Mantua PTA Alert News

September 13, 2005

Please come to the first PTA meeting of the year!
It's Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.
Attending PTA meetings is a great way to be involved in your children's education. Among other topics, we'll be voting on the budget at this meeting. Please come!

PTA Opportunities

The Mantua PTA still has some wonderful opportunities available for people who wish to get involved. Please consider volunteering for one of these important positions:

- Community Spirit Committee -- we need a chairperson and members to coordinate the T-Shirt Sale, Restaurant Nights, and other Fundraisers promoting community spirit.
- Take Home Reading -- this is an important program for the K-2 students. It helps reinforce their emerging reading skills!
- Alert News Distribution -- responsible for preparing hard copies of the weekly newsletter for those families not on the Internet.

Please check the "About the PTA" tab at www.MantuaPTA.org for the complete list of board positions.

MantuaPTA.org

The PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org, is a great place to get current PTA information. The calendar's up to date, there's info on upcoming events, and we try to post as many pictures as we can find on events just after they happen. There's lots of information on the many, many PTA-sponsored activities. And the new Parent Database gives you control of your PTA-email entry and other Directory information. You can even use it to join the PTA or let us know with which activities and events you'd like to help -- all right online.

Use MantuaPTA.org to help you keep in touch with your PTA!

Mantua is Sweet on Sally Foster!

Mantua's annual Sally Foster fundraiser is underway! You received your Sally Foster sales kit in your child's Back-to-School folder at the September 1 Open House.

Sally Foster's gift wrap rolls are HUGE and of the highest possible quality. (In addition to the beautiful gift wrap, you'll also be able to order unique gifts, scrumptious chocolates and other delectable goodies --- all in time for the holidays.) Best of all … every item purchased contributes 50% to Mantua!

Don't forget to visit SallyFoster.com to buy online. Use the link at the PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org -- that link ensures that all online purchases also contribute 50% to Mantua!

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Richmond at lynnrichmond95@cox.net or 703-280-0220. Thank you for supporting Mantua by buying Sally Foster!

Ice Cream Social

The Ice Cream Social is this Friday, September 16, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We still need volunteers to help sell tickets and glow sticks, and to scoop those countless bowls of ice cream. Please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at kavjianPTA@aol.com.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.
Congrats and thanks to Carrie Clawson -- this year's Alert News editor!
www.mantuapta.org

Interested in Cub Scouts?

Parents with boys in grades 1-5, are you interested in spending more time with your boys doing fun things like camping, singing, crafts, hiking, building Pinewood Derby race cars, and lots of other fun activities? Boys, are you interested in spending more time with your parents, showing them how you can develop more leadership, character, and citizenship skills? Then join **Cub Scout Pack 1533!!** Learn more at **Join Scouting Night,** October 6 in the Mantua cafeteria starting at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, we will have a table set up at Back To School Night, September 22 and September 29. For more information contact Mel Yudkin at yudkin@cox.net or Craig Oliver at ctoliver@cox.net.

Auction News

We've begun planning for the 2005 edition of Mantua PTA's Online Auction! The Auction is fun, and it raises about half the funds that enable the PTA to buy computer equipment, implement programs, and help benefit Mantua Elementary and all our children.

This is an auction for the entire community -- and *it takes* the entire community! We encourage everyone to donate items or services to the Auction. We encourage everyone to bid generously, and to clue in their friends across town or around the world. It's on the web, after all! And we encourage our local businesses to become Auction sponsors. The Auction's a great way to give your business lots of exposure to our very large community! See the information on the PTA web site, www.MantuaPTA.org.

Volunteer Opportunities. Even an online auction needs volunteers! Help with publicity or by soliciting businesses for donations or in lots of other ways. Contact Carole Thomas at caroleandjay@aol.com or 703-978-6159 or Faye Henris at faye@henrisff.com or 703-280-1080.