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PTA Family Night out Next Wednesday

Yankee Doodle went to town a-riding on a pony; stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni. Come to a PTA Family Night Out at Noodles & Company in Fairfax City on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11 between 5 and 9 pm. Enjoy a delicious pasta dinner and lots of Mantua family fun! 25% of the proceeds will go to the Mantua PTA to support various school activities. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with any questions. For further information, see http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/FamilyFunNoodles&Company.pdf

PTA Meeting, Wednesday, 11/4, 6:30p.m.: FREE Childcare & Brain Research Presentation

Don't forget to attend this week's PTA Meeting -- come a little early so you can see Mrs. Fernandez talk about Brain Research. Our regular PTA meeting business will begin at 7pm. FREE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE! Please contact Monica Cameron to confirm spots for your children at monica.cameron@cox.net or 703-359-4298.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Info & Forms on PTA Website

If you need an extra form for the upcoming luncheons, or if you need the class-by-class schedule of luncheon times, just visit the Home Page calendar of events on the PTA website at <u>www.MantuaPTA.org</u>.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Thank you to the parents who have graciously agreed to spend some time helping out with the PTA Rook Fair starting next Friday. We could still use helping out with the PTA Book Fair starting next Friday. We could still use volunteers for these key times: Tuesday, November 17th anytime between noon and 8 pm (especially 6-8 pm), and Friday, November 20th 12-3 for pack-up. We appreciate any time that you are able to give. - Claire Fritzinger and Carrie Clawson

Mantua Basketball Spiritwear

Reminder -- Order your Mantua Basketball spiritwear (sweatshirts and basketball shorts) by Friday, November 13th. Any questions, contact Leslie Schiesl at 703-280-9699 or lschiesl@lycos.com. Order form is available on the PTA website at

http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/BasketballSpiritwearOrderForm.pdf

Picture Re-takes Next Thursday

November 12, 12:30-3:00 on the stage.

If students have a picture packet and want the photo re-taken, they must bring the original packet with all pictures in it. On picture day, they can pick up an envelope in the office and prepay, or they will get a proof and can order online.

Raccoon Run--10th Annual Planning Meeting

Join us at GLORY DAYS GRILL (Pan Am Shopping Center) on THURSDAY, November 12 @ 7pm to help plan for our 10th anniversary of the Raccoon Run supporting Life with Cancer in memory of Mantua's teacher, Roberta Romano.

Questions, Concerns, Interested? CONTACT Jennifer Lewis-Cooper jalcooper@aol.com or 703.966.8324

New "Current Events and Issues" Link on PTA Website

We've placed a link on the PTA website (at the bottom of the 'Hot Items' box) that leads to a new page following current issues relevant to school

parents: <u>http://www.mantuapta.org/parents/currentissues.php</u>. If you know of a parent advocacy group or effort that would be appropriate to add, please let us know. Please note that the PTA is not endorsing any of the efforts or groups named, but simply working to keep our parents informed.

Important Events for November

Wed 11/4, 6:30pm: PTA Monthly Meeting: Mini-

Presentation on Brain Research!

Thu 11/5, 6:30pm: Parenting Workshop, 3rd Session

Sat 11/7, 10am: WT Woodson Rededication Ceremony

Wed 11/11: Community Spirit Restaurant Night: 'Noodles

& Company' in Fairfax

Fri 11/13: 8:30 am-4 pm, Annual Book Fair Opens (library)

Fri 11/13: Deadline for Thanksgiving Luncheon Reservation Forms: Thanksgiving Reservation Instructions

Mon 11/16 - Fri 11/20: Book Fair Open (library): Mon-Wed 8:30am-4pm, Thu 8:30am-8pm, Fri 8:30am-Noon

Wed 11/18: Thanksgiving Feasts: Preschool-3rd Grade Thu 11/19: Thanksgiving Feasts: 4th-6th Grades Fri 11/20, 7pm: Drama Club Presents "Peter Pan"

Sat 11/21, 2pm: Drama Club Matinee Mon 11/23 - Tue 11/24: Drama Club production for school classes Wed 11/25: 2-Hour Early Release Thu 11/26 - Fri 11/27: School Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to <u>alertnews@mantuapta.org</u>. Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.MantuaPTA.org

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Seussical the Musical at Woodson Starting this Weekend!

The Woodson High School drama department is putting on a great production of "Seussical the Musical" with weekend evening and matinee performances beginning Friday, November 6th through Sunday afternoon, November 15th. The musical is based on the stories of Dr. Suess and is perfect for kids ages 4-99!

For show times and information, including how to purchase tickets on line, please visit <u>www.wtwdrama.orq</u>.

November 17. While the test is generally intended for students in Eighth Grade, FCAG is not imposing an age/grade requirement in order to take the test. If you are interested in having the AMC 8 administered at your school or community center, please contact Jeff Steele at treasurer@fcag.org.

November 17, 2009 - FCAG Speaker Series - Thomas Jefferson HS Admissions Officer Judith Howard at 7:30 p.m. at McLean High School in the Lecture Hall (Room 187).

January 12, 2010 - FCAG Summer Camp Fair Back by popular demand, the FCAG summer camp fair will be held at 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Oakton High School cafeteria. We will also be compiling our FCAG Summer Enrichment Camp Guide.