

**A Special Opportunity For You to Nominate a Special Person or Program!
The MCCPTA Special Education Committee is looking for nominations of
outstanding contributions to the success of students with special needs by
Educators, Programs, Parents, and Students.**

The Event - Each year the MCCPTA - Special Education Committee holds a recognition ceremony in the spring to honor educators, programs, parents, and students who have contributed to the acceptance and success of students with special needs in MCPS during the school year. This year the ceremony will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012. Various guests will include families, community members, MCCPTA leadership, MCPS administrators, Members of the Board of Education and the County Council, etc.

The Purpose - This ceremony is an important way for the special needs community to say thank you to those who through instinct, creativity, empathy, patience, and determination, help our children enjoy success. It is also a way to acknowledge the benefits of investing in programs for students with special needs.

The Process - Any parent, administrator, educator, or student can submit nominations.

Requests for Nominations - The MCCPTA - Special Education Sub-Committee is soliciting nominations of educators, programs, parents, and students for recognition at this years ceremony. A nomination form and a sheet describing the criteria for Special Education recognition are attached.

We will begin accepting nominations in February 2012. All nominations must be received no later than Friday, March 30, 2012.

Online nominations can now be submitted using the online nomination form, <http://www.mccpta.com/specNeedsRecForm.html>

or by email attachment to Jeanne Taylor, Chair @ [fرتjmt@yahoo.com](mailto:frtjmt@yahoo.com).

We strongly encourage electronic submissions

Alternatively, nominations, including a completed nomination form (go to end of page) and a nominating statement along with supporting statements - can be forwarded to the MCCPTA office at:

**MCCPTA
2096 Gaither Road, Suite 204
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 208-0111 – VOICE
(301) 208-2003 – FAX**

For additional information or forms contact
Jeanne Taylor, Chair @ ftrjmt@yahoo.com

Criteria for Special Education Recognition

Each nomination should reflect at least one of the criteria listed below for the relevant category. Educators, Programs, Parents and Students: Supporting statements from Students, Parents, Administrators and / or other Educators should be included!

All nominations should be received at MCCPTA no later than Friday, March 30, 2012.

Educators:

Any educator who has provided consistently outstanding services to advance the success of students with special needs in at least one of the following ways:

1. Providing school leadership in developing or carrying out instructional or social practices to promote achievement and participation of students of special needs. (e.g. organizing an Appreciating Individual Uniqueness Week)
2. Demonstration of teaching practices in the classroom (special education or regular education) which enable achievement and participation of students with special needs (e.g. classroom organization, differentiated instruction, instructional accommodations, appropriate test modifications, peer helping strategies, social skills development, management of behavior)

Programs:

A school based program that has demonstrated outstanding results in promoting success of students with special needs through the cooperative efforts of school administration, regular staff, special education staff, parents and students.

Parents:

A Special Education Chairperson or other parent who has made an outstanding contribution to school and or community program to benefit students with needs in one or more of the following ways:

1. Dissemination of valuable information to staff and parents
2. Planning and conducting staff or parent training programs
3. Providing support to school programs by organizing volunteers or providing direct in-school assistance
4. Providing support to parents through participation in group meetings, PTA functions or IEP conferences

Students:

Any Student who has made an outstanding contribution to school objectives, programs, or activities in one or more of the following ways:

1. Actively participating in school programs that increase peer acceptance and support of individual differences
2. Providing direct assistance, friendship, and encouragement to students with special needs

3. Demonstrating leadership in student activities to promote a spirit of caring, belonging, and cooperation among the student body

2011 – 2012 Special Education Recognition Nomination Form

1. Complete all blocks below.
2. Write a nominating statement of 500 words or less explaining how the nominee has contributed to the success of students with special needs, and why the nominee deserves recognition. Your statement should provide specific details that clearly reflect one or more of the criteria for the nominated category, as provided on the Criteria for Special Education recognition description. Supporting statements from students, parents, and/or other educators should be included for all categories!
3. Submit electronically or by e-mail – **by** Friday, March 30, 2012.

NOMINEE (Please Print)

Category (circle one) Educator, Program, *Parent, *Student

Name of Person / Program Nominated:

Address:

(Street, City, Zip Code)

School: _____

* Home Address Also Needed.

NOMINATED BY: (Please Print)

Name of Person Submitting Nomination:

Role: _____

Position

Telephone: _____

Address:

(Street, City, Zip Code)

School: _____

(Street, City, Zip Code)

Nominating Statement:
