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Mantua PTA Alert News

April 16, 2013



The Mantua Staff Basketball Team WINS!



Congratulations to the Mantua staff for their exciting win! What a fun night!

Heritage Showcase and Literacy Night THIS Thursday

Please join us this Thursday, **April 18th** for the Heritage Showcase and Literacy Night. The Heritage Showcase will be held in the school gym from 6:30-7:30 p.m. You are then invited to Literacy Night from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Your child will be your tour guide as you learn about literacy at Mantua.

Purple Up! Wear Purple to School THIS Friday

April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child" and is a time to remember that it is not just the service members who serve but also their families. It is also a time to recognize military children for their courage, sacrifices and strength. Everyone is encouraged to **WEAR PURPLE** on Friday, **April 19th** as a way to salute and thank all of Mantua Elementary's military children.

We cannot make all the challenges of being a military child disappear, but we can make sure they know we're standing beside them! Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military - a combination of Air Force blue, Army green, Coast Guard blue, Marine red, and Navy blue.

Restaurant Night THIS Wednesday at Chick-fil-A

Mantua PTA will host a Family Fun Night Out at the Fairfax Circle Chick fil-A on Wednesday,

April 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come and dine in or order take out. Present [THIS FLYER](#) for Mantua Elementary School PTA, and Mantua School will receive 20% of the evening's proceeds. Come and enjoy chicken sandwiches, nuggets, wraps, salads, side items and desserts. Visit the [Chick-fil-A Website](#) to view menu items. Contact [Kathleen DeCarlo](#) with any questions. Bon appetit!

Picture Day THIS Thursday

Picture Day is Thursday, **April 18th**. Class pictures and individual portraits will be taken that day in the gym. Order forms were sent home in last week's Tuesday folders. You may send in your order form **on Picture Day** with exact change in the form of cash or a check, or you may pay by credit card online at mylifetouch.com. If you do not order and pay for individual portraits on Picture Day, you will receive a proof and can order them online. No proofs will be taken of class pictures.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

To honor our wonderful educators, the Mantua PTA will host the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Maestro Apprezzamento Pranzo) in the library on Monday, **April 29th**, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Teachers will enjoy delicious food courtesy of the grateful Mantua parents. This year we will be celebrating with food from Italy! We want to show the teachers how much we APPREZZARE them!

To do this we will need LOTS OF HELP! Please consider providing the food items assigned to your child's grade or family as follows:

Family 1: Desserts! Cookies, brownies, cakes and pies - you bake it, we'll take it!

Family 2: Bottled water, sparkling water, and bottled iced tea

Family 3: Cut fresh fruit and berries

3rd Grade: Cut fresh fruit and berries

4th Grade: Salad dressings

5th Grade: Cut fresh vegetables

6th Grade: Bags of salad

If you are interested in providing a pasta dish for the buffet, please contact [Meri Farling](#) or [Deanna Firth-Freemyer](#).

Please note: Food dishes and items not requiring refrigeration should be brought to the library starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 29th or sent to school with your child. We'll have baker's racks set up to receive your items at the school entrance. Items that require refrigeration should be brought directly to the library before 12:30 p.m. or contact one of us

and we'll make arrangements.

If possible, use disposable containers and utensils. If you need your container returned, please label it with your full name. Dishes will be held in the office for you to pick up.

Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, clean up, and to provide a helping hand during the luncheon. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to be a volunteer, please contact the PTA Hospitality co-chairs, Meri Farling at 703-354-5750 or merifarling@hotmail.com or Deanna Firth-Freemyer at firthfreemyer@yahoo.com.

Prizes Sought for Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Did you know that during the April 29th Teacher Appreciation Luncheon a few lucky teachers will have an opportunity to win some wonderful door prizes? The PTA provides the prizes that are given out during a drawing that is held while the teachers enjoy their yummy lunch.

If you are interested in contributing a door prize, there are many ways to participate:

- Do you have a home-based business? You can donate a few products that can be used for door prizes.
- You can donate a \$5 or \$10 gift cards from area shops and restaurants. There will be a box marked "Gift Cards" in the office and you can simply drop your contribution off at any time before the luncheon.
- If you have a hobby, you can donate one of your creations.

Our teachers will LOVE any gift that is donated. As always, making a donation is completely voluntary, and there is no participation required. If you have any questions, please contact either [Meri Farling](#) or [Deanna Firth-Freemyer](#). Thank you very much!

