Mantua PTA Alert News

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1. SHARE TO CARE TALENT SHOW IS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!

The Share to Care Talent Show will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 2008. The show features Mantua students showcasing their amazing talents. All proceeds benefit Mantua 's Community Care Fund so please plan to come out, support our students and donate to an amazing fund! Doors open at 5:30 and tickets and concessions may be purchased throughout the show. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents, we could use a few additional volunteers for clean-up after the show and we need baked goods donations. Please contact Jeri Gloege at jeri.gloege@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer your time and/or baking skills! If you are a parent of a Mantua student participating in the show, please don't forget rehearsals are this Thursday and Friday from 3:40 to 5:20 on the stage!

2. My name is Jane Dunfee and I run the Distance Learning Center for Mantua. We would love it if people could donate to us their flat bedsheets or long curtains so we could use them for backdrops.

3. Final Chance to Order Yearbooks!

We will be placing our final order to Irvin Simon for yearbooks for the 07-08 year. It is not too late to order one for your child! Here's what you need to do:

Cost: \$25.00 Check Only: Check must be made out to: Mantua PTA One check per yearbook! (2 books=2 checks; 3 books = 3 checks, etc.) NO CASH Deadline February 8th

Send in Envelope labeled:	Example:
Yearbook,	Yearbook
child's full name,	Jane C. Doe
teacher	Ms. Walrath
grade	4th Grade

Questions ?????? Please contact Maureen Pass moepass@cox.net or call 703 385 1004

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8TH

4. GT Referral Forms Due

GT Center Referral Forms for FCPS students due to Mantua on February 8th. Please visit <u>www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt</u> or contact Eva Bousbouras at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu for additional information.

5. Upcoming Dates For February 2008

- 6 PTA Meeting- 7 PM
- 9 Talent Show 6 PM
- 12 Primary Election Day- School Opened, Library Closed
- 12 Winter Orchestra Concert 7 PM
- 13 Winter Band Concert 7 PM
- 18 President's Day Holiday
- 19 Family Life Education Meeting 7 PM

6. Volunteer Spotlight: Carrie Clawson

This week's focus is on the behind-the-scenes work of Carrie Clawson. Carrie is responsible for putting together the Alert each week (yes, this thing you're reading right now), in both a hard copy and online version. She also helps coordinate publicity for the spring Carnival and the Book Fair in the fall. Her sons Daniel (5th grade, Mr. Shelton) and Joshua (1st grade, Ms. Morrison) enjoy having her help out in their classrooms stuffing Tuesday folders, during parties, or with Art or Computer time. Carrie feels she has a better understanding of our school and her children because of her volunteer work. While she feels it is strange to write about oneself in the third person, she enjoys this new section of the Alert about parents and the many ways they contribute to the school. If you know a parent who should be profiled in the Volunteer Spotlight, let us know by email at alertnews@mantuapta.org!

7. Counselor News

Mrs. McConnel, Counselor K-3, now has a counselor-intern with her until May 1. Mrs. Andi Farrow, who also has experience as a classroom teacher, is finishing her Masters degree at George Mason University this spring. She will be assisting Mrs. McConnel in her lessons and counseling activities for the next few months.

8. Frost Power Bingo is this Friday

Feb. 8, from 7-9 p.m. in the Frost Cafeteria

Prizes include a scholarship to American Music Stage/TADA! summer program, a weekend at Deep Creek Lake , a cake and a class from Food Network challenger Norman Davis, laser tag, manicures and much, much more that will appeal to players of all ages.

Buy early and save! Go to www.bingo.frostmspta.org to check out the prizes and buy tickets online at \$12 for adults and \$6 for students!

Questions? Please contact Lori Sharn Bryant at Isharn@cox.net or 703-359-1039. Students must come with a parent or other adult.

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