

## Mantua PTA Alert News for April 15, 2008

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*1. We will be having our next Spirit Day on Wednesday, April 16. The theme will be College Shirt Day. Show your Spirit!*

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### 2. PTA Committee Openings available for next year:

1. Auction Coordinator and committee members. We are in need of an energetic team to pump up the volume and dollars in one of the school's top annual fundraisers. The auction can be either online or live or any combination you choose. There are extensive history and materials available to the coordinator to facilitate the planning. We also have several experienced auction coordinators that are available and happy to help the Coordinator. If you are interested in this challenge, please contact Nicole Armstrong at [nicoleaarmstrong@cox.net](mailto:nicoleaarmstrong@cox.net) or 703-573-1216. Oh, and if you would like to help with the donation request letter mailing, flyer distro, computer entry, donation solicitations, auction window display, and

anything else auction related, please contact Nicole Armstrong. There's so much to do and we need all the help we can get with this very important event. Don't be shy!

2. Capital Improvement Committee Chair and members. A new committee is being formed to help identify and prioritize school priorities and projects. The intent is to establish goals which will guide our fundraising efforts. PTA members with a project idea and request will submit it to the Capital Improvement Committee for review. It would then be presented and voted on by the general membership. The PTA President plans to meet with a Professional Fundraiser (who is also a Mantua parent) to determine the best course of action for our school to meet its fundraising goals. This committee is open to all PTA members. If you are interested in this project, please contact Bob Greene, 703-216-9782 / [rgreene@afponline.org](mailto:rgreene@afponline.org)

**WANTED:** The PTA needs a talented parent or teen to design a Mantua E.S. Certificate of Appreciation to present visiting speakers and guests. This will be the first of its kind and we'd like a Mantua parent to create it. Use any graphic software you prefer. Please contact Monica Cameron if you have interest in doing this one time project: [monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net) or 703-359-4298

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**3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL and NURSE APPRECIATION WEEK is APRIL 21-25!!**

We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful team of caring, professionals to support our families and teaching staff. Each day they greet us with warm smiles and a "How can help you?" During the week of April 21-25, we invite parents and children to show these special ladies how much we appreciate all they do for us. If you or a group of friends would like to bring in lunch or breakfast for the front office staff on one of the days of appreciation week please let us know so we can coordinate the day. Of course, random acts of kindness are always welcome at any time! We encourage the children to make a drawing or write a note or bring in a flower from your garden. The best way of course is a heartfelt "Thank You" throughout the year. If you'd like to bring in lunch to our eight front office professionals at around Noon, please contact PTA Hospitality, Monica Cameron for your choice of days. [monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net) .

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#### 4. Parenting Workshop This Thursday

Nationally known speaker, author, and behavioral consultant Sharon Weiss will speak on parenting strategies this Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm in the library. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity provided by the PTA! For questions or to RSVP, email [Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu](mailto:Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu) or call 703-645-6300.

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#### 5. April Dates:

- 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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