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1. Don't miss nationally known speaker Sharon Weiss speak on parenting strategies next Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm. Email Teresa.McConnel@fcps.edu or call 703-645-6300

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 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

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 or 703-359-4298

3. 2008-9 PTA Executive Board Nominees

The PTA Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees for approval as the 2008-09 PTA Executive Board:

President: Robert Greene

First Vice President(s): Trish Williams and Monica Cameron

Second Vice President: Nicole Armstrong

Treasurer: Julie Lifland

Secretary: Ken Moles

The election will be held in May at the General Membership meeting. We welcome all PTA members to attend and vote at this meeting.

4. SAVE THE DATE – Field Day will take place as follows: June 10th K – 2, June 11th, grades 5 & 6, finally June 12th, grades 3 & 4. The students love this event and we need many parents to help out that day. Please take a moment to look at your calendars – your class parents will be in touch with you over the next few days looking for volunteers. Even if you only have an hour to spare, we can use your help.

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5. Lunch Money – As most of you know, when our children forget their lunch money, the office is very kind to lend them money but we need to replenish the account. Please check with your children to see if they borrowed lunch money from the office and forgot to tell you. By reimbursing the office, funds will be available for the next person who needs to borrow for a day. Thanks for your help.

6. Last Call for Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Award! Nominations must be submitted on or before April 11, 2008. If you would like to nominate a teacher, please contact Mary Jo Kavjian at <u>kavjianPTA@aol.com</u> for more information.

7. April Dates:

- **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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