



## Mantua Elementary School PTA Alert Newsletter for May 19, 2009

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### Last Chance to Order from the Online Book Fair!

The Online Book Fair sponsored by the library and PTA ends this Friday. Shop from the comfort of your computer--no lines or shipping fees! The Book Fair benefits our own Mantua ES Library, so our children will have an even broader selection of books next school year.

It's a rare opportunity to support your school AND encourage your child's love of reading!

Log on to [www.bookwormcentral.com](http://www.bookwormcentral.com) and type in "mantua" as your access code to start shopping. Your purchases will be available for pick up at school in early June. Thanks in advance for your generous support.

### Field Days are Coming!

Volunteers are needed to share in a fun day, loved by all Mantua students. **Tuesday, June 9th** grades K-2 will experience the games and activities designed by our PE department, followed **Wednesday, June 10th** by grades 3-4 and finally, on **Thursday, June 11th** our 5th and 6th grade will get to have some fun. There are morning and afternoon shifts and we welcome you to share any part of the day with your student that you can. Please contact your class parent to volunteer if you have not already done so - a few classes already have four volunteers each! Any questions, please contact Donna Stelling McGrath at [dsm721@cox.net](mailto:dsm721@cox.net). Your help is

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### Workshop for Parents This Thursday

If you missed our PTA workshop last year with SHARON WEISS, Behavior Specialist, she will be speaking again on May 21, 7:30 PM at James Madison High School in Vienna (sponsored by CHADD). Even if you came last year, she is such a great speaker, you might want to hear her again. For more information go to [www.novachadd.org](http://www.novachadd.org)

### Upcoming Events For May and June

#### MAY:

- 5/20 - FT 6th Grade - Hemlock
- 5/20 - SOL Testing - 4th Grade - Reading
- 5/21 - SOL Testing - 6th Grade - Reading
- 5/22 - SOL Testing - 5th Grade - Reading
- 5/25 - Memorial Day Holiday
- 5/26 - SOL Testing - 3rd Grade - Math
- 5/26 - Spring Band Concert 7:00 P.M.
- 5/27 - SOL Testing - 4th Grade - Math
- 5/28 - SOL Testing - 6th Grade - Math
- 5/29 - SOL Testing - 5th Grade - Math
- 5/29 - FT 6th Grade- Gettysburg

#### JUNE:

- 6/1 - SOL Testing - 3rd Grade - Science
- 6/2 - SOL Make Up Tests
- 6/3 - SOL Testing - 3rd Grade - Social Studies
- 6/3 - SOL Testing - 5th Grade - Science
- 6/3 - PTA Mtg 7:00 P.M.
- 6/4 - SOL Testing - 4th Grade - Social Studies
- 6/4 - SOL Testing - 6th Grade - History
- 6/5 - SOL Make Up Tests
- 6/5 - Grade 5 Play
- 6/5 - 6th Grade Musical - 7:00 P.M.
- 6/8 - 6th Grade Musical - Grades 3-5 - 9:15 A.M.
- 6/8 - 6th Grade Musical - Grades K-2 - 10:30 A.M.
- 6/8 - Mentor Works EOY Celebration 12:15 P.M.
- 6/8 - SCA F/T 2:00 P.M.

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6/9 - Field Day - K-2  
6/10 -Field Day - 3-4  
6/11 -Field Day - 5- 6  
6/12 -Volunteer Tea - Library  
6/12 -TC EOY Picnic - Back Fields  
6/15 -6th Grade Awards Ceremony Rehearsal  
6/16 - Patrols & GMM Picnic  
6/17 -6th Grade Awards Ceremony and Party  
6/18 -Last Day of School/Report Cards Go Home

### Attention Reflection Participants!

At long last our art submissions for our area have been judged. If your child would like to pick up his/her piece of art please do so as they will be in a giant ziplock bag located in the office. If your student would like to get a jump start on next year, here is the theme.....

"BEAUTY IS....."

Please refer to the PTA website for upcoming/historical information!

### The PTA is Looking for...YOU

There are still quite a few unfilled committee chair and even Board positions open for the upcoming school year. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in our school, meet new parents, and learn more about your PTA. Several of the positions open require only a few hours of volunteer time during the year, and others positions are active only at certain times in the school year. There are always notes and guidance from predecessors.

The PTA Executive Board positions are all open for vote. We encourage many nominees to run for office. We currently have nominees for President, 2nd VP (Membership & Fundraising), Secretary and Treasurer.

The First Vice-President(s) position is currently seeking nominees for next year. The VP job can be done by one

nominees for next year. The VP job can be done by one person or co-chaired by two, as was done this year. Here is a brief description of the position:

Broadly oversee the 13 outreach committees (many staffed by veteran committee chairs); assist with the planning and coordination of PTA events; maintain front lobby parent resource table and bulletin board with updated materials; organize 'First Day Folder' stuffing party in August; assist with Parent Education events; attend monthly PTA meetings.

Also open are the following Committee positions for '09-10 school year:

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Communicates with teachers and parents to seek and organize volunteers for direct classroom and school-wide volunteering jobs, parties and events;

**Hospitality Chair:** Organizes Back-to-School Breakfast, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Appreciation Week, and provides light refreshments at monthly PTA meetings.

**School Directory:** Using data from several sources, lays out and prints school directory in Oct/Nov.

**Field Day Volunteer Coordinator:** Using data from volunteer coordinator, works to ensure all classes have parent coverage for Field Day events.

**Kid Care Club:** Organizes approx. 9 monthly, after-school children's meetings, works with the club members to sponsor several charitable and civic-minded activities, including Neighborhood Leaf Raking for Seniors, a Talent Show for the Mantua Community Care Fund and Raccoon 5K Race and Fun Run benefiting Life With Cancer.

**School Year Book:** Multiple committee members needed to supervise yearbook production, manage book orders and maintain financial records.

**Reflections Art:** Coordinates a school-wide, nationally

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Chess Club: Assist chess club coach as needed.

Science Programs: Develops relationship and coordinates with participating science program to offer after/before-school program.

Please contact any of the Nominating Committee members to find out more about available positions within the PTA: Trish Williams ([trishdowny@gmail.com](mailto:trishdowny@gmail.com)), Monica Cameron ([monica.cameron@cox.net](mailto:monica.cameron@cox.net)), Amy Ivey ([a.m.ivey@att.net](mailto:a.m.ivey@att.net)) or Nicole Armstrong ([NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com](mailto:NicoleAArmstrong@aol.com))

### Alert News Contributions

Send items via email to [alertnews@mantuapta.org](mailto:alertnews@mantuapta.org); include "Alert" in the subject line.

Submissions appreciated by the Friday before distribution.

For more information, please visit our website:

[www.MantuaPTA.org](http://www.MantuaPTA.org)

Sincerely,  
Mantua Elementary School PTA

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