

## Mantua PTA Alert News for March 11, 2008

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*1. The next PTA meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday, March 11th at 7 pm in the library. This reflects a date change from March 5th.*

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## **2. A Big Top Thank You for the Carnival**

Hope you didn't miss it, because it was a great day at the Mantua Carnival Saturday. Take the opportunity to thank our carnival coordinator, Missy Greene. She worked tirelessly to make sure all the parts of the carnival were running smoothly. Huge thanks also to the carnival chairmen: MaryJo Kavjian, Melissa Morgan, Leslie Schiesl, Miriam Smolen, Karen Contreras, Nicole Armstrong, Carrie Clawson, Marybeth Abell, Carole Thomas, Pam Pavord, Carol Davis, Joni Henderson, Kristen Sarlo, and Linda Bubeck. Of course, the carnival would not be a success without the support of all the parents who helped with class booths, class baskets, and cake donations. Our children really benefited from this wonderful team effort. Kudos!

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## **3. Upcoming Dates for March 2008**

- 11 PTA Meeting 7:00**
- 12 Spring Pictures and Class Pictures**
- 13 Literacy/Heritage Night**
- 17-21 Spring Vacation /**

**Mantua Office Closed**

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## **4. Last Chance for Mantua T-Shirts**

If you would still like a Mantua T shirt, contact Jacquie Heller at 703.691.8085 or [eeblessed@aol.com](mailto:eeblessed@aol.com) immediately. Order forms will not be going home but a small order will be placed this Wednesday, March 12 for delivery after Spring Break. Youth t shirts are \$8 and adult are \$10 and all sizes are available in royal blue, lime green, and sport gray.

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## **5. Literacy Night/Heritage Showcase**

**On Thursday, March 13 th , Mantua will hold its annual Literacy Night/Heritage Showcase for students and their families. Mantua families from over a dozen countries will have displays and samplings at the Heritage Showcase in the cafeteria from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Classrooms will be open from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Families can tour the building to learn how students at every grade level acquire literacy across all areas of the curriculum.**

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## **6. The 8th Annual**

**RACCOON RUN is coming!!**

**Saturday May 10, 2008**

**Look for Pledge Program envelopes in the Tuesday Folder. This is a great way to raise money for a great cause. Once again, all our profits and donations**

**will benefit Life with Cancer in memory of our Mantua teacher, Roberta Romano.**

**All are invited to an organizational meeting on Wed March 26 at 730pm at the school. On line registration is available at : <http://raccoonrun.mantuapta.org/>**

**Contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, [jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jalcooper@aol.com) , Joyce Montgomery, [mojody84@cox.net](mailto:mojody84@cox.net) or Amber McClain, [amberjaymc@msn.com](mailto:amberjaymc@msn.com) for more information.**

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## **7. Mantua Basketball League Championships an Exciting Season Finish**

**The championship games for the Mantua Basketball league were held last week. Fans were treated to great basketball, excellent sportsmanship and the occasional chicken dance.**

In a matchup between two unusually tall teams for 3rd and 4th grade girls, Coach Swanson and Farkas' Celtics beat Coach Fisher and Dryer's Orange Dolphins. In the 5/6 girls league, Coach Miller and Gostel's Jedi edged Coach Mead and Plotnick's Energizer Bunnies by 2 points in a game that wasn't decided until the last minute.

In the 3/4 boys league, Coach McClain and Duong's Snowmen defeated the Heat coached by Trump, Moles and Urbanek. The championship game for the

boys 5/6 league may have been one of the most exciting games in Mantua basketball history. The final score of the game was 60-58 in overtime as Coach Parsons and Crotty's Hoyas edged Coach Foster and Wilkinson's Blizzard.

Thanks to all the volunteers that make the Mantua Basketball league successful.

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#### **8. Picture Day Help Needed This Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>**

The front office has asked for 3 volunteers to help with the Mantua E.S. School Photo day this Wednesday from 9am-3pm.

If you can help, please contact me ASAP. Call 703-359-4298 or email me.

Thanks,

Monica Cameron (Mantua PTA Volunteer Coordination team)

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**9. MANTUA DIRECTORY STILL AVAILABLE** – If you have not already done so, this is the perfect time to join the PTA and receive your Directory. Please 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,” member(s) name(s), your child’s name, and his/her class on the envelope. You may also mail your check to:

**PTA Membership**

**9335 Tovito Drive**

**Fairfax, VA 22031**

**THANK YOU!**

**Donna Stelling McGrath, PTA Membership**

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**10. Lunch Money – Spring Break is fast approaching – a great time for students to reimburse the office for borrowed lunch money! When our children forget their lunch money, the office is very kind to lend them money but we need to replenish the account. Please check with your children to see if they borrowed lunch money from the office and forgot to tell you. By reimbursing the office, funds will be available for the next person who needs to borrow for a day. Thanks for your help.**

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**11. MONEY FOR MANTUA WHEN YOU RECYCLE YOUR OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES, CELL**

**PHONES, PDAS, AND LAPTOPS!**

**Don't forget to bring in those used ink jet or laser printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops, or PDAs from home or work and place them in the gray rubbermaid container in the front lobby of Mantua school. You can also include any accessories like chargers, extra batteries, cases, headsets, etc. Mantua elementary earns oney for recycling all of the items through the Cartridges For Kids program.**

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**12. Rat Poison Alert**

**Please warn your children that if they see a neon green/blue brick about the size of a popsicle to not touch it and to notify an adult immediately. It's rat poison!**

**What we have determined is that someone has initially misused the product by scattering the bricks around instead of having them secured in a rodent trap. When not secured, the squirrels pick up the bait bricks and bury them. As the squirrels unearth the bricks, animals and children are at risk.**

**Five neighbors have now found complete bricks or half-eaten bricks on their driveways, foundation beds and yards. One neighbor found one 6 inches deep as**

she prepared her garden for spring annuals.

Bob Greene, PTA President

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**13. Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Award:** The Virginia Lottery is conducting a Super Teacher Award contest. Nominations must be submitted on or before April 11, 2008. The PTA believes we have many Super Teachers at Mantua and is working on several nominations. The Virginia Lottery has chosen the following criteria to use in their selection process:

**Passion and commitment to the teaching profession**

**Innovation and creativity in the classroom**

**Involve parents and families in their students' education**

If you would like to nominate a teacher, please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at [kavjianPTA@aol.com](mailto:kavjianPTA@aol.com) for more information.

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#### **14. Sneaker Recycling for Unique Project**

**RECYCLE** your old, worn-out tennis shoes, sneakers, running shoes, and basketball shoes. For one week only, Junior Girl Scout Troop 4333 will collect old sneakers to be taken to a Nike recycling center. Nike turns the shoes into " Nike Grind" which in turn becomes playgrounds and basketball courts. All brands of shoes are accepted. Please make sure there are no metal parts. Look for the box in the lobby the week of March 10. Thanks for helping out!

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