Mantua PTA Alert News

February 21, 2006

Calling all Box Tops! The deadline for the last submission for this school year is fast approaching. We will continue to collect Box Tops all year, but whatever we can collect before the end of February will get counted for this school year. So please—overwhelm us! Also, please keep sending those Campbell Labels.

5th Grade English: Writing SOL

On March 7th and March 8th, 5th grade students at Mantua will take the English: Writing SOL. This test has two components, multiple choice and direct writing. In order to obtain a score, a child must complete both components. The multiple choice component will be offered on March 7th and the direct writing component on March 8th. Parents can help by not scheduling appointments on these days and by encouraging their children to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthful breakfast, and come to school with a positive attitude.

Eyeglasses Lost at Basketball Game

A pair of prescription eyeglasses was left at a Mantua PTA basketball game on February 4th. They are silver metal frames, brand new and much needed.
If you have information on the glasses, please call Marina at 703-280-2222 (home) or 202-390-0120 (cell).

KIDS CARE CLUB: **SHARE TO CARE TALENT SHOW** – new date is **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th** starting at 6pm. Once again, pizza and refreshments will be available starting at 5:30. Please contact Patti Taheri at mptaheri@cox.net or Donna McGrath at dsm721@cox.net if you are unable to perform that night. We hope the weather will be a bit more cooperative!

MoMs Consigment Sale: Please join us on Saturday March 4 for the MOMs of Mantua children's consignment sale. Located at the Mantua Pool and Clubhouse, the sale will be 8am-1pm with the last hour featuring half price items. Throughout the day you will find spectacular bargains for babies, children and women. If you have any questions, please contact Corinne Habel at chabel1@cox.net

March 2nd is Read Across America Day.

Mantua School will be celebrating that event by having an evening of storytelling. On Thursday evening March 2nd in the library will be - A Story for a Story. From 6pm to 8pm there will be various teachers and members of the Mantua community sharing their favorite stories. All families are invited to share this event. This is the 3rd year for this wonderful evening of storytelling. The cost to enter is one new or gently used book. All the books collected will be donated to a school in need of building its library. If you would like to share a favorite book or story, please contact Janet Sottolano at Mantua School
(Janet.Sottolano@fcps.edu).

One More Time...SPRING HANDS ON SCIENCE REGISTRATION STARTS 2/21

Ready for fun with the sun? SOLAR ENERGY , one of our (2) favorite HOS sessions will begin the week of April 24. Many classes are held outdoors! Registration starts this week on Tuesday February 21. Please refer to the solar yellow flyer in this week's Tuesday Folder for descriptions of the classes and registration form. C LASSES FILL UP QUICKLY so send in the registrations as soon as possible. Questions? Please contact Randi Kirkland at (703) 208-2262 or e-mail at randi_kirkland@yahoo.com . REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST.
(Please note...HOS flyers DID NOT go out in the 2/14 Tuesday Folders due to the Monday snowday and copy machine failures.)

Woodson Renovation – Did you know that the current renovation plan does not include additional or improved gym space? Did you know the 25 proposed trailers that will be needed during the renovation are to be located on the front lawn? The president of the Woodson HS PTSA has written school board members requesting that DIT be relocated out of Woodson. This request has been denied. Relocating DIT would reduce the number of trailers needed and allow them to be placed in the side lot where the county vehicles are now parked. To learn more visit the Woodson HS PTSA website (www.wtwoodsonptsa.org).

Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls

Rachel Simmons, author of this New York Times Bestseller , will be speaking to adults in our community on this topic. Simmons is a pioneer in the exploration of school girl cruelty and treats the subject in a thorough, dynamic and illuminating manner.
Wednesday, March 15, 2006; 7 – 9 PM
West Springfield High School Cafeteria

Translators available upon request; Suggested donation $2.
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