

Mantua PTA Alert News

December 13, 2005

Principal of the Year Nomination

The PTA nominated Jan-Marie Fernandez for the Fairfax County Principal of the Year Award. The nominees will be honored at this month's School Board meeting to be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School. Ultimately another nominee was selected as principal of the year, but we can honor Jan-Marie by joining her on stage while they read her nomination letters. For more information, please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at Kavjianpta@aol.com.

Smocks Needed for Art Room

Hello! The art room needs button up smocks. Please donate any old button up work shirts of varying sizes by dropping them off in front of the art room. All shirts must be clean. Thanks for your help in keeping our artists clean.

~Jennifer Watkins

National PTA Reflections Program

Thank you to all the students who participated this year. The judges had to select one entry from each category for each age division (K-2 and 3-6) to be sent to the council level. We should receive notification if any of our entries will be submitted to the state level by the beginning of January.

The recipients of the Outstanding Interpretation Award are:

Literature – Tessa Heller and Brette McPhilomy Photography – Sarah Smoot and Joshua Smoot Visual Art – Sarah Smoot and Katy Davies

The Manta PTA ON-Line Auction is almost coming to an end!

The final categories of Faculty Fun, Restaurants, and Bargains will all close on Wednesday, December 14 at 10pm...sharp.

The *Faculty Fun* category has wonderful opportunities for your child to spend time outside of the classroom with his/her favorite teacher or the counselors. They can see what it's like to be Principal or Assistant Principal for a Day, or have a party in the gym for 40 of their closest friends (an event they'll always remember). The *Restaurants* category has gift certificates to many wonderful local restaurants and fast food chains. You'll find everything from tacos, pizza, ice cream, burgers and fried chicken, to fine French and American dining. And if you've never been to Marrakesh, now's a great opportunity to experience it. We have a gift certificate for dinner for 10 at this fun Moroccan restaurant in Washington, D.C.

The *Bargains* category has unsold items from previously closed categories at fantastic prices. If you missed out, now's your chance to take a second look. There are some great items to round out your holiday shopping.

Take a look, but don't take too long! These last 3 categories will close on Wednesday, December 14, at 10:00 p.m. sharp.

Go to http://auction.mantuapta.org right now!

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Parent Resource Library Additions

The following books have been added to the *Parent Resource Library* located in Mantua Elementary School's Library – just inside the door on the left. Please remember to sign out the book (s) you borrow and return them in three weeks.

1-2-3 Magic by Thomas W. Phelan, Ph.D.

Queen Bees and Wannabes by Rosalind Wiseman

Homework Without Tears by Lee Canter and Lee Hausner, Ph.D.

If you have requests or suggestions for new titles, contact me at 703-641-8779 or donyud@cox.net.

Donna Yudkin, First Vice President, Mantua PTA

Earn Money for Mantua -Recycle Printer Cartridges, Cell Phones, PDAs and Laptops!

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

Raise Funds for our School! Thank you to all of you that have been participating. Since the beginning of 2005, we have already earned over \$400 dollars for Mantua by recycling these items.

Check at Work Too! Do you work at a hospital, printer or CPA? These businesses use a lot of printer cartridges and may not have a recycling program. Is your office replacing their cell phones? Ask for them - they may be happy to have them recycled!

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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