



# Mantua PTA Alert News

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*Goodness is the only investment that never fails.—Henry David Thoreau*

## Active Parenting Today Workshop Coming!

For whom does the bell toll? It tolls for any parents or childcare givers who are interested in attending the first session of the evening Active Parenting Today workshops at Mantua. The session, "Communication and Cooperation" will take place on Friday, February 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided. A \$5 donation is suggested if childcare is needed. The cost of the parenting book used in the class is \$13. Please reserve your spot by responding to Melissa Hodgman at [mhodgman@cox.net](mailto:mhodgman@cox.net) (preferred) or (703) 383-3801.

**KIDS CARE CLUB** – The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Share to Care Talent Show benefiting the Community Care Fund was held on Saturday night and it was a huge success. A big thank you to Mrs. Fernandez, our Master of Ceremonies and Kristen Sarlo for the Visual Arts Show. We also wanted to thank Brownie Troop 4906, Allen Clark, Carrie & Sam Clawson, the Contreras Family, Wendy Cox, Cheryl Dickison, Virginia Fisher, Ken Lifland, Maribeth Luftglass, Eileen Oliver, Maureen Pass, Lynn Richmond, Janis Risse, Jess and Nancy Robinson, Ana Rojas, Leanne Stynchula, Lynn Swanson, Goli Trump, Peter Tunnard, Nanci Weissgold and Beth Whitehead. Also, thanks to all of the Frost Middle School students who volunteered with us and the Mantua parents who stepped in to help when needed. Everyone was a tremendous help in making the show run smoothly. A very special thank you to Joyce Montgomery whose enthusiasm and positive attitude has made the show a success every year. We appreciate everyone's efforts in making this a fun night for their children - Donna McGrath and Dotti Taboni

**LOST & FOUND:** - Parents, did you attend a Mantua event and leave behind a jacket, sweatshirt, or gloves? There are many adult sized items in the lost and found as well as children's things. Even though there are many items waiting for their owners, almost everything is on hangars making it easier for everyone to look through and claim their pieces of clothing, lunch box or even a basketball. There are many events coming up during the month where you will probably be at school. Please take a few minutes to go through the bins as EVERYTHING WILL BE DONATED AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

## It's not too late to join the Mantua PTA!

With your support, the PTA has funded and contributed funds for computers, software, library resources, musical instruments, stage sound equipment, and cultural/educational assemblies. The PTA sponsors the basketball program, book fair, spring carnival, hands-on-science, drama club, foreign and sign language programs, fine arts festival, and volunteer programs. The PTA also produces the Yearbook, a newsletter, a weekly Alert News, and the Mantua School directory. **All families with at least one PTA member receive a Mantua School directory. Directories were distributed before winter break but there are still some directories left. Don't miss out. Send in your dues today!**

Send in cash or write a check to "Mantua PTA" for \$14 for a family membership or \$7 for a single membership. Include "PTA Membership," your child's name, and his/her class on the envelope. You may also mail your check to:

PTA Membership  
8509 Crestview Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22031

**THANK YOU!**

Anne Foster, PTA Membership

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