

Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. **Wednesday 11/21-Early Release: Students will be dismissed at 1:35 p.m. Please plan accordingly.**

2. Thanks for Your Help in Making the Book Fair a Success!

We had a record-breaking year with the book fair this year. Thanks to all of you who supported the PTA through the book fair. Profits from the book fair will be used to buy books and materials for the library. A special thanks to the many parents who volunteered their time and helped make the process run so smoothly!

- Claire Fritzing and Carrie Clawson

3. Lost and Found

The Kids Care Club will be collecting unclaimed Lost and Found clothing to donate to Bailey's Elementary School's Clothing Boutique. If you think you may have something in the Lost and Found, now is the time to go and see. During the first week of December, some of the Kids Care Club families will be collecting and washing unclaimed items to be donated to this worthy cause.

4. Holiday Gift Idea

The PTA is pleased to once again offer families Type to Learn, the software package Mantua uses to teach children typing. The software is just \$13 and is available in time for the holiday season.

Students embark on zany time travel missions to learn keyboarding skills in this animated update of Type to Learn. Built on a proven curriculum of sequential, skills-building instruction, Type to Learn 3 helps students master keyboarding by engaging them in lesson/practice sequences that include:

- Home Position: A friendly reminder on proper positioning at the keyboard
- Warm Up: Loosen up fingers in a home row review
- Check Point: Quickly review previously learned lessons
- Learn New Keys: Animated 3D hands introduce keystrokes on a color-coded keyboard
- Exercises: Direct keyboarding instruction with automatic review and plenty of practice
- Final Challenge: Ensure skills are mastered with a test after each lesson

Each of the 25 lessons in Type to Learn 3 is followed by a set of skills-based practice games. With new art, more teacher control options, and a captivating world history theme, them's new games provide fun practice for students! Grades 2 - 12.

To order your copy(ies), please enclose a note with your child's name, child's teacher and number of copies along with a check made payable to "Mantua PTA" in an envelope labeled "PTA Box - Type to Learn". The software will be sent home with your child in a sealed paper bag (in case the software is a gift).

Please contact Carole Thomas at caroleandjay@aol.com if you have any questions.

5. Mantua T shirts on sale until November 28!

For the first time in three years, the PTA is selling Mantua shirts and they come in a choice of great new colors: royal blue, sport gray and lime green. T shirts, long sleeve shirts and hooded sweatshirts are available in both youth and adult sizes starting at just \$8. Order now . . . they make great gifts! All orders must be turned in to the PTA box in the office by Wednesday, November 28 in order to guarantee delivery before winter break. Order forms are available in the office or contact Jacquie Heller at eeblessed@aol.com with questions.

6. Book Drive for Mississippi School

During the remainder of November, Junior Girl Scout Troop 4333 is sponsoring a book drive for the children at Como Elementary School in Como , Mississippi . Como Elementary has 460 kids from pre-school through 8th Grade. The school is one of the poorest schools in Mississippi , with 39% of the families living below the poverty level. The goal is to send each child a book of their very own for Christmas. All books should be new or very gently used. **We particularly need novels and chapter books for 4th through 8th grade.** Look for the signs and box at the front entrance to the school. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth Johnson, 703-383-1412 or e-mail at elizabeth.johnson@usdoj.gov .

7. A Special Invite to Parents and family members that would like to get involved with school activities! We'll have a Parent Coffee on Monday, Dec. 3rd from 9-9:30am in the Library. We'll explain some of the ways you can help out the school through volunteering either in the classroom or outside of the classroom. We'll have translators available. We encourage any family member that would like to help our school to come in, have a cup of coffee, meet the principal and find out ways to participate. Your kids will love to see you around the school! Everyone wins!!

8. YEARBOOK SALE: ONCE A YEAR OPPORTUNITY

ORDER NOW FOR JUNE

NOVEMBER 13th – 30th

We are thrilled to announce Mantua's 2007-2008 Yearbook will be a FULL COLOR EDITION!

Every June when yearbooks arrive there are disappointed students who want to buy yearbooks but failed to order a copy. Unfortunately, we can order only the number of books that have been purchased in advance. Don't let your child be left out because you forgot to order!

Cost: \$18.00
Make Check or money order payable to:
Irvin Simon Photographers

NO CASH; one check per yearbook if ordering for siblings!
All orders due by Tuesday, November 30th
This will be your only chance to order your 2007-08 yearbook at this price!

PRICES GO UP IN JANUARY TO \$25 A BOOK

Don't let this opportunity slip by! Questions contact Maureen Pass 703 385 1004

*limited scholarships available upon request

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