Mantua PTA Alert News

March 28, 2006

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the Mantua Goes Hollywood Carnival a smash hit! Judging by the smiled obsereved, it was a great time for all the movie goers, and it couldn't be done without your help. A special thanks to our Carnival Coordinators, Elizabeth Wasserman and Cherie Curry.

RACCOON RUN

The race will take place on Saturday, May 13th – 8 am for the 1Mile Fun Run/Walk and 8:30 am for the 5K. Much thanks to our sponsors *Mantua Neighborhood Realtors Anne and Sarah Harrington of Long and Foster, Glory Days Restaurant, The Christopher Companies, the Hunter Family and Burke Family Practice.* All proceeds will benefit Inova Fairfax Hospital Life With Cancer. Registration forms are in your March MCA Newsletter (the last page) and you can also register on line at **raccoonrun.mantuapta.org**. If you need further information, you can call (703)426-2490.

KIDS CARE CLUB

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST – Thank you to all of the Mantua artists who submitted drawings for the Raccoon Run T-Shirt design contest. The Selection Committee has selected the design submitted by Dee Dee Montgomery (5th Grade) as the winner of the contest. Honorable Mention goes to Maggie Cullather (6th Grade), Georgia Stephens (3rd Grade) and Sydney and Meghan Farkas (4th and 2nd Grade). We appreciate the hard work shown by everyone who participated in the contest.

LOST and FOUND – although the lost and found was just emptied a few weeks ago, it is already filled with coats, gloves, sweaters, lunch boxes and other assorted goodies. March 30th is Literacy/Heritage Night and many parents attend this function so if you could take a moment to look through the items, it would be very helpful. The lost and found is located in the alcove along the sixth grade hallway.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.
Submissions are appreciated by the Friday before distribution.
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Recycle your old printer cartridges, cell phones, PDAs and laptops.

It's good for the Environment and good for Mantua !

What? Recycling printer cartridges (laser & ink jet), cell phones, PDAs and laptops

How? Bring in your used items from home or work and place them in the gray rubber maid container in the front lobby of Mantua school.

Why? If thrown away, these items will end up in landfills or will be burned. By recycling them, we can extend their useful life, saving raw materials and energy, at the same time we earn money for our school.

Electronics? I get asked lots of questions about the cell phones, PDAs and laptops. You want to know what happens to them when they get recycled. The recycler does triage to determine if the phone is good, bad or ugly. *Good: they refurbish for reuse; Bad: they sell it as parts; Ugly: it goes for processing into raw materials* . For more information about cell phones and their life cycle, check out the poster I hung where we collect the recycling.

Check Work Too! Be sure to ask at your work to see what they do with their printer cartridges, cell phones, PDAs (blackberries too), and laptops after they are done with them. They may be happy to have you recycle them!

Or, if you recycle a lot of these items consistently, I could help you set up a program at your home or office. Sponsoring a cartridge recycling program will cost nothing (Ok, some time, a box or two, and shipping tape) and Mantua receives the funds directly! Interested? Call me, Karen Pollard at 703-280-5854 (h), 703-308-3948 (wk) or send an e-mail to pollard.karen@epa.gov .