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President's Letter

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at our first Delegate Assembly of 07-08 which will be held on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of the Board of Education Building (Carver) and at our fall training on Saturday, September 29th from 9:00-2:00 at Rockville HS.

When you arrive at the Delegate Assembly (DA), please sign in at the tables in the corridor outside the auditorium. Everyone who attends should sign in. Each PTA will have one folder of information, please make sure someone picks up your folder. Both MCCPTA and MCPS place information for you to take back to your local PTA in these folders. In addition to the materials in the folders, there will be handouts on the table located in the auditorium. Generally we try to have papers related to that evening's business available on the table so that everyone can have a copy. Folders are also prepared for the members of the MCCPTA Board of Directors; these are usually on the table just outside the auditorium door. If a PTA does not pick up its folder at the DA, it will be sent to their school via the MCPS pony mail.

At the first DA, we will introduce our Board and give a brief overview of how the DA functions. We have several business items and resolutions to introduce. We will also hear from our committee chairs and there will be a committee fair at the end of the DA so that you can learn more about our committees and hopefully join one.

You can also bring information about the committees back to your local PTAs—you do not have to be a delegate to join an MCCPTA committee.

Every PTA should have received a packet of training flyers at your school. Please issue a broad invitation to your PTA members and make them aware of the various session topics. We strongly advise all local board members to attend to learn and share experiences. We also ask that you bring your PTA guidebooks with you so that we can save on photocopy expenses. If you are asking "What guidebooks", please check with your former president, school office, or current president. Each PTA was issued a set of guidebooks at the spring training. If no one from your PTA picked them up, they were sent to your school the first week of June. Most of these can be downloaded from our website, www.mccpta.com. We will serve light breakfast snacks and lunch at the training. If you are staying for lunch, please rsvp to our office so we can get a rough count.

Have you joined the PTA? Make sure to ask this at every school/PTA function. Many PTAs focus on membership only in early fall. PTA membership is open all year round. Events such as picnics, math nights, Columbus Day open house, November conferences and many others are great opportunities to set up a membership table and enroll members as people arrive.

MCCPTA has hired a new Office Manager. Monica Turnbo began work on September 10th. Monica has been active in the Galway ES PTA and has two children. Welcome. Our former Office Manager, Cathy Lilja, left to work as a bookkeeper. Cathy had been with MCCPTA since 1999 and was a valuable resource for our organization. I know Cathy has helped many of you over the years with your PTA questions and will be missed.

We are still trying to track down names and contact information for a few PTAs to publish in our Blue Book Directory. An updated list of PTAs with missing information will go out in the Bulletin next week. Please check to see if we are missing any of your information. If you have recently elected officers, chances are we need that information. You may submit Blue Book info on our website, by phone to our office, email office@mccpta.com, or by mail to our office. Please know that we do not provide your information to any of the many companies that ask for it. When businesses ask us how to reach PTA presidents we advise them to address mail to PTA President @ each local school. We hope to have the Blue Book out to local PTAs before the end of October.

PTA presidents should make sure that their Board of Directors knows what is expected of them. If you haven't already, meet with your officers to discuss each person's responsibilities, communication, meeting dates and other basics. If your committee chairs do not usually write up formal work plans, make sure that each one knows what his/her budget is, how to access this money, how to get items in your newsletter, how to get flyers home, whom to go to with questions, and has a good idea of what their job entails. If the former chair has materials, make sure these get passed along to the new chairs.

Cluster coordinators should be setting up cluster meeting schedules for the year. Many clusters like to rotate meeting places so they can visit each school in the cluster and also invite their Community Superintendent to these meetings—but this is your choice. Cluster coordinators should make sure that they have contact information for their cluster presidents, cluster reps, and delegates so they can pass along

information throughout the year. AVPs should be meeting with coordinators this fall to touch base and discuss common goals/issues.

I hope you all take note of the new MCPS Parent Academy and help publicize the classes. There are parents in every school who would benefit from these classes. MCCPTA is working with the Parent Academy to develop a course on Parent Participation in SIPs. We are also working with the county police and Attorney General's office to develop a course on internet safety for both the Parent Academy and local PTAs. The intent is to offer a Parent Academy course, and also have a presentation that PTAs could book at their local schools.

