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**MCCPTA to Honor Educators, Programs for Commitment to Special Needs Families**  
*Ceremony at Rockville High School Monday, May 9 at 7:30 pm*

The Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) will host the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Special Education Recognition Ceremony on Monday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Rockville High School.

MCCPTA will honor the following individuals and groups for their commitment to special needs families in the Montgomery County Public School system:

**Outstanding Students**

Julia Yu	Walt Whitman HS
Laura Pastel	Albert Einstein HS

**Outstanding Parents**

Barbara and Joseph Pastel	Albert Einstein HS
Delia Tetelman	Burning Tree ES
Judy Lantz	LDAMC
Mary Ann Dawedeit	CCC Transition Program

**Outstanding Programs**

AAC	Cannon Road ES
Bocce Ball Team	Sherwood HS
Carl Sandburg	Carl Sandburg Learning Center
Cava Java	Kennedy HS
Learning for Independence	Tilden MS
Sixth Grade Team	Lakelands Park MS
Speech/Language Pre-K	Beall ES

**Special Award**

Mary Ellen (Mimi) Beall  
Montgomery Knolls ES

**Honorable Mention Programs**

Fifth Grade Class  
Burning Tree ES  
RICA  
JLG-RICA

**Outstanding Educators**

Adam Soffrin  
Cashell ES  
Beth Staten  
Quince Orchard HS  
Catherine Lahens  
Watkins Mill ES  
Charlie Hodgson  
Northwest HS  
Christa Gordon  
Lucy Barnsley ES  
Gretchen Solender  
Wayside ES  
Joseph Barranca  
Sligo Creek ES  
Kate Stephansky  
Kennedy HS  
Liz McLeod  
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS  
Lynn Chvotkin  
Walt Whitman HS  
Manal Agabein  
Roscoe Nix ES  
Maribeth Donohue  
Cannon Road ES  
Peter Flynn  
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS  
Rebecca Lusman  
Julius West MS  
Shawn Mumma  
Walt Whitman HS  
Shawn Prather  
Magruder HS  
Stephanie Pasternak  
Kennedy HS  
Susan Kolze  
Travilah ES  
Tracey Wright  
Kennedy HS

**Honorable Mention Educators**

Alexis Nardella  
Carl Sandberg Learning Center  
Alyson Okun  
Bannockburn ES  
Damian DiCamillo  
Albert Einstein HS  
Denise Cunningham  
Whetstone ES  
Diane Long  
Walt Whitman HