

Mantua PTA Alert News for June 3, 2008

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1. Congratulations to Hanna Tomhave – Hanna Tomhave was honored last week as one of the eight state-wide recipients of a Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Award. The Virginia Lottery received over 1800 nominations. The state was divided into eight sections with one teacher chosen from each section. Other Mantua teachers who received nominations were Mrs. Baker, Ms. Ballard-Smith, Mr. Collins, Ms. Davis, Mrs. Grice, Ms. Rutherford, Mrs. Sherman, and Mrs. Sottolano.

2. 2008 RACCOON RUN RECAP

Thank you to everyone for making # 8 GREAT!!. Despite the dampness, the 2008 Raccoon Run was a huge success! Over 400 runners turned out along with many families and friends from the Mantua community and beyond. Thank you to the Manuta Kids Care Club, the volunteers, the Boy Scouts of Troop 1533, Rocky, the teachers and staff, the students and families. Your support is very much appreciated and so helpful to Life with Cancer. This year we raised \$11,000 to support Life with Cancer's new Family Center. Many students collected pledge donations tallying \$4000 and congratulations goes to our top 3 contributors, Ethan Lash (\$690), Trevor Nelson (\$525) and Ryan Yoder (\$251.25). The winner of the Sony Laptop is Brian Contreras and Ms. Graap's class had the most participants -- 21 students registered-- and will enjoy a pizza/ice cream party. All is all it was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning, not to mention what we all did for a great cause. See you next year for divine # 9!! Have a great summer.

3. SOL TESTING DATES

Wednesday, June 4: Grade 4 Math

Thursday, June 5: Grade 6 Math

Friday, June 6: Grade 5 Math

Monday, June 9: SOL Makeups

Monday, June 9: Grade 3 Social Studies

Tuesday, June 10: Grade 6 Social Studies

Thursday, June 12: SOL Makeups

Friday, June 13: SOL Makeups

4. Girl Scout Troop 5463 accepting donations of new or gently used stuffed animals until Friday, June 6.

Girl Scout Troop 5463 is working to achieve our Bronze Award. One part of the project involves us sending "Girl Power" packs to underprivileged girls. We are asking for donations of NEW or GENTLY USED (spotless) stuffed animals which will be included in the "Power" packs. The stuffed animals should be "Webkinz" sized or smaller (no bigger than 1 foot). Please look for our donation box near the front door of the school. THANK YOU!!

5. MANTUA DRAMA CLUB...

Coming to a theatre near you. Fall 2008

(because it is all about the drama...)

6. Become a Sponsor

Are you friendly and upbeat? Know a lot about Mantua Elementary and happy to share information with a new family? We want you! For next school year, the PTA will pair "sponsor" Mantua families with new families. You'll be surprised at how much you can help a new kindergarten or transfer family with a simple e-mail or phone call. More than 25 new kindergarten families have already requested a sponsor, and we'd like to get started over the summer.

To share your knowledge and enthusiasm, become a sponsor by contacting Marybeth Abell at tmbabell@aol.com or 703-268-5190. Please include your name, home phone number, best e-mail address and, if applicable, any additional languages you speak. You'll hear from us soon!

7. 6th Grade T-Shirts have arrived! If you have not had a chance yet to purchase your class t-shirt, there are extras available. Look for Josh Smoot's mom in the hallway before class starts on Tuesday and Wednesday morning or send in a check for \$7.50 made out to the Mantua PTA.

8. REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM

Summer time is the perfect time to start collecting creative ideas and photographs to reflect next year's theme, "Wow!" For more details, please refer to the website <http://www.mantuapta.org/activities/reflections.shtml> to get an idea about the program. More details will follow in the fall.

9. BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Last chance to submit your box tops for this year! Please send them in to school with your child or place them in the designated container at the PTA welcome table in the school's entry. We collected several hundred dollars this year! Thanks to all of those who have contributed!

10. DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED SOCCER EQUIPMENT Junior Girl Scout Troop 4333 is collecting new or gently used soccer equipment for the Passback Soccer program. All equipment will be given to children in need of it. Soccer balls, cleats, shin guards, uniforms (names and numbers on them are okay!), socks, water bottles -- all are needed. Look for the box in the school lobby. Now that soccer season is ending, it's a great time to get rid of your soccer equipment.

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