Wednesday, October 3, is International Walk to School Day. Hopefully your PTA or School plans to publicize this and use the event to promote fitness and pedestrian safety. If you are participating in Walk to School Day, contact Brenda Botchway, Injury Prevention Coordinator at 240-777-1462 or e-mail Brenda.botchway@montgomerycountymd.gov to be included in the list of participating schools released to the press and to receive more information.

Some of the issues that will be brought up at the first DA include resolutions on the MCCPTA FY2009 Operating Budget Priorities, proposed changes in Final Exams for AP/IB/Cambridge classes, and school web sites. These will be introduced at the September DA for you to take back to your locals in October and return at the end of October prepared to vote.

I hope this is a sign of better communication rather than of worse local relations, but the MCCPTA officers have become aware of issues at many local PTAs. Some of these involve trouble recruiting local officers, some involve disagreements within the PTA Board, some involve friction between the PTA and the principal, and some involve friction between the PTA and the community. Some involve all of the above! In all of these cases, it helps to be familiar with your bylaws so that you know who can decide what. PTAs all have an Executive Committee, which are the officers only.

They all have a Board of Directors (formerly called Executive Board), which is comprised of the officers, principal, delegates, and others as spelled out in your bylaws. You should know who proposes the budget, who approves the budget, how committee chairs get elected/appointed and by whom, how to call meetings, who can call meetings, how to fill vacancies, etc. The secretary is responsible for keeping a current copy of the bylaws on hand at all meetings and I strongly advise all officers to be familiar with their bylaws. Second, it helps to

remember the PTA mission and to let that guide your work. Third, it helps to call MCCPTA. Cluster coordinators are a resource for local PTAs. We are also working on building up our training committee so that they can also assist with issues within local PTAs.

See you on the 25th!

Jane

“Must Do’s” for PTAs

Pursuant to Maryland PTA Bylaws:

1. All PTAs must be incorporated. Go to www.dat.state.md.us to see if your PTA is incorporated and in good standing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.
2. All PTAs must carry bonding and liability insurance. MCCPTA carries a blanket policy, which covers all local units. In the next couple of months each unit will receive a bill from MCCPTA for their portion of the premium.
3. All PTA checks must be signed by two people - the treasurer and one other authorized officer.
4. All PTAs must submit a copy of their annual Treasurer’s Report and audit report to the MCCPTA Treasurer, Dale Ryan, at MCCPTA, 2096 Gaither Road, Suite 204 by pony mail, or MCCPTA, 2096 Gaither Road, Suite 204, Rockville, MD 20850 by US mail.
5. All PTAs must maintain current by-laws. The by-laws must be reviewed and resubmitted every three years.
6. All PTAs must pay annual dues to Maryland and National PTAs and to MCCPTA.

Pursuant to Maryland State Law:

7. All PTAs must be registered with the Charitable Organizations Division - Office of the Secretary of State (www.sos.state.md.us)- and follow the links to “Registering a Charity”.
8. All incorporated PTAs must file a personal property tax return by April 15 of every year in order to maintain their corporate status.
9. If your PTA resells any items, such as gift-wrap, plants, candy, it must have a sales tax license and file returns according to the schedule your PTA establishes with the state.

Pursuant to Federal Law:

10. All PTAs with gross receipts of \$25,000 or more must file Form 990 (with Schedule A) annually. The return is due on the 15th day of the 5th month following the last day of the organization’s fiscal year. For example, if the local unit’s fiscal year ends on June 30, the 990 must be filed before November 15.

Questions? Need assistance? Please don’t hesitate to call me! My “job” is to be a resource for you and your PTA.

Dale Ryan
MCCPTA Treasurer
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MCCPTA Committee Updates – September 2007

(Please note: Additional Committee updates are shared electronically on the MCCPTA Bulletin)

Communications Committee

1) Website: Website Coordinators: Sharon Goodall sharon.goodall@gmail.com
Lin-Lin Mao linlinmao@earthlink.net

Thank you to everyone who emailed updates for the MCCPTA website to the website subcommittee. Keeping the MCCPTA website updated with the latest information is an ongoing task so please keep us informed on any changes that need to be made to committee website pages as well as other pages on the MCCPTA website.

