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# Mantua PTA Alert News October 25, 2011



## Red Ribbon Week

Mantua is celebrating Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24 through 28. Red Ribbon Week was created to help keep kids safe and drug free. Our theme this year is "I've Got Better Things to Do Than Drugs." Kids are encouraged to wear red Wednesday and to "Team Up Against Drugs" Thursday by wearing their favorite sports clothing. Go to [Red Ribbon Fact Sheet](#) for more information.

## Family Fun Night

Join us for our annual PTA Family Fun Pokémon and Other Trading Cards Night on Friday, Nov. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Bring your Pokémon or another trading cards to trade and play with friends. If you are new to Pokémon you can learn how to play the game with our expert game guide, Tim Foley. There is no fee to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Kathleen DeCarlo at [kdecarlo@verizon.net](mailto:kdecarlo@verizon.net) with questions.

## Mantua's Thanksgiving Luncheon

Mantua will celebrate Thanksgiving with its annual luncheons on Nov. 16 and 17. Grades K-3 lunch will be Wednesday, Nov. 16, and grades 4-6 will be on Thursday, Nov. 17. Your child will need to bring a bag lunch on the day that he/she **DOES NOT** eat in the cafeteria.

## Art Reflections Program Entries Due this Friday, Oct. 28, by 4 p.m.

Complete your entry by Friday, Oct. 28, for it to be judged in the PTA Art Reflections program. Please make sure you have your student entry form and your parent consent form completed with your Reflections entry. Create a piece of art, literature, photography, music, film/video or dance/choreography that addresses the 2011-12 theme of: "Diversity means..." All forms needed for entries, and the rules for each category are available on the Mantua PTA website at:

<http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/reflections.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, Oct. 28** (deposit entries in the designated box near the PTA mailbox in the front office). Contact Jackie DeScisciolo at [jdescisciolo@gmail.com](mailto:jdescisciolo@gmail.com), with questions, or if you need help. Also, Jackie will be at the drop off site in the office from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 28, if additional help is needed.

### Picture Make Up Day

Picture make up day is Wednesday, Nov. 9, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Students who are having their pictures taken will be called to the gym. This will be the last chance to have pictures taken for the yearbook.

### It's Not Too Late to Join the PTA!

Your membership dues help fund many wonderful programs at Mantua, including the ice cream social, the basketball program, book fair and so many others. PTA membership is \$10 for an individual, or \$20 for a family. This year to commemorate Mantua's 50th anniversary, you will receive a reusable PTA tote bag with every \$20 membership. There are only have 50 bags left so don't wait. Join now! You also can join online at [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org). Contact Liz Schatzman at [lizschatzman@gmail.com](mailto:lizschatzman@gmail.com) or Shannon Murphy at [shannon.murphy29@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.murphy29@gmail.com) with questions.

### Building Use

Please remind your children attending after school and evening activities and events that school rules still apply. Running through the school, climbing or playing on school equipment, and screaming and yelling are not okay. We love children spending time at school after hours, but please ask your children to respect the building and all of its property at all times.

### Box Tops Contest Update

After two weeks, Ms. Loveday's class is in the lead having collected 725 labels. To date, as a school, we have collected 4,325 labels. Continue to send in your Box Tops and Labels for Education UPC labels in a plastic zip bag with the teacher's name and the grade on it. The contest ends Friday, Oct. 28.

## Important Upcoming Events

Fri. Oct. 28: Fall Spirit Parade

Fri. Nov. 4: Family Fun Night

Mon.-Tues. Nov. 7-8: School Closed for teacher work days/parent-teacher conferences.

## Eddie Allan Poe, the Musical

The Creative Cauldron presents *Eddie Allan Poe*, a delightful musical featuring the original music by critically acclaimed composer Matt Conner. In this original, kid-friendly production, Eddie, a young boy who shares the same name as the great master, finds himself unexpectedly and mysteriously drawn to Poe's haunting stories and macabre events. It will be presented by Creative Cauldron's Learning Theater ensemble, a multi-generational cast of students' performers at the ArtSpace in Falls Church. Performances are Nov. 4-20. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for students/seniors. Go to: [http://www.creativecauldron.org/eddie\\_allan\\_poe\\_149.html](http://www.creativecauldron.org/eddie_allan_poe_149.html) for more information.

## Woodson Varsity Precisionettes Dance Camp, Nov. 7-8

Want something energetic and fun for your kids to do during the upcoming teacher workdays? Let the Woodson Dance Team provide a fun, safe and healthy experience for them! Come learn some dance moves from the award winning W.T. Woodson Precisionettes. The participants will learn dances, play games, make crafts, and most of all, have fun! Participants will be divided by age during dancing to provide the most meaningful experience for all. Space is limited so register early. All participants receive a t-shirt and crafts made at camp. The camp will be Monday and/or Tuesday, Nov. 7 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$45 for one day or \$65 for both days. Register early. The fee goes up after Oct. 28. Download a registration form [HERE](#). Contact camp coordinators Madelyn Weaver, at [madelynweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:madelynweaver@yahoo.com), or Anne Foster, at [dancecamp11@yahoo.com](mailto:dancecamp11@yahoo.com), for more information.

## Alert News Contributions

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