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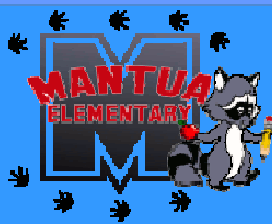
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Mantua PTA Alert News January 10, 2012



Winter Wear

Children must be dressed appropriately for outdoor activities during the cold weather season. Many students are arriving at school without coats or jackets. If your child does not have a warm coat or jacket they will not be allowed to go outside for recess.

Online Auction Donations Due is this Friday, Jan. 13 Which Class Will Win the Ice Cream Party?

If you want to donate to the Mantua online auction, please send in your donation by this Friday, Jan. 13. Remember, everyone has something to donate - maybe you received a gift card for the holidays that you won't use, or you have a special talent you can share? Think outside the box! You could offer something as simple as giving someone a ride to the airport or babysitting for a family. Donations could include baking cupcakes for someone's birthday celebration at school or delivering coffee to a favorite teacher once a week for a month. Or, approach a local business to see if it is willing to donate something.

Whichever class donates the most number of items wins an ice cream party! We have some serious competition developing! As of last Friday, Mrs. Swales' class is in the lead, with Mrs. Sottolano's class a close second!

If you have something you'd like to donate, please fill out the form that you receive in your child's Tuesday folder. Forms also are available on PTA website in the right hand column under Hot Items. Send donations to the PTA box in the front office. There also is a box in the front office for drop offs. No form required.

If every Mantua family donated just one item, we'd have more than 600 items and make so much more for our wonderful PTA programs! PTA fundraising pays for

things like teacher training, technology, supplies for the school and many wonderful programs. Contact Teresa LeMair at 703-862-8702 or teresalemair@aol.com with questions.

Bookmark/Poster Contest

FCPS is sponsoring its annual Student Safety and Wellness Bookmark contest this month. This is a voluntary program in which students design a poster on a theme to promote safety and wellness. This year's theme is "Making My School and Community Drug and Bully Free." If your child would like to participate they can get the regulation size poster board from school and a list of rules for the contest. The posters are then made at home. Remind your child to follow the rules closely or the poster can't be considered for submission. The school will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention ribbons to the winners in the K-3 and 4-6 categories. First place winners will be sent to the county for consideration to be made into actual bookmarks. Posters are due Jan. 25. Students will hear more about this on the Good Morning Mantua news show. We hope that many students will participate.

Mantua Family Night Out

The Mantua PTA has organized a family Night out for Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 4 to 10 p.m. at Baja Fresh in the Pan Am Shopping Center. Everyone is invited to an evening of delicious Mexican grill cuisine and Mantua fun. Be sure to mention to the cashier that you are with Mantua and Baja Fresh will donate 15 percent of the proceeds to Mantua's PTA. Come dine, have fun and raise money for our school. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at kdecarlo@verizon.net with questions.

Attention all 6th grade Writers!

The Virginia PTA is sponsoring an essay contest. The theme is *Community Responsibility*. There will be three awards given in the 6 to 8 grade group. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond; second place will receive a \$500 savings bond and third place will be awarded a \$250 savings bond. Criteria information and the application can be found on the PTA website. mantuapta.org. Entries are due Jan. 30. Send entries (must be accompanied by the application form) to PTA mailbox, attention Lori Recher. Contact Lori at lorirecher@hotmail.com with questions.

Important Upcoming Events

Thurs. Jan. 12: PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Mon. Jan. 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, School Closed

Tues., Jan. 24, PTA Restaurant Night, 4 to 10 p.m.

Mon.-Tues. Jan. 30-31: Teacher Workdays, School Closed

Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Science has a broad array of programs to help each student continually grow and thrive in his or her ability to create, inquire, and connect. The school has both classroom teachers and additional specialized educators who focus on the sciences, the arts, and technology so that these areas are integrated and complement one another as children learn in all fields. Additionally, some students have the opportunity to participate in the Spanish immersion program.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences offers an interdisciplinary, concept-based instructional program with an added emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, and technology. Kindergarten and first grade students are assigned to multiage classes. A science specialist, a technology resource teacher, and additional art classes provide opportunities for all students to enhance their learning. The arts team includes music, art, and dance teachers. Resource teachers collaborate with classroom teachers to coordinate and integrate learning activities with classroom instruction.

If interested in either school, parents must complete the appropriate application and return it to the Pre K-6 Instruction and School Support office at Fairfax Ridge. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1.

Applications and information can be found here: <http://www.fcps.edu/is/magnetschools/index.shtml>.

Contact Sofia Arias, Bailey's Elementary School magnet liaison, at 703-575-6800 with questions about their program. Contact Diane Beers, parent liaison, at 703-262-7405 with questions about Hunters Woods Elementary magnet program.

FCAG Camp Fair, Jan. 24

Fairfax County Association for the Gifted is holding a summer academic programs

and enrichment camp fair at Oakton High School on Jan. 24, from 7-9 p.m. Representatives from summer enrichment programs will be there to discuss their respective programs children can take part in next summer.

Camps being represented include: Tech is Cool, Fairfax Collegiate, Math Enrichment Services, Traveling Players Ensemble, Writopia, FCPS Institute for the Arts, Congressional Day Camp, iD Tech Camp, Potomac School, Concordia Language Villages, Interlochen Arts Camp, Madeira School Summer Camps, A Class Act: Acting for Kids, and more! Admission is free and open to the public.

Woodson Teacher Workday Dance Camp

The Woodson Dance Team again is offering a teacher workday camp for girls in kindergarten through 8th grades. Come learn some dance moves from the award winning W.T. Woodson Precisionettes. Participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and most of all, have fun! Girls will be divided by age during dancing to provide the most meaningful experience for all. All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made at camp. The camp will be Monday and/or Tuesday, Jan. 30-31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$45 for one day or \$65 for both days. The fee goes up after Jan. 16. Space is limited so register early. Download a registration form [HERE](#). Contact camp coordinators Madelyn Weaver or Anne Foster, at dancecamp11@yahoo.com, for more information.

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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