Kids Care Club Meeting

Thurs, Dec. 23 – Fri, Dec. 31

Winter Break

A New Auction Category

Check out the new Bargains category on the auction web site! It's a second chance at some items you might have missed in the first rounds. There are ski packages, tennis rackets, martial arts classes, fitness memberships, hair conditioning treatments, and more. Last opportunity!

The Faculty Fun, Restaurants, and Bargains categories close this Wednesday, December 8th at 10:00 pm. Don't miss out!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

Mantua Elementary School is looking for Substitute teachers. Please consider designating Mantua as the only school you wish to substitute and don't forget to include your days of availability.

The sign up process is easy and starts at the FCPS web site:

<http://www.fcps.edu/DHR/subs/home.htm>, scroll down to *Hiring Process for Substitutes*.

It's a wonderful working environment and a great way to earn money, too.

SPECIAL ALERT NEWS NOTICE

There will be no ALERT NEWS or E-ALERT distributed for the week of Dec. 20th and Jan. 3rd. Please submit all interested articles to be included in the Dec. 14th edition to alertnews@mantuapta.org no later than Sunday, Dec. 12th. **No late articles please!**

HANDS ON SCIENCE

for Grade 4/5/6

There are a few more spaces available in the third Friday morning HOS class "Behind the Magic," for 4/5/6 graders. The class meets at 7:55 - 8:55 am. The topic for the winter session is "Connectivity: Architecture and Engineering. Class will start the week of January 31, 2005. Registrations are due by Thursday, December 9, but space is limited so send in the registration as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need a registration form please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or email randi_kirkland@yahoo.com.

KIDS CARE CLUB

CHECK OUT the Kids Care Club Snowman Scene in the front hall and today's flyer with gift items for donations. All items are due by DEC 16 (Except those for Bailey's which are needed by Dec 9). Just drop them in the box below Mr. Gilbert our snowman and know that you made someone special smile! Thanks for your support.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday December 16 in the Cafeteria from 3:30-4:30, the Kids Care Club will meet to wrap presents for our Holiday Gift Giving Project. Please bring a roll of wrapping paper and come help us prepare everything for delivery on December 20 after school. Contact Jennifer Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com 703-426-2490 to say you'll be there.

TALENT SHOW--Share to Care

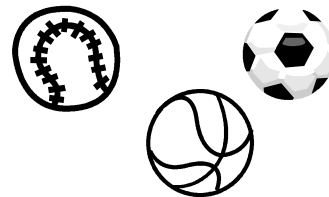
Standby for more information on our 4th annual Share to Care Talent show set for Feb 12, 2005. Start preparing your acts now!!

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.

Photo may differ from original magnet.



WOODSON COMMUNITY COALITION

Today, (Tuesday, Dec 7) is our Coalition Connections Coffee--hope to see you at the JCC at 10am in Room 107-108. Questions, contact Jennifer Cooper, jalcooper@aol.com 703-426-2490 or Leanne Stynchula, stynchula@cox.net 703-280-1878

Alert News Contributions

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

Thanks to Jeriann Stone Mikesh and Donna Konigsberg for copying and distributing and to Stacy Burdetsky for proofreading.

Mantua PTA Alert News



ExxonMobil Matching Gift Grant

The library is the happy recipient of a \$500 Volunteer Grant from the ExxonMobil Foundation. I would like to thank Linda Lorang who worked 21 volunteer hours here in the library to qualify for the matching grant. Linda, whose husband, Kenneth, works for ExxonMobil, brought the program to my attention and initiated the endeavor for which I am most appreciative. As you can see this was a win-win situation for Mantua. Not only did we get the volunteer help but the grant as well! Thank you all so much for your continued support.



CLOTHING & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Cub Scout Pack 1533 is sponsoring a clothing and school supply drive to help assist the children in Afghanistan.

For the next two weeks the Cub Scouts will be collecting used and new clothing: coats, childrens' clothing, shoes, socks, blankets, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap. We would also like to send some basic school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons and pads of paper and notepads

Monetary donations are requested from area businesses and/or charity organizations to assist with mailing costs. Please make checks payable to Pack 1533 and note Adopt-a-Village project. A box will be placed outside of the front office at school marked "Adopt-a-Village".

Please contact Pam Pavord
(pamrosetti@cox.net or
703-273-0106).

SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION SHARING

If you are interested in current trends and issues in the field of Special Education, including everything from early intervention and multiple disabilities to Gifted and Talented Programs, you should contact our PTA Special Education Liaison Dave Lenox at dlenox@cox.net.

Dave is a member of the FCPS PTA/ Special Education Representative group that collects articles and leads discussions in all areas of Special Education programming. Dave's role on the PTA is to serve as a support persona and source of information for those curious about Special Education. He is eager to add members to his email group and to support families and/or teachers curious about Special Education issues.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Participating brands are Campbell's, V8, V8 Splash, Prego, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, and Franco-American. Please deposit your labels and lids in the red box located at the front of the school.

Questions can be directed to Jan Syers at mjfielder@yahoo.com.

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 apiece 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 rate.

Congratulations to all REFLECTIONS winners!

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
K	Jacob DeLange
1st	Taylor Sarlo Grace Smoot
2nd	Katharine Cox, Hannah Fritzingler Caroline Taheri
3rd	Mari Berger Joshua Smoot Emily Cox
4th	Jamie Kravitz Denise Davies Brian Yudkin
6th	Johannah Gehman Hannah Konigsberg Ethica Burt Ben Newman Amanda Woo

Literature/Primary Division (K-2):
Taylor Sarlo

Literature/Intermediate Division (3-5):
Emily Cox

Literature/Middle Division (6-8):
Ben Newman

Visual/Primary Div (K-2):
Grace Smoot

Visual/Intermediate Div (3-5):
Mari Berger

Visual/Middle Div (6-8):
Johannah Gehman

Photography/Primary Div (k-2):
Grace Smoot

Photography/Intermediate Div (3-5):
Joshua Smoot

Art work will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy. Thank you to the students who participated and Good Luck to the students entering in the District level!

LOST AND FOUND

In conjunction with Cub Scout Pack 1533, all Lost and Found items will be donated to charity on Friday, Dec. 10th. Cub Scout Pack 1533 will collect all lost and found items and include it with their clothing drive. Please don't forget to visit the lost and found closet for those missing coats and lunch boxes!