

Committee Report, September 2006

Gifted Child Committee: Elizabeth Enders, Chair, eaenders@verizon.net

The MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee would like every quad cluster to designate someone to serve on our committee in the role of GT cluster representative, in order to have broad representation on GT issues affecting children in Montgomery County, and to make two-way communication easier between MCCPTA and the local schools on matters pertaining to gifted education and services provided by MCPS. This person could be the AVP, the Cluster Coordinator, a local school MCCPTA Delegate or PTA GT Liaison. He/she would monitor our listserv, pass information to the local PTAs, and pass back any local concerns and issues to the MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee. Our committee meets approximately every other month on the fourth Thursday. Our calendar of meetings so far includes the following dates: 9/28, 11/30, 3/22, 5/24. Please give the name of your quad-cluster (or cluster) GT representative to Elizabeth Enders, eaenders@verizon.net.

Planning continues for the annual training for local PTA GT Liaisons. This year's training is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 11 at the Richard Montgomery High School Auditorium, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** We hope your GT Liaison or a substitute will be able to attend. The meeting is open to the public, so feel free to invite other parents or advocates for children, as well.

The Gifted Child Committee met on August 31, 2006. We discussed plans for the fall training, upcoming meetings with the Office of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction (AEI), and developed a general information flyer to be sent home in backpacks or PTA newsletters. Our committee is currently researching the potential use of Lexile scores (MAP-R tests) to help direct instructional level/placement for GT students, as well as identification.

To join our listserv, send an email to: GTLiaisons-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, or contact Christy Lyons at christylyons@verizon.net.