

**February 2009**

**MCCPTA Safety Committee Report**

**Chair: Laurie Halverson**

If you are interested in being on the Safety Committee, please email Laurie Halverson at [LSH2727@verizon.net](mailto:LSH2727@verizon.net). All schools are encouraged to have a Safety Committee Chair and be involved in the MCCPTA Safety Committee. You will be added to the email list and we will keep you informed on all Safety issues throughout the county.

**Safety of Portables-** The Safety Committee will discuss a proposed resolution on the safety of portables at their February meeting. By this time, we should have an updated schedule of all MCPS portables, their inspection ratings and information about new portables planned for purchase in the upcoming school year. The Safety Committee will prepare a guide for PTAs on what to look for and how to stay on top of issues that may occur with portables and will add it to the Safety Committee webpage before the end of the school year.

**Safety and Security at a Glance-** This report was released on the MCPS website a few months ago. It has 6 sections that report information from various sources. It can be found at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/regulatoryaccountability/SafetyGlance/> and is also on each school's website along with the student and parent satisfaction surveys.

**Visitor Management System-** If you would like to share how the new visitor management system is working at your school, please email Laurie Halverson at [LSH2727@verizon.net](mailto:LSH2727@verizon.net). The Safety Committee is interested on how this new technology is being implemented at the various schools that have had systems installed this year.

**Bullying Prevention:** We are hoping to get a subcommittee started this month to communicate with MCPS and MSDE (Maryland State Department of Education) to get involved in the implementation of the new bullying prevention guidelines after the passage of legislation last year at the state level.

**Underage Drinking Law change:** An adult found guilty of obtaining or furnishing alcohol to youth under the age of 21 will receive a fine, and that fine has been increased to \$2,500 for the first offense (up from \$1,000) and \$5,000 for each subsequent offense (up from \$1,500.)