

MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee  
November 1, 2007 Report

The MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee held its first meeting of the year on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We were joined by 28 PTA GT Liaisons and 30 parents. We had presentations by Dr. Ed Harris and Sandi Harris of Destination Imagination, Stephen Bedford, Office of School Performance, Erick Lang, Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs, and Peter Ostrander, Program Supervisor Office of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction. In addition, Martin Creel, Director II, Department of Enriched and Innovative Instruction, Kay Williams, Director, Department of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction and Monique Felder, Program Supervisor, Department of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction were available to answer questions. Holly Gaut and Mia Allen of the MCCPTA GCC presented information regarding the role of the PTA GT Liaison. Informational packets covering all aspects of accelerated instruction were provided to everyone in attendance. These packets were also sent via pony mail to PTA GT Liaisons who were not at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on November 29, 2007, 7:30 - 9:00pm at Walter Johnson High School. The topic to be covered is Exploring the Writing Curriculum: How MCPS Prepares Students to be Exceptional Writers We have invited all interested parents and community members to come and learn how MCPS prepares students to be exceptional writers. Find about where BCRs fit within MCPS curriculum. Learn what MCPS expects regarding writing instruction for students in ES, MS and HS? See examples of student writing samples. There will be time to answer questions at the end of the presentation.