Mantua PTA Alert News

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# Help a Child! Become a Mentor!

MentorWorks is a countywide program now being used in Fairfax County Public Schools in order to connect as many students as possible with an additional caring adult. In this role, the mentor spends about a half hour a week with the same child over the school year. The visits usually take place during the child's lunch period (or after school at SACC if the child is enrolled there). Training provided.

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile program, please contact Pam Promisel at ppromisel@cox.net or 703 280-9812 or or Teresa McConnel at 703 645-6300 or teresa.mcconnel@fcps.edu.

### KIDS CARE CLUB

Do you know anyone who wants to rake leaves? Is your Girl Scout or Boy Scout organization looking for a service project? The Kids Care Club is going to meet in front of Mantua on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at 10 am to rake for some of our senior neighbors but if your organization would like to help out on another day, please contact Donna McGrath at <u>dsm721@cox.net</u> or Patti Taheri at <u>mptaheri@cox.net</u>.

# **Book Fair Next Month: Volunteers Needed**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Book Fair. We are still looking for volunteers, particularly with the later hours and pack up on the last day. Please sign up to help for one of the following times.

Set-up Thursday, November 10th, from 11:00-3:30. Friday, November 11th, from 8:30-4:00. Monday, November 14th, through Friday, Nov. 18th. Sale hours are 8:30-4:00 daily. Closing Noon on Friday, 11/18. Extended hours on Tuesday, November 15th, until 8:00. Pack-up Friday, November 18th, Noon to 3:30.

To volunteer please contact Claire Fritzinger at plntclar@speakeasy.net or call 703-205-9033. Thanks for your help! - Claire Fritziner and Carrie Clawson

## Don't Forget to Recycle your old Printer Cartridges!

Earn Money for Mantua - Save the Environment too.

Recycle Empty Printer Cartridges...

125 million lbs are dumped into landfills annually, let's reuse them instead.

Rais*e Funds for our School!* We earn from 25 cents to \$8.00 per cartridge

*It's easy to do!* Just bring your empty ink jet or laser cartridges from home or work and place them in the gray rubber maid container in the front lobby of Mantua school.

*Or*, if you use more than 6 laser cartridges in a month period, I could help you set up a program at your home or office. Sponsoring a cartridge recycling program will cost nothing (OK, a little time, a box or two, and shipping tape) and Mantua receives the funds directly! Interested? Call Karen Pollard at 703-280-5854 (h), 703-308-3948 (wk) or send an e-mail at pollard.karen@epa.gov.

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# The Mantua PTA Auction Is Coming

### **Bidding Starts in November**

The auction is one of our school's largest fundraisers, raising about half of the money used by the PTA to purchase computer equipment, implement programs, and meet other school needs that benefit Mantua and our children. This year's auction will be held online only.

Thanks to our sponsors!

Gold: Christopher Companies

Silver: Fisher Group, Case Design, Renewal Windows, The Computer Workshop, International Motors

If you are interested in getting more information about being a sponsor please contact Carole Thomas ( Caroleandjay@aol.com) or Faye Henris (faye@henrissff.com).

#### Please Donate

Please consider making a donation to the auction - every family in the neighborhood has something to donate! Check out the Mantua PTA web site at

www.MantuaPTA.org. You can tell us about your donation online or by filling out the form sent home. Even if you do not have a child attending Mantua Elementary School, please consider donating to the auction because the PTA supports the community itself in many ways.

Once the auction begins the bidding closing dates are as follows:

Entertainment & Merchandise: 11/30 Getaways & Services: 12/7

#### Faculty Fun & Restaurants: 12/14

We would like the entire community to participate by donating to the auction and by bidding often and generously. We urge local and Mantuan owned businesses to support the auction by becoming auction sponsors. Volunteer

The auction needs volunteers, too. Please consider helping us make the auction a success. We need volunteers to help with publicity and to solicit area businesses for donations. If you can help, please contact Carole Thomas (caroleandjay@aol.com or 703-978-6159) or Faye Henris

(faye@henrisff.com or 703-280-1080).

### Cameron's Cause 5K Run/Walk on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 A.M.

Mantua's Cameron McClain continues his courageous battle with Leukemia. Cameron is currently scheduled for a bone marrow transplant at John's Hopkins in late October. On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 A.M., Haycock Elementary School is hosting a 5K Run/Walk to raise money for Cameron's Cause. Jay McClain, Cameron's father, is the Principal of Haycock Elementary. It would be wonderful to have a large Mantua showing at this event! Registration details, directions, and information about awards and prizes can be found on the Mantua PTA web site at www.mantuapta.org or you may register for the race directly at

www.active.com/event detail.cfm?event id=1264769.

Hardcopy registration forms will be available at the entrance of Mantua Elementary school.

In addition, Cameron's Cause Tshirts (long and short sleeve) are available for purchase in children and adult sizes. The cost is \$10 for short sleeved and \$12 for long. See the race registration form to order through October 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact John Philibin at insanecyclist@gmail.com.

#### Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org. Submissions are appreciated by the Friday before distribution. www.mantuapta.org

### 2005 Providence District VolunteerFest

We Need New Children's: Hats, Socks, Gloves, Scarves To Support the Local Shelters. There will be a Collection Box located in Mantua's front hall.

Collection Days: October 17 – 24, 2005