

Mantua PTA Alert News for April 1, 2008

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1. Mismatch Day is this Friday, April 4. Friends should show their school spirit by wearing clothes that do not match!

2. Donations For Soldiers

Brownie Troop 2416 is collecting donations for soldiers. There's a box in the school lobby. We're asking for travel-sized toiletries, used books, used DVD's, beef jerky, hard candy, potato chips, fruit snacks, protein bars, etc. A full list is posted in the school lobby. We will be collecting until April 4th.

3. PTA Meeting this Wednesday, April 2nd

This month's meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the library. Agenda items to be discussed include capital improvement projects, PTA fundraising guidelines, and 2008-9 Board Nominees. Your PTA membership entitles you to vote on these issues.

4. Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Award: The Virginia Lottery is conducting a Super Teacher Award contest. Nominations must be submitted on or before April 11, 2008. The PTA believes we have many Super Teachers at Mantua and is working on several nominations. The Virginia Lottery has chosen the following criteria to use in their selection process:

Passion and commitment to the teaching profession

Innovation and creativity in the classroom

Involve parents and families in their students' education

If you would like to nominate a teacher, please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at kavjianPTA@aol.com for more information.

5. Important Carnival Thanks

The Alert made an considerable oversight in omitting a few carnival chairs when thanking them for their tireless work. A special thanks to John Gostel, Jane Proseri, and AJ Strasser for your help in making the carnival such a spectacular event!

An extra thanks to all those that helped with Setup and Takedown for the Carnival.

- **AJ Strasser - Artistic Engineering - Rebuilding the Wheel of Luck, dressing up the gym booths, fixing games as required, and enthusiasm.**
- **Setup/Takedown Volunteers: Charlie Wilson, Duncan Cameron, Bill Fisher, James Madison, Rob Sarlo, Richard Miller, Ken Lifland, Ron Van Court, Dave Stokes, Dave Williams, Student Helpers and Boy Scouts.**

6. Volunteer Spotlight: Donna Knock

In less than a year, Donna has become an indispensable part of the volunteer community at Mantua ES.

Donna's experience as a librarian has made her a much-appreciated presence weekly in the library. She is also involved in a read-aloud program three times a week for Ms. Kruse-McConville's Total Communications classroom. Donna is a hands-on volunteer in the classroom for son Alex (Mrs. Rothberg's 5th grade) and daughter Olivia (Mrs. Kaplan 3rd grade). She's the go-to parent for science experiments, library research projects, book talks, and party help. With so many hours logged in elementary schools in the past years and her previous experience in medical/university libraries, Donna is considering becoming a school media specialist/children's librarian.

The Knocks are an Army family with three moves (and one 12-month deployment) in the last six years. As a family, they enjoy travel (no surprise there!) and Tae Kwon Do. This summer they will move to Carlisle Barracks, PA for a single year. Make sure you take the opportunity to let Donna and her family know how much you'd like to see them back in Mantua after that! Donna states, " We are very grateful for the warm welcome we received when we arrived in the middle of spring term last year. The Mantua community is full of friendly, fun, and helpful families.

I know we will always look back fondly on our time here."

7. April Dates:

- 2 PTA Meeting**
- 7 Teacher Workday - No School for Students**
- 10 Grade 3 Presentation: Temples and Tombs ******
- 17 Parent Workshop - 7:00 PM**
- 18 K-2 Mali Celebration *****
- 18 Grade 4 Field Trip - Mount Vernon**
- 25 Grade 6 Field Trip - Gettysburg National**

Battlefield

***** Please check with your child's teacher for time and location of events.**

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