

# Mantua PTA Alert News

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**1. Winter Holiday: 12/24/07 -1/1/08**  
**Mantua Office will also be closed during this time.**

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**2. SHARE TO CARE TALENT SHOW** –The Share to Care Talent Show benefiting the Community Care Fund will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 2008 and we need volunteers! Please start thinking about how you can be a part of this event. Permission slips to all students will go out in your Tuesday folders on January 8th or may be downloaded online from the Mantua PTA website that week. Permissions slips must be returned by January 11th in order to schedule auditions for each act! All interested students may audition on January 22-24, 2008. Audition schedules will be included in your Tuesday folder on January 15th. We will also have two parent meetings for all volunteers prior to the January and February PTA meetings (no more than 30 minutes) . We need your help to ensure our Talent Show is a success!! If you have any questions about the Talent Show or would like to volunteer, please contact Jeri Gloege at [jeri.gloege@gmail.com](mailto:jeri.gloege@gmail.com).

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## **3. Holiday Gift Idea**

The PTA is pleased to once again offer families Type to Learn, the software package Mantua uses to teach children typing. The software is just \$13 and is available in time for the holiday season.

Students embark on zany time travel missions to learn keyboarding skills in this animated update of Type to Learn. Built on a proven curriculum of sequential, skills-building instruction, Type to Learn 3 helps students master keyboarding by engaging them in lesson/practice sequences that include:

- Home Position: A friendly reminder on proper positioning at the keyboard
- Warm Up: Loosen up fingers in a home row review
- Check Point: Quickly review previously learned lessons
- Learn New Keys: Animated 3D hands introduce keystrokes on a color-coded keyboard
- Exercises: Direct keyboarding instruction with automatic review and plenty of practice
- Final Challenge: Ensure skills are mastered with a test after each lesson

Each of the 25 lessons in Type to Learn 3 is followed by a set of skills-based practice games. With new art, more teacher control options, and a captivating world history theme, them new games provide fun practice for students! Grades 2 - 12.

To order your copy(ies), please enclose a note with your child's name, child's teacher and number of copies along with a check made payable to "Mantua PTA" in an envelope labeled "PTA Box - Type to Learn". The software will be sent home with your child in a sealed paper bag (in case the software is a gift).

Please contact Carole Thomas at [caroleandjay@aol.com](mailto:caroleandjay@aol.com) if you have any questions.

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