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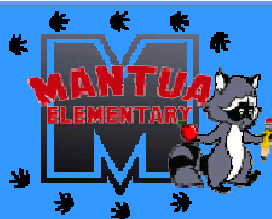
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# Mantua PTA Alert News

## May 18, 2010



## We Need Your Help to Keep Our Crosswalks Safe

There have been several close calls with our students in crosswalks in the past few weeks. As our students become even more excited with summer's approach, it is important for the parents to be vigilant about students as they leave school. Remember that state law prohibits parking in or near crosswalks. Turning around in or backing into a crosswalk could be dangerous with our smaller students in the crosswalks. A big thanks to the sharp-eyed moms who helped avert tragedy in the latest incidents.

## PTA Election on June 2, 7 pm

We will be voting in our next PTA Board at the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, June 2 in the library. Members, please attend to vote! FREECHILDCARE will be available...please contact Monica Cameron to reserve childcare spaces at [monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net).

Our current nominees are:

President: Nicole Armstrong

Vice-President 1: Lori Prendergast

Vice-President 2: Teresa Willebeek-LeMair

Secretary: Sandy Spector

Treasurer: Lori Recher

## Teachers and Staff Donate to Our Parents' Library!

Thanks to a wonderful gift of appreciation from the teachers & staff to our many parent volunteers, the Parent's Library (located inside the Mantua Library) has a number of new selections, hand-picked by our own teachers! Please stop by to "check out" the resources in the newly-expanded Parent's section. What a terrific way to give back to our families --thank you, Mantua teachers & staff!!

## Box Top Contest Update

As of May 14th, we have collected 6253 so far. Mr. Malc's class (6th Grade) is in the lead. We still have three more weeks to go. Spread the word to your neighbors, co-workers, businesses, and community members to help you collect the labels. Please look for a flyer on Box Tops products in the next Tuesday folder. Keep on cutting and keep on bringing!

## Committee Chairs Still Needed for 2010-11

The PTA is thrilled to have had such amazing response to our requests for Executive

Board Positions and committees which needed chairpersons. There are still a few spots to be filled, including very important fundraising roles.

For 2010-11 we still need the following:

Auction Coordinator: This is a very important fundraiser for Mantua. Please help us make next year's online auction as successful as this year's.

Yearbook

Family Data Processor

Mentorworks

Odyssey of the Mind

There may still be other committees available. Please contact Teresa Lemair (teresalemair@aol.com), Amy Ivey (a.m.ivey@att.net), or Monica Cameron (monica.cameron@cox.net) for more information.

### **Kirk Martin Speaking at Woodson High School June 5th**

Celebrate Calm - Nationally renowned speaker Kirk Martin will offer his 10 Secrets to a Stress-Free Home and School - Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Woodson High School. This is a free workshop for parents, teachers and the community! Learn how to create a calm home and reduce anxiety and stress at home and in school. Download the flier <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/documents/CelebrateCalm.pdf>.

### **Mantua Staff Basketball vs. Bailey's Elementary School on June 4th**

The Mantua Staff basketball team will be taking on Bailey's Elementary School Friday, June 4th at 7 PM at JEB Stuart High School. Tickets will be available for purchase mornings before school during the week of the game. Tickets will be \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults. Tickets the night of the game will be \$5.00. Please see your Tuesday folder for a notice with more information. Hope to see you there. Go Raccoons!

### **Return Those Library Books!**

Please assist your student in returning overdue or misplaced library books to the Mantua Library. Overdue notices will be distributed weekly through the end of the school year. Ask your student if they have received an overdue notice and help them locate the listed library books to return to school. (Don't forget to look under the bed, in the old backpack, in the toy box, under the car seat, and between the sofa cushions!) If your student is still reading a book listed on the notice, ask him or her to stop by the library to renew the book. Students should speak to Ms. Sigle or Ms. Rojas if they have questions about items on their overdue notice.

### **MUSE Meeting and Presentation by OT Scotte McElwain**

Please join us Wednesday May 19th at 7:00pm in the library for the next MUSE (Mantua Unites to Support Special Education) meeting. There will be a presentation by Scotte McElwain, OT. Topics of discussion will include Occupational Therapy, Sensory Integration, Brain Gym and handwriting. This is our last meeting of the school year and we will be planning topics for meetings in the next school year. All parents, guardians

and teachers are invited, you do not need to have a child involved in special education to attend.

Would you like to join our planning committee or have questions? Contact:  
Kathy McCabe: [kathy.mccabe@fcps.edu](mailto:kathy.mccabe@fcps.edu)  
Jennifer Hislop: [jjkrhislop@yahoo.com](mailto:jjkrhislop@yahoo.com)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MantuaSpecialEd/>  
<http://www.mantuapta.org/parents/muse.php>  
<http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/MUSEmay19.pdf>

## Important Upcoming Events

Mon 5/17: **SOL** - Reading, Grade 4

Mon 5/17, 7-8:30pm: 2010 **Drama Club Meeting** (library)

Tue 5/18: **SOL** - Reading Part I, Grade 3

Wed 5/19: **SOL** - Reading Part II, Grade 3

Wed 5/19, 7pm: **MUSE Presentation** (Library)

Thu 5/20: **SOL** - Reading, Grade 5

Fri 5/21: **SOL** - Reading, Grade 6

Mon 5/24: **SOL** - Science, Grade 3

Tue 5/25: **SOL** - Math, Grades 3 & 4

Wed 5/26: **SOL** - Math, Grade 5 (Compacted students take Grade 6 Math)

Thu 5/27: **SOL** - Math, Grade 6 (Compacted students take Grade 7/8 Math)

Fri 5/28: **SOL** - Make-Ups

Fri 5/28: Last Day for **Library Book** Checkout

Fri 5/28, 1:35pm: **Early Release**

Mon 5/31: **School Closed**: Memorial Day Holiday

## Community Events

### Woodson Boys' Basketball Camp Offered

A summer camp is being offered for ages 8-15 . For complete details, go to <http://www.wtwoodsonsports.org/index.cfm?action=main.teamcamps&id=3410>

### Looking for a Summer Camp?

Don't forget to check out our PTA website's page with recommendations for camps: <http://www.mantuapta.org/parents/summercamps.php> . Every camp listed was suggested by one of our own school families!

## Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org).  
Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

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