

**Mantua PTA Alert News for February 17, 2009**

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**1. *It's Spirit Day on Friday, February 20th— Crazy Hat Day!***

*Friends should show their school spirit by wearing their craziest hats!*

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**2. Mantua PTA Auction News**

Thanks to so many of you for your generous donations to the auction, and for your bidding participation.

It's been a great success this year!

A huge THANK YOU to Tom Morgan and John Nicholas for their wonderful and diligent work on the auction website, to Susie Kaiser for getting the ball rolling, and to Jackie O'Brien for tracking all the donations. Also, a debt of gratitude to Nicole Armstrong for her tireless work on this year's auction.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Winners of the two main raffles for auction donations:

\* Nintendo DS winner is the Thiel family \*

**\* Visa gift card for teachers is Ms. Morrison, 1st/2nd Grade Family 1 \***

**Congratulations!!**

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**3. Available! LEGOLAND, CA certificates: free admission with another admission purchase--value of \$53-63, expires 12/31/09. \$5 donation to PTA suggested.**

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**4. Kindergarten Orientation: Save the Date!**

**Rising Kindegartners and their parents , mark your calendars for May 4th at 2:00 pm for kindergarten orientation.**

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**5. Immunizations required for Rising 6th Graders**

**For students entering 6th grade in the school year 2009-10, a booster dose of Tdap will be required.**

**Female students entering 6th grade next year (2009-10) will also be required to have the HPV (human papillomavirus) immunization.**

**Please make arrangements to bring your child up-to-date on these required immunizations, or if you already have, please provide the Clinic with documentation of the immunizations.**

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**6. Carnival Poster Contest Begins!**

**Mantua students, pre-school to 6th grade, are invited to enter the Carnival Poster Contest. Details are provided during the Morning News and were in last Tuesday's Folder. If you've misplaced your folder, you can find a copy at [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org). Students must complete their own work independently at home and relate the poster to the 2009 carnival theme "Mantua Goes Green." Posters must be placed in the poster contest box located in the front office no later than Friday, March 6th. Entrants receive 6 carnival tickets. Winners receive: 1st Place--20 tickets; 2nd Place--16 tickets; 3rd Place--12 tickets; Honorable Mention--8 tickets. Winners will be announced on the Morning News and on the Mantua website in March. Questions: Contact Missy Greene at [missygreene@marykay.com](mailto:missygreene@marykay.com) or 703-407-5767.**

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**7. Mantua DVDs Now Available**

The Mantua PTA is selling DVDs for The Wizard of Oz and the Winter Chorus Concert 2009 for \$10. People should write a check to the Mantua PTA, and include their name, phone number, their

student's name and the student's homeroom teacher. It will be given to the student to put in their backpack. Give your order to the front office, Attn: Jane Dunfee

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## 8. Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Award

The Virginia Lottery is conducting a Super Teacher Award contest. Nominations must be submitted on or before March 6, 2009. We have many Super Teachers at Mantua! . 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 go to <http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/>

Nominations can be mailed or submitted online but must be received by March 6, 2009.

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