

**Board of Directors Meeting-August 26, 2010
MCCPTA Committee Reports**

Cultural Arts Committee Report-September 2010

CHAIR: Priscilla Peterson, prisfp@verizon.net

The annual Montgomery County Cultural Arts Showcases are scheduled to be held this fall on October 4, 5, 11 & 15. They will take place at the Carver Educational Center Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. The Showcases, which run 9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., will have a different performer presented every 15 minutes, with no break for lunch. Admission is free and all MCPS Cultural Arts representatives are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to see the diversity of talent available and decide whom to hire for your school's assemblies.

The performers presented at the Showcases have all been approved by the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS. Auditions for new performers are being held in September, so the exact schedule for each day's performances at the Showcases will not be determined until after the auditions. If possible, most of the new performers will be scheduled for October 15th.

If anyone has any questions about the Showcases or the auditions, they should contact Seda Gelenian, producer & coordinator of the Showcases. You may reach her at 301-540-4180, or email her at: sedagelenian@verizon.net

Gifted Child Committee Report-September 2010

Chair: Michelle Gluck, gluck.michelle@yahoo.com

We are pleased to announce that the Gifted Child (Sub) Committee is back, after a year's hiatus. We encourage PTAs to appoint a GT Liaison, because we are eager to hear from all schools in every cluster as we set priorities for GT advocacy going forward. PTA Presidents, please email me at gluck.michelle@yahoo.com with the email addresses of your GT Liason so your school will receive updates and information about GT issues.

Look for information soon about a GT Liason training/ information session to be held this fall. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me with any thoughts, questions, or concerns about GT education.

Membership Committee Report-September 2010

Chair: Janette Gilman, janettegilman@verizon.net

The MCCPTA Membership Committee is working with our local PTA/PTSA leaders to grow membership to increase our collective voice for the children of Montgomery County and the resources available to our local schools. With roughly 50,000 members in 2009-10, the committee seeks an overall increase of 50% to 75,000 members in 2010-11.

This summer, over two dozen membership leaders—PTA and PTSA presidents, vice presidents, and membership chairs—attended membership workshops in Rockville, Potomac, and Silver Spring to share ideas on reaching, building, and retaining membership despite the storms of July! Thanks to Kennedy High School and Hoover Middle School for their willingness to host these evening workshops, and to MCCPTA President Kristin Triple for quickly working with MCPS to locate space at Carver to reschedule one of these workshops at a convenient location for attendees.

Pending approval by the MCCPTA Board of Directors, the committee hopes to encourage membership growth with three categories of MCCPTA membership awards to be presented publicly at the Principals-Presidents Dinner in May 2011. Proposed awards would be given for a) percentage growth in local PTAs by 5% increments (5%, 10%, etc.); b) absolute numbers—the largest—PTA/PTSA by category of school (elementary, middle, high, or special school); and c) greatest parent involvement calculated by the ratio of the total number of students to total membership.

MCCPTA Special Education Sub-Committee Report-September 2010

Chair: Jeanne Taylor, frtjmt@aol.com

Approval from the Board has been requested for the following:

Three sub-committee meetings are scheduled to be held over the course of the 2010-2011 school year. All meetings to be held in the Carver Cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Schedule:

- Monday, October 4, 2010 – Kick off meeting: welcome members, meet MCPS Special Education staff, and representatives from other advocacy groups.
- Monday, December 6, 2010 – Members will discuss their special needs “expertise” to fellow chairs.
- Monday, February 7, 2011 – Show Sensory Integration video.

New members always welcome, please feel free to contact me for additional information.