

Communications Committee Report
November 1, 2008
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1) Website:

Website Coordinators:

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The Website subcommittee updated the MCCPTA website with the following:

Webpages updated in October:

- MCCPTA Calendar
- MCCPTA Office with new office manager and office hours
- "Must Do's" for PTAs
- Insurance
- Local PTA and PTSA Websites. Website addresses were either added or updated.
- Grading and Reporting Committee
- Homepage with various announcements and link added to Carver Educational Services Center directions
- Spotlight update

Other additions:

- Maryland PTA Scholarship Fund announcement for students pursuing a career in public education
- BOD minutes for 9/4/2008
- Approved April 2008 DA minutes
- Draft September 2008 DA minutes
- Nominating Committee announcement
- Committee workplans for 2008-2009
- Committee reports for October 2008
- October President's Letter
- Memo from Superintendent Jerry Weast to Members of BOE on FY 2009 Operating Budget: State Budget Reductions, October 16, 2008
- Halloween Safety Tips from Maryland Division of Parole and Probation
- Announcements for various programs and workshops
- Upcoming Workshops and Seminars List on Special Education Committee Page
- Cyber Safety Event for MCCPTA Delegates at Nov. DA, Nov. 25, 2008 - Flyer with details

We implemented an email obfuscation for the officers, committee chairs, and cluster coordinators addresses that are listed on webpages to try to cut down on spam to these people.

There were several changes to alias email addresses due to changes in officers, email delivery problems and hiring of a new office manager.

Committee chairs, please look at your committee's website page and let the Website subcommittee know of any changes you would like to make. All MCCPTA standing committees website pages can be accessed from the following link: <http://mccpta.net/committees.html>.

Officers, please take a look at the other MCCPTA website pages and let us know if there is information that is no longer relevant or needs to be updated. The MCCPTA website is at <http://mccpta.net>.

2) Listservs:

Listservs Moderator:

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As of November 1, 2008 membership on the various lists is as follows:

Listserv	# subscribed	Net increase/decrease from last report
MCCPTA Board	84	+3
MCCPTA Bulletin	616	+7
MCCPTA Delegates	467	+3
MCCPTA Presidents	287	-2
MCCPTA Treasurers	219	+3

The new school year transition continues as new members are added and old members removed from all five listservs. The auto-reminder calendar for the Bulletin and BOD listservs has been updated as meetings and events are scheduled.

3) Spotlight:

The MCCPTA website has a corner just for your school or PTA and its accomplishments! “Spotlight” is the place for your school or PTA to shine – for the whole county to see! Don't be shy - you know how great you are, here's your chance to let everyone else know it too! If you have news and/or achievements from your school or PTA, please notify MCCPTA (via email to office@mccpta.com and/or webmaster@mccpta.com).