2) Listservs: Listservs Moderator: Patti Twigg LPTwigg@erols.com

As of August 28, 2007 membership on the various lists is as follows:

Listserv	# subscribed
MCCPTA Board	92
MCCPTA Bulletin	516
MCCPTA Delegates	410
MCCPTA Presidents	281

These numbers do not reflect the changes – as outgoing people leave the lists and incoming people are added.

3) Spotlight: “Spotlight” Reminder: If you have news and/or achievements from your school or PTA that should be highlighted in the “Spotlight” corner of the MCCPTA homepage, please notify MCCPTA (via email to office@mccpta.com and/or webmaster@mccpta.com).

Patti Twigg, Committee Chair and Listservs Moderator

LPTwigg@erols.com

Cultural Arts Committee

On Saturday, September 29th, there will be a Cultural Arts workshop offered during the MCCPTA Fall Training at Rockville High School. The session is from **12:45-2:00** in the auditorium. We will include topics for beginners (general how-to’s, Cultural Arts Listserv; AIE funding; free shows) and for those of us who have done this for years (differences in elementary/middle/high school; in-school field trip tie-ins) and tips/hints for all including options if your performer has to cancel at the last minute; making sure your performers stick to their outline - especially those with animals; principal support, etc. Liz Wheeler will stop in to talk about grants and Seda Gelenian will be stopping in to talk about the Showcases. The dates for the **2007 MCPS Showcases** are:

Thursday, September 27

Thursday, October 4

Monday, October 1

Thursday, October 11

The Showcases are sponsored by MCCPTA/EPI and will be held at Carver Education Center in the auditorium from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. A different performer is presented every 15 minutes. There is no scheduled lunch break however attendees may enter and leave at any time (preferably not during performances). Attendees are encouraged to bring their children to watch but there is no babysitting provided. Parents must closely supervise their children. Every day has different performers. New performers will be presented on October 11th. All performers have been approved by the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS.

Cultural Arts will be represented at the **committee fair** taking place after the Delegate Assembly on **Tuesday, September 25** at Carver.

Joan Wolf, who held this position last year, has very kindly agreed to temporarily continue overseeing the Cultural Arts listserv. If you would like to join, please send an email to her at: JoanWolfJoanWolf@aol.com.

Randy Chin, Chair, Cultural Arts Chinhaven@aol.com

Counseling and Guidance

The Guidance and Counseling Committee has: set a tentative outline of goals for the school year, established and publicized meeting dates, and developed useful contact information from MCPS. The head of counseling activities for MCPS, Kent Weaver, has provided this committee with comprehensive information regarding the way counselors are employed at various levels including their obligations and expected duties. The committee is reviewing this information in order to reevaluate committee goals in light of new information.

Ann Gallagher, Chair, Counseling and Guidance (agm@saltywaters.org)

Curriculum Committee

The MCCPTA Curriculum Committee is seeking volunteers. Curriculum is ultimately about what is taught and how it is taught and is therefore the central function of the school system. The school system's has a Curriculum Advisory Committee that meets four times each year. The Curriculum Advisory Committee is broken up into discipline-specific subgroups. These subgroups provide us with a chance to talk directly with the MCPS staff that oversee existing curricula and develop new curricula. Frequently they share drafts of new curricula at the meetings and ask for feedback from the parents and teachers attending.

MCCPTA is looking for representatives for each of the curriculum subgroups at these meetings. Representatives must commit to attend these meetings and provide a brief, written summary of each meeting to the MCCPTA Curriculum Committee.

Meetings will be held from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Shady Grove Middle School on the evenings of

- Monday, September 24, 2007
- Monday, November 26, 2007
- Monday, January 28, 2008
- Monday, March 10, 2008

The subgroups are:

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| • Art | • Physical Education |
| • English Language Arts, Grades 6–12 | • Reading/Language Arts, pre-K–5 |
| • English for Speakers of Other Languages | • Science |
| • Foreign Language | • Special Education Instruction |
| • General, Instrumental, and Choral Music | • Social Studies |
| • Health | • Mathematics |

Representatives also are expected to attend MCCPTA Curriculum Committee meetings where we share what we have learned at MCPS's Curriculum Advisory Meetings and discuss other curriculum issues.

