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Mantua PTA Alert News September 21, 2010



Important Dismissal Information From the Office

Mantua Elementary has developed guidelines regarding the dismissal of students to help provide a safe, secure dismissal for all of our students.

Please Note: Scout troops and other organized groups have been given more specific guidelines to follow.

We strongly discourage requesting early dismissal for students after 1 p.m. on Monday and 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Students still are having classroom instruction until the end of the day, and such requests create traffic jams in the office, lobby and parking lot.

Children being picked up by car after school should go to Kiss and Ride. Parents should not come to the office at the end of the day to have their students dismissed in order to avoid the Kiss and Ride line. It is very disruptive.

If a student plans to go home with another student after school, **BOTH** students must bring in notes. If a student is attending lessons/training after school (Hebrew school, tennis lessons, etc.) parents must provide the main office with the days, location, and a contact person's name and telephone number. Please note that if a request is made to ride a different bus after school can be denied if the requested bus is at capacity.

E-mail, notes and phone calls regarding changes to a student's after school plans must be made by 11:30 a.m. on Monday and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The contact person is Mrs. Levin at karen.levin@fcps.edu.

Teachers have been notified that without a bus or walking pass students may not deviate from their normal procedure when they are released from school.

As always, we understand that emergencies do happen and that you may need to pick up a student or request a last minute bus/walking pass. We appreciate your understanding regarding the dismissal guidelines.

FCPS Bus Policy

Kindergartners will not be allowed to get off at their bus stop unless a neighborhood child in 4th grade or higher is getting off of the bus with them, or a parent, designated adult and/or sibling is present to receive the kindergartner at the bus stop. If there is no one to accompany or receive kindergartner, the child will be returned to the school.

Parking in the Horner Court Cul-de-sac

Beware! Cars will be ticketed for parking in the fire lane (yellow curb area from the fire hydrant to corner) in the Horner Court cul-de-sac facing the school. Please do not park in this area. Some cars may park parallel past the yellow curb towards the first house. However, you must maintain a good distance from the mailbox and driveway.

Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle

Mantua's fall fundraiser, Rocky Raccoon's Rockin' Raffle, is off to a great start! So far Josh Clawson and Margaux Smith have won MP3 players in our Friday drawings! You could be next week's big winner! It's not too late to sell tickets and win great prizes, including the grand prize of a two-night stay at the wonderful Great Wolf Lodge!! All students have to do to qualify is sell 10 raffle tickets.

Look for more information and an order form in your child's Tuesday folder. **This will be the ONLY raffle the PTA will host this year - it replaces the raffle usually held during the Spring Carnival.** Contact Meri Farling at merifarling@hotmail.com for more information. Good Luck!!!

FLEX Language Program

We are excited to offer several language classes this fall for grades 2-6. Classes for grades K/1 will be offered in the spring. The class fee is \$152. Please register on-line at www.fcps.edu/aceclasses. Click ONLINE button; click Kids and Teens on the left side; click FLEX. Be sure to include at least two phone numbers and an e-mail address on the on-line registration form. Please sign up on-line, or contact deirdre.mayes@us.ibm.com if you need a registration form. Registration is due Oct. 8.

Course #	Course Title	Teacher	Section #	# of class	Day & Time	Start Date	Grades	Level
FP08415	Spanish	Alicia Del Barrio	0004	15	Mon 1:45-2:45	10/18	2-6	2
FP03115	Sign	Mary Bagby	0001	15	Mon 1:45-2:45	10/18	2-6	1
FP06115	German	Agnes Manley	0003	15	Tues 7:55-8:55	10/19	2-6	1
FP08115	Spanish	Claudia Abrishami-azar	0009	15	Wed 7:55-8:55	10/20	2-6	1
FP05415	French	Joan Dugan	0003	15	Wed 7:55-8:55	10/20	3-6	2

Mantua Basketball League

Mantua PTA Youth Basketball is looking for league assistants, coaches, referees, and assistant coaches. The all-volunteer developmental league is open to grades 3-6. Registration forms will be in your child's Tuesday folder. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Oct. 20. Come join the fun! All levels welcome. Direct any questions about responsibilities to the League Commissioner at MantuaBasketball@mantuapta.org.

Advanced Academic Parent Information Meeting

Mantua Elementary's Advanced Academic Resource Teacher will be holding a parent information meeting to provide information about levels of service and examples at school, as well as explain and answer questions about the screening processes for Level IV services. The meeting will be

held Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the library and is open to all K-6 parents.

Reflections Art Program

Create a piece of art, literature, photography, music, film/video or dance/choreography that addresses the 2010-11 theme of: "Together We Can..." All forms needed for entries, and the rules for each category are available on the Mantua PTA website <http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/index.php>. Additional entry forms are available on the front table in the lobby.

Make sure to follow the rules exactly as stated, otherwise entries can't be sent to the district level. All participants will receive a ribbon. Entries are due Friday, Nov. 5 (deposit entries in the designated box near the PTA mailbox in the front office).

Destination ImagiNation®

Do your children have wacky, creative ideas? Do they like to build or take things apart? Do they like to perform? Do they grab the "junk" around the house to create new objects? Would you like for them to work with other kids and learn team building, leadership, problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity skills?

Destination ImagiNation® (DI) might be something your child would love! **Destination ImagiNation®** is an international, creative, problem-solving program for elementary, middle, and high school students. It is an extracurricular activity requiring cooperation between students and volunteer adults. Teams consist of 2-7 students with at least one team manager.

For more information, visit the international, state, and regional websites: www.idodi.org, www.divirginia.org, www.northwestvadi.org, or contact Laurie Abeel, state director, at 540-349-3982 or testingstars@yahoo.com

Contact Lesley Kowalski at kowalskifamily4@verizon.net by Oct. 1, if this is something you would like to consider. We want to know if there is enough interest in DI to host an informational meeting for the Mantua community.

Mantua SpiritWear Now Available

Show your school spirit and order today! Select from a variety of t-shirts, sweats, basketball shorts and pajama pants. Look for an order form in your child's Tuesday folder. Samples will be on display at Back to School Night. Orders are due Friday, Oct. 8. SpiritWear will be delivered by Friday, Nov. 5. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net for more information.

PTA Tables at Back-to-School Nights, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The PTA will have tables set up in the gym at both Back-to-School nights. At that time you can purchase your PTA membership, Rocky Raccoon Rockin' Raffle tickets and SpiritWear, plus find out more about our clubs and activities, all at one event! Please note that tables close for the evening when the program begins.

Alert News Distribution

A note about this newsletter: For the first few weeks while distribution lists are being updated, you will receive a copy of the Alert News in your child's Tuesday folder. If you have signed up to receive it by e-mail (we encourage you to do so), you will stop getting a paper copy soon.

Important Upcoming Events

Tues. 9/21, 6:30 p.m.: Preschool-3rd Grade Back-to-School Night

Thurs. 9/23, 6:30 p.m.: 4th-6th Grade Back-to-School Night

Wed. 10/6, 7 p.m.: Drama Club Information Meeting (cafeteria)

Mon. 10/11: Columbus Day, School Closed

Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org.

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

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