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Thanks to Outgoing PTA President Nicole Armstrong

Many thanks to outgoing PTA President Nicole Armstrong for her outstanding service during the past 2 years! Nicole began her PTA service 4 years ago as vice president for fundraising. As Webmasters for the past 3 years, she and her husband John, have spent countless hours configuring and establishing our new PTA website. Even after she was elected PTA president, Nicole continued serving as Webmaster, guaranteeing that information is current and pertinent each week. Nicole's other numerous contributions have included helping produce the PTA Parent Handbook, assisting with the annual PTA directory, attending numerous meetings on behalf of the PTA to ensure our membership was kept informed about potential school boundary and discipline issues, as well as other important issues. The PTA board, parents, teachers and students thank you Nicole for the wonderful job you have done to support our school community! Congratulations on a job well done!

## Thanks to Fundraising VP and Volunteer Coordinator Teresa LeMair

Much gratitude and appreciation to outgoing Vice President of Fundraising Teresa LeMair! Teresa became volunteer coordinator 3 years ago, and has continued to serve in that role, as well as her VP2 position. As board member in charge of fundraising, Teresa has been very successful in helping to implement positive improvements on existing programs and trying new program formats. As volunteer coordinator, Teresa manages all volunteer recruitment. She provides room parents with a wealth of guidance and information. In addition, Teresa often helps the teachers and administrative staff by recruiting volunteers to work in the office on Secretary Appreciation Day, assist on picture day, and help in the computer lab and art department. She also was instrumental in developing the New Family Welcome Program. We're lucky that Teresa plans to continue as volunteer coordinator next year. Her positive energy, outstanding organizational skills and cooperative spirit will continue to serve our school community for many years to come.

## Library Books Are Due!

Please assist your children in returning overdue or misplaced library books to the Mantua Library. Beginning Tuesday, June 7, overdue notices will be distributed weekly through the end of the school year. Ask your child 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! Students should speak to Ms. Sigle or Ms. Rojas if they have questions about items on their overdue notice.

## Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is overflowing! Many jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes and more have been left behind. Please check for your belongings before Monday, June 20! The Kids Care Club will donate all unclaimed items.

## Mantua Needs New or Used Tennis Balls

New/used tennis balls are needed for student chairs. Over the summer many classrooms will have the carpet removed and new tile put down. Tennis balls work great to keep the floors from being scratched. Tennis balls may be dropped off in the front office.

## New School Hours for 2011-12 School Year

There is a new bell schedule for the 2011–12 school year. Beginning in the fall Mantua's hours will be: Mondays: 9:05 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays: 9:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

# Small Boundary Change Recommended to Include Some Fairhill Students

FCPS is recommending an administrative boundary adjustment that would reassign selected areas of the Fairhill Elementary attendance area to Mantua Elementary. This would be effective beginning this September.

The new areas that would be included in the Mantua school district are the Pine Ridge-Sutton Place, Wynford Estates and Chesterfield Mews neighborhoods. Approximately 23 students from the Pine Ridge-Sutton Place and Wynford Estates area and approximately 24 students from the Chesterfield Mews area will be affected.

FCPS is holding a meeting at Fairhill Elementary on Tuesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend this meeting to receive the results of a previously administered survey, to share opinions, and to receive an update on the remaining steps in this boundary adjustment process.

## Important Upcoming Events

Tues. June 7: Field Day -- grades K-2 Wed. June 8: Field Day -- grades 3-4 Thurs. June 9: Field Day -- grades 5-6 Wed. June 15: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical, 7 p.m. Mon. June 20: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, 9:30 a.m. Tues. June 21: Students dismissed at approximately 11:30 a.m.

## Bikes Safety Check and Helmet Sizing Offered

On June 9, at 7 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 1533 will grab their bikes and helmets and ride their hearts out. First up is a bike safety check and helmet sizing. We'll learn and demonstrate hand signals, then conduct a series of activities based on skill level. Bikers of all abilities will be challenged.

## Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraiser

The Young Hearts invites you and your friends and family to dine at the Silver Diner, 8150 Porter Rd., Falls Church 22042, on Wednesday, June 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. Twenty percent of all profits during that time will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

## Frost M.S. PTA Needs a President!

If you would like to inquire about the job, please contact Chrissy Rabayda (current Frost PTA President: <u>rabayda@verizon.net</u>) and learn what it entails. You do not have to be a current Frost parent to take this on.

## Braddock Road Youth Club Summer Basketball League

BRYC will be running a summer basketball house league for boys and girls (ages 7– 18). Games will be played Monday through Thursday nights at local schools, typically one or two games per week. Games begin the week of June 27, and continue through the first week in August. The fee is \$90. Go to <u>www.brychoops.org</u> for more information and to register.

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to <u>alertnews@mantuapta.org</u>.

Submissions MUST be received by the Friday before distribution in order to be included.

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For more information, please visit our website: <u>www.MantuaPTA.org</u> Sincerely, Mantua Elementary School PTA