These will be on the 2nd Monday each month at the Carver Center in Rockville. The dates are:

September 10, 2007	October 8, 2007
November 12, 2007	December 10, 2007
January 14, 2008	February 11, 2008
April 14, 2008	May 12, 2008

If you are interested in representing MCCPTA, or have any questions, for more information please contact: Sharon Schulman, MCCPTA Curriculum Committee Co-Chair

Gifted Child Committee

Our committee has planned four meetings with the assistance of the Office of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction. The date of our October meeting has been changed since it originally conflicted with the MCCPTA BOD/MCPS BOE meeting on October 24th.

- October 17th - GT Liaison Fall Training Session - General GT information regarding acceleration/enrichment opportunities within MCPS. Question and Answer period regarding Gifted Education. Information packets will be provided to all GT Liaisons to take back to their schools. Time: 7:30 – 9:00 PM Location: TBD
- November 29th - Exploring the Writing Curriculum: How MCPS Prepares Students to be Exceptional Writers – Come and learn the components of the writing curriculum. Are there extensions for advanced writers? What are the expectations regarding writing instruction for students in ES, MS and HS? Does the MCPS curriculum specify expectations regarding length of compositions at different grade levels? Are BCR’s part of the writing curriculum? Time: 7:30 – 9:00 PM Location TBD
- January 24th - Beyond the GT Label: How Teachers Identify Students Who Need Above Grade Level Instruction - How do teachers determine a students' need for above grade level programming? What assessments are used in reading? In Math? In other subjects? What is MAP-R? What do the assessment scores mean? When is it appropriate to skip grades in order to meet a student’s academic needs? Is there ever a point at which acceleration is a bad thing for students? Time 7:30 – 9:00 PM Location TBD
- 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: TBD

We also have been given the opportunity to have Carolyn K., Founder and Director of Hoagies Gifted Education Page (<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>), will come and speak on February 28, 2008 on the topic of: Underachievement: Enforced, Learned and Twice Exceptional. *Enforced, learned, or twice exceptional: underachievement can have many causes, 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!*

Holly Gaut, Chair, Gifted Child Committee hollygaut@hotmail.com

Grading and Reporting Committee

The Grading & Reporting Committee last met on March 19, 2007. Since that meeting, the following G&R issues have been discussed and/or feedback has been collected:

The MCCPTA’s proposed Resolution on Secondary Final Grade Calculations was tabled last April pending collection of further research and/or feedback on the impact. Later, the chair of the Grading & Reporting Implementation Team (GRIT) introduced proposed language to change the procedure for calculation of secondary final grades (similar to the MCCPTA’s proposed Resolution). The GRIT-proposed language involved calculating final grades by numerical versus letter grades and discontinuing use of the Grade Configuration Table. Feedback from the MCCPTA body (as well as other stakeholder groups) will be requested by MCPS on this in the near future. This topic will be addressed by the OARS One-Text Committee. MCPS’ desire is to make a formal recommendation in January.

OARS: The OARS Project Committee held its last meeting in May. At the end of last school year, it was suggested by this Committee to MCPS leadership that several changes be suggested to teachers, potentially downsizing the number of grade categories and, thereafter, method for assigning points to assignments in each category

(weighting). The Montgomery County Education Association dissented from the workgroup's preliminary recommendation and, it was suggested that this recommendation be held pending further discussion and review. Dr. Weast's September 11 Memorandum/Update to the Board of Education suggests that those 11 OARS templates are suggested for use by teachers in 07-08 when reporting grades. The final decision is made, however, at the local level. A multi-stakeholder One-Text Committee is being formed now to address these secondary OARS and final grade calculation issues.

High School Final Exam Workgroup (FEWG): This workgroup convened for 5 meetings in July and August to address Patricia O'Neill's memorandum regarding the issue of whether to exempt Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge International students from the MCPS final exam. Feedback collected by electronic survey of the MCCPTA suggested that MCCPTA preferred exempting all AP/IB/CIE students who take the AP/IB/CIE external exam, from taking the MCPS final exam. The draft recommendation of the workgroup currently suggests that all students enrolled in AP/IB/CIE classes be exempted from the final, but complete and end-of course culminating activity or assessment which will count for 25% of the semester grade (same as the final exam). Additional feedback collected from MCCPTA members prompted the issuance of correspondence from MCCPTA to the FEWG chair, Carol Blum, formalizing parents' disapproval of the draft recommendation's underscored text above.