Important News for Parents of 6th Graders

The 6th Grade Award Ceremony will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday, **June 14th**. Families are invited to join us in the gym for this important celebration. Once the ceremony is over, parent volunteers will change the gym from a ceremony setting to a beach-themed party room! The 6th graders will enjoy many fun activities with their friends.

It's time to start planning! A volunteer information meeting will be held **THIS Thursday, April 18th** at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria to discuss party detail and sign up to help. If you cannot attend the meeting, volunteer opportunities will be sent out soon via email.

In the meantime, the PTA is collecting \$20 from each student to cover the cost of the party

and the specially-designed t-shirt. The 6th grade t-shirt is a special Mantua tradition! Students wear their t-shirts on their Gettysburg field trip and for other end-of-the-year celebrations. Each student's signature will be printed on the back of the shirt.

Please send your [ORDER FORM](#) and payment of \$20 in cash or a check made payable to the Mantua PTA by this Friday, April 19th. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Fernandez.

If you have any questions, please contact [Teresa LeMair](#) or [Meri Farling](#). Thank you!

Mantua Elementary Partners in Education

Mantua PTA is partnering with businesses who commit to give a percentage back to our school when you patronize their establishments. It is as simple as saying that you are with Mantua Elementary, no card or flyer required. Please peruse the list below and you may find a new place to try or a family favorite that is right down the road. For further details, see the flyer in the Tuesday folder. Contact [Jennifer Epley](#) with any questions.

Valvoline Instant Oil Change: 9883 Fairfax Blvd (Across from PJ Skidoos) 703-273-7333 gives 10% back just mention Mantua.

Twins Ace Hardware: 10310-B Main Street Fairfax 703-359-4703 - gives 10% back just mention Mantua.

Red Hot & Blue: 4150 Chain Bridge Road, 703-218-6989 - gives 10% back just mention Mantua

Mosquito Terminators: Mantuan-owned Mosquito Terminators will give back \$50 for each purchase of a full season of mosquito barrier treatments purchased by May 31st. Be sure to mention Mantua PTA.

PTA Board Nominations Sought

The PTA Executive Board wants you! We're looking for folks who like to work as a team for the common good of the school and its students and parents in school year 2013-14. If you are interested in being on the PTA Board, please contact either of the following nominating committee members: Monica Cameron at 703-359-4298 or monica.cameron@cox.net or Sandy Spector at 703-273-5544 or sandy.spector@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE PTA BOARD: Nominations will be accepted for all positions with nominations noted in May and voting to occur at the June PTA meeting. Board responsibilities include attending monthly PTA meetings for a one year term from June through June; budget development;

planning and coordinating PTA activities; and job-specific responsibilities.

Important Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 17: Restaurant Night at Chick-fil-A, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18: Picture Day

Thursday, April 18: 6th Grade Party Planning Meeting, 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 18: Mantua Heritage Showcase and Literacy Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 19: Purple Up for Military Kids: Wear Purple to School

Monday, April 29: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 1:30 p.m.

Newsletter from School Board Member Patty Reed

Please read the following newsletter from School Board Member Patty Reed for updates about FCPS: <http://www.mantuapta.org/documents/ProvDistNewsletter4-2013.pdf>.

Food Drive

Mantua Brownie Troop 1243 is collecting non-perishable food items from now until Friday **April 26th**. Donation bins are located in the front entrance of the school. All items will be donated to a local food bank, Food for Others.

Techstravaganza at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

On Saturday, **April 20th**, TJHSST will host its Techstravaganza! This is a science, technology, math, and engineering exploration day for upper elementary and middle school students. Activities are run by TJHSST students, faculty, and professionals from participating organizations. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at TJHSST at 6560 Braddock Rd., Alexandria VA 22312. If you have any questions, email twistcoordinators@gmail.com or visit <http://activities.tjhsst.edu/twist>. Techstravaganza is free and open to everyone!

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.

如果您需要一份中文的曼图亚小学校园新闻周刊，请联系潘红女士。电话：703-939-3403 电子邮箱：hpan.home@gmail.com.

한국어로 번역된 뉴스를 받아보시기 원하시는 분은 크리스티씨께 연락주세요. 전화 703-865-8065, 이메일 choichristie@yahoo.com.

Si desea recibir una copia de esta informacion en Espanol, porfavor email Ana Castelan a

acastelan25@gmail.com.

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Mantua Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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Sincerely,

Mantua Elementary School PTA

