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Mantua PTA Alert News February 14, 2012



The PTA Online Auction is OPEN!

Mantua PTA's auction is well underway. There are many fabulous things to bid on, including getaways, entertainment tickets, restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia, and a number of special faculty-led activities. First sections to close (on Tuesday 2/14, at 10 p.m.) are Entertainment and Services/Activities. ALL money raised goes to support our school, so visit

<http://www.mantuapta.org/auction> to browse and bid. Bidding is REALLY easy, with step-by-step instructions. PayPal payments and checks are accepted.

Carnival Booth Coordinators Needed

Mantua's annual carnival is March 24, and booth coordinators are still needed for the following classes: Andersen, Ariail, Boyd, Graap, Johnson, Kaplan and Sottolano. This job does not require a big time commitment. It requires coordinating with the teacher to make a booth banner with the class and sending reminder emails to parents to sign up for volunteer slots on signupgenius.com. That's it! If you can help, please email paigerushing@gmail.com as soon as possible as our booth selection begins this week.

February's Fungi Award goes to...

Christie Choi received this month's Fungi Award for all of her work with the Community Building Network and the Box Tops competitions. The Community Building Network helps make the Mantua School community a welcoming place to all of our families from the many diverse cultures, languages and backgrounds. In addition, the Box Tops collection is a great fundraiser that gets the kids involved in some friendly class competition. A big thank you Christie for all that you do!

Attention all 6th Grade Parents

Thanks to all who have sent in a contribution for the 6th grade party. For those

who haven't done so yet, please send in your contribution along with your child's shirt size by the extended deadline, Friday Feb. 17. As a reminder, this contribution will be used to cover the cost of the class t-shirt, a carry-all sack, refreshments and decorations, the DJ, games and prizes. This will be a great send off to our graduating class. Please contact Nanci Pedulla, at nanci_pedulla@yahoo.com or 703-280-0783, with questions.

Spring Box Tops Contest Update

So far Ms. Loach's class has collected the most box tops with 562. Currently in second and third place are Ms. Boyd's class with 509 labels, and Ms. Allison's class with 494 labels. The contest runs for two more weeks. To date, 4,880 labels have been collected.

Colonial Day

Colonial Day will be held on March 16. Lots of help is needed to make this day a success for our children. If you cannot help out during the event, there's lots of prep work that needs to be done beforehand such as baking, cutting, sewing, etc. Please check out where help is needed [HERE](#).

On Colonial Day parents are asked to choose half-day shifts from either 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 to 3:15 p.m. Parents are welcome to stay for both shifts. In addition, help is needed for set up and clean up.

Contact Kristin Driscoll at drikro1@yahoo.com with questions.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is returning to Mantua for a spring season. There will be two programs, both operating on Mondays and Wednesdays immediately after school.

Important dates:

Feb 21 - Registration Opens

Mar 12 - Spring 2012 Program Begins

May 20 - GOTR 5K

May 25 - Spring 2012 Program Ends

Contact Robert Silkowitz at Robert.Silkowitz@emerson.com with questions.

Important Upcoming Events

Mon. Feb 20: Presidents' 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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