Regulation IKA (IKA-RA): A committee has met and began collection of text, researching and preliminary drafting the new IKA-RA. When a draft is ready for review and input (expected in September) stakeholder groups will be invited (including MCCPTA parents) to join in on the review phase before a final is produced for approval or forwarding to the Policy Committee.

The next meeting of the Grading & Reporting Committee will be held on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Carver Conference Room 120.

Beth Kennington, Chair, Grading and Reporting Committee

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Health Committee

Update on Citizens Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development:

The Pilot Test of the new sex ed curriculum went well and the State Board of Education supported MCPS efforts to move forward with full implementation this coming school year in the 8th and 10th grades. Brian Porter was the liaison between MCPS and the committee but he will be retiring to pursue his doctorate. Lori-Christina Webb will serve as the new liaison to the CAC. Ms. Webb, who is the executive assistant to the deputy superintendent of schools, is familiar to most committee members from her work last year on revisions to the health education curriculum.

School Foods:

Wellness Fair: MCPS Division of Food and Nutrition Services is hosting a Fall Wellness Fair to help educate community members about school foods as well as physical activity. I attended the meeting on Sept. 5th.

Tour of Foodservice Operation: I received an invite (as did most of BOD I believe) to attend one of three info sessions on the MCPS Division of Food and Nutrition Services operation, including a briefing and a tour of the food service facility. I have contacted BOE VP Shirley Brandman to see if other parents can attend. I have toured the operation before so will not be participating in any of these events.

Physical Education:

I received feedback from MCPS on what the rules are for PE sports that are selected and safety gear in response to questions raised at the summer area meetings. This is a start. If there are more questions or concerns, then let me know.

PTA Questions regarding Physical Education in schools

Information sheet compiled by Tracy Fox, MPH, RD
Chair, Health Committee, MCCPTA

Question/comments: Consistency across MS's in the sports/activities covered during PE classes (I.e., why do some schools teach certain sports units and others do not?) Use of proper safety equipment when sports taught during PE (Equipment that is required in JV and Varsity sports not necessarily used in PE classes for same sports)

Summarized answers/information from MCPS Physical Education Coordinator:

Physical Education class (and lacrosse): Some schools teach lacrosse and some do not. Teachers can determine the sports that are used to teach certain concepts. Teachers use the MCPS Secondary PE Instructional Guide (IG) to determine which sports to select from in teaching movement skills and concepts.

The IG also includes information about instructional modifications and safety. Once the new standards-based curriculum that is currently under development is approved and teachers have received training on implementation, teachers will use that as a guide. Until then, the IG is used.

In the physical education class during the school day, the rules are modified to promote learning; the competitive nature of sports is greatly reduced with more emphasis placed on conceptual and tactical problem solving.

Intramural sports after school: intramurals after school are considered an extension of the physical education program – intramurals are not part of the MCPA athletic program. The decision to include Lacrosse as an after school intramural in middle school is, again, the decision of the staff. Equipment and expertise are factors considered in whether or not Lacrosse is include as an intramural after school sport.

Questions about the athletic program (not PE or intramurals) are to be referred to Gaby von Nordheim for middle school and William "Duke" Beattie, director of athletics for high schools.

Tracy Fox, MPH, RD, Chair, Health Committee

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High School Committee Report

A Fall High School PTSA President's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Sherwood High School's Media Center. This conference is open to all high school presidents and any others that they may want to invite with them or as a delegate. The conference is a wonderful opportunity for presidents to get together to discuss high school issues and concerns and relay best practices. In addition we will have a speaker come out to present on a topic of interest (to be determined). Lunch will be provided at this conference. Please mark your calendars and join us for this informative and interactive conference. RSVP to Sharon St.Pierre at stpierre619@comcast.net or at 301-774-3613

Sharon St. Pierre, Chair, High School Committee stpierre619@comcast.net

Membership Committee

The Membership committee completed a 30-second PSA (Public Service Announcement) for membership recruitment using lots of local faces, places and voices to help get the word out that the PTA is made up of people just like you. The PSA has been sent to MCPS ITV and Montgomery Cable Television. We will post exact air times if we can get them.

We pulled together a list of "Best Practices" for membership recruitment that is on the MCCPTA website. There are lots of clever ideas to help build membership. We will continue to take idea and suggestions for membership recruitment so please keep sending the ideas to us.

