

Gifted Child Committee

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Our committee is held it's January Meeting with over 100 parents in attendance. MCPS Staff, Kay Williams, Sophie Kowzun and Michelle White presented information about identifying students who need above grade level instruction in reading.

We have 2 additional meetings scheduled for this year.

- **February 24, 2008 – Carolyn K webmaster of Hoagiesgifted.org will speak of the topic of Underachievement: Enforced, Learned and Twice Exceptional**
Enforced, learned, or twice exceptional: underachievement can have many causes, and a variety of solutions. Come learn about the differences, and similarities, and many of the possible solutions, to underachievement. The first step to resolving underachievement is to figure out what's causing the underachievement - then we can begin to resolve it! Time: 7:30 – 9:00pm Location: Carver Auditorium
- **April 24th - Differentiating Instruction: Best Practices in Grouping Strategies & Teacher Preparation** - What does differentiated instruction look like in Reading, Science and Social Studies at each school level? What are grouping strategies MCPS uses in ES and MS? What are the pros and cons of each? Does research support a particular strategy for gifted students? What are some practical strategies teachers can use for students who learn at different rates or bring prior knowledge to the classroom? How are teachers prepared/trained by MCPS to address the needs of gifted students and advanced learners? Is any training required? Does MCPS maintain information on what training each teacher has received? Time: 7:30 – 9:00pm Location: Walter Johnson HS Cafeteria.