We are compiling information on PTAs and PTSAs in need of assistance in an effort to help them build their membership.

We are looking into the concern about directory distribution and the opt-out deadline. Also, we are looking into universal sign-up forms and adding additional resources to our website.

Susan Asbury Stavenhagen, MCCPTA Membership Committee Chair, s.stavenbury@comcast.net

Parent Leadership Committee

The Parent Leadership Committee will be scheduling meetings for this year. Meeting dates will be posted on the MCCPTA website and the MCCPTA Bulletin Listserv soon as well as being provided at the September Delegates Assembly. These meetings will be spaced out to help committee members not feel overwhelmed by the demand of

the time being committed to this committee, yet at the same time giving us an opportunity to see the impact of the ideas that are being implemented in the various schools.

Elisia George, Chair, Parent Leadership Committee (dalisha3313@hotmail.com)

Special Education Committee

The Special Education Committee has been busy preparing for the 2007-2008 school year. We will have many presentations this year at 850 Hungerford Drive, Carver Bldg. All are welcome to attend. Our first presentation will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 – Annual Kick Off Meeting and Orientation Session, this will give MCCPTA Special Education Chairs the opportunity to meet MCPS Special Education staff members and learn about advocacy as a chairperson with their school and community.

In addition, Jeanne Taylor a member of the MCCPTA Special Education Committee is also a member of the Secondary Learning Center Project Management Team, this team meets on a regular basis to discuss about the recent closing of the Secondary Learning Center and any issues or concerns that have been brought to the committees attention. Questions, feel free to contact Jeanne Taylor at ftrjmt@aol.com.

Diane Dickson and Kay Romero, as members of the MCCPTA Special Education Committee are part of a multi-stakeholder group (Learning Center Transition Evaluation Advisory Group) that works with the Department of Shared Accountability for the evaluation and monitoring of the transition of Learning Centers with scheduled meetings throughout the year. Questions, feel free to contact Diane Dickson rvdianedickson@yahoo.com or Kay Romero Kay2898@aol.com.

Throughout the school year the committee conducts five informational meetings on a variety of topics either of a time sensitive nature or of general interest. These meetings are geared toward chairpersons from local PTA Special Education Committees throughout the county, but are of interest to and are open to everyone.

Please Note: All of the training meetings are held from 7:30- 9:00 p.m. at 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (Room Location will be Cafeteria)

Wed, October 10, 2007 – Annual Kick Off Meeting and Orientation Session

PTA Special Education Chairs will have an opportunity to meet MCPS Special Education staff and learn about their role as a PTA Special Education Chair for their respective school(s). For more information or to register contact Jennifer Zaranis at specialedkids@verizon.net

Wed, Nov 14, 2007 – Panel Discussion of Home School Partnership & Communication.

This session will focus on improving the home-school partnership. Effective communication among teachers, school administration, students and parents is critical for student success. Come listen to what the "experts" have to say on this topic. For more information, or to register, please contact Teresa Jones at tjones983@md.northwestern.edu

Wed, Jan 9, 2008 - Transitioning from School to Employment.

This meeting will focus on preparing young adults with disabilities for careers. For more information, or to register, contact Reda Sheinberg at rjsheinberg@yahoo.com

Wed, Feb 6, 2008 - Reserved for Secondary Learning Center Update.

Wed, Mar 12, 2008 – Rick Lavoie Video Showing and Discussion, "It's So Much Work to be Your Friend: Helping the Learning Disabled Child Find Social Success".

Join us as we learn practical strategies to help children navigate the social situations they face in school, home, and community.

Monday, May 5, 2008 at Rockville HS-MCCPTA Special Education Committee Recognition Award Ceremony

Jennifer Zaranis, Chair, Special Education Committee jennifer.zaranis@verizon.net

2007 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CULTURAL ARTS SHOWCASES

WHAT:

WHEN: September 27, October 1, October 4 & October 11

WHERE: CARVER EDUCATIONAL CENTER AUDITORIUM
850 HUNGERFORD DRIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

TIME: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
A DIFFERENT PERFORMER IS PRESENTED EVERY 15 MINUTES.
THERE IS NO LUNCH BREAK. PLEASE BE PROMPT. EVERY DAY
HAS DIFFERENT PERFORMERS. NEW PERFORMERS ON OCT. 11.

WHO ATTENDS: EVERYONE INTERESTED, IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND. PLEASE SIGN IN EACH DAY THAT YOU
ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE!

SPONSOR: MCCPTA/EPI (MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL OF PARENT TEACHER
ASSOCIATIONS / EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, INC.)

INFORMATION: SEDA GELENIAN – PRODUCER / COORDINATOR
CALL –301/540-4180 (h), sedagelenian@starpower.net
(PLEASE DO NOT CALL MCPS)

DIRECTIONS: From the North, Frederick Rd. becomes Hungerford Dr, becomes
Rockville Pike (Rt 355). Pass Gude Dr, as you pass Montgomery
College, turn right at the traffic light (MANAKEE). Carver Educational
Center is on your left. Park in the lot on your left before the building.
Proceed to the NORTH ENTRANCE. The Auditorium is immediately
to your left as you enter.

OR

From 95, Take 495, EXIT to 270, Take EXIT 6 (RT.28) TO
ROCKVILLE. Go up the ramp, through the light/cross Rt. 28. Turn left
on MANAKEE at traffic light. Carver will be on your right. Park in
the front of the building and use the NORTH ENTRANCE.

**(ALL PERFORMERS PRESENTED AT THE SHOWCASES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMITTEE FOR PERFORMANCES IN MCPS)**

MCCPTA Fall Training
Saturday, September 29, 2007
9:00AM – 2:00PM
Rockville High School
2100 Baltimore Road, Rockville, MD 20851

SCHEDULE

9:00- 9:20 AM.....*Registration and Refreshments*
9:20- 9:30 AM.....*Move to Sessions*
9:30- 2:00 P..... *Training Sessions*

SESSIONS

Session I (9:30 -10:45 AM)

Presidents
Treasurers I
Secretaries
MCCPTA Delegates
Cluster Coordinators & AVPs
Reflections
Newsletter Editor

Session II (11:00AM – 12:15 PM)

EPI After School Program
SIP Process - School Improvement Plan
Treasurers II
Membership Recruitment
Advocacy
Outreach
Running Effective Meetings
Facilities/CIP - Capital Improvements Program

Session III (12:45PM - 2:00PM)

Cultural Arts
Painless Fundraising
On Line Membership (OMDR)
High School PTA Presidents/ HS Issues
Middle School PTA Presidents/ MS Issues
Bylaws
Emerging Leaders
Volunteer Program

- Stay for one, two, or all three sessions. Refreshments will be available before Session One and lunch will be served between the last two sessions.
- If you plan to stay for Session Three, be sure to reserve your lunch by calling the MCCPTA office by Thursday, September 27th, at 301-208-0111.

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Pony Mailing

SEPTEMBER 2007

MCCPTA Calendar 2007-2008

**Unless otherwise specified all meetings take place at the
 Carver Educational Services Center (850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850).**

September	20	7:00-9:30pm	MCPS Strategic Planning Forum, Quince Orchard HS	
	25	10-11am	MCCPTA Guidance & Counseling Com. Mtg. Room 120	
	25	7:30pm	Delegate Assembly	
	27	9am-2:30pm	Cultural Arts Showcase	
	29	9am – 2:00pm	MCCPTA Fall Training, Rockville HS	
October	1,4,11	9am-2:30pm	Cultural Arts Showcases	
	3	Morning	International Walk Your Child to School Day	
	4	7:30pm	MCCPTA BOD Meeting	
	8	7:30-9:00pm	MCCPTA Curriculum Committee Meeting	
	10	7:30-9:00pm	MCCPTA Special Ed Com. Kick Off, CESC Cafeteria	
	11	7:00-9:30pm	MCPS Strategic Planning Forum, Wheaton HS	
	16	7:00-8:00pm	MCCPTA Guidance & Counseling Mtg Room 120	
	17	7:30-9:00pm	MCCPTA Gifted Child Com. Walter Johnson HS Cafe.	
	23	7:00-8:00pm	Program: Gangs	
		8:00pm	Delegate Assembly	
	24	7:30pm	MCCPTA Board meets with BOE, Cafeteria	
	27	9:30am-12:30pm	MCCPTA HS conference, Sherwood HS Media Center	
	30	Evening TBA	MCPS/MCCPTA CIP Forum, Cafeteria	
	November	1	7:30pm	MCCPTA BOD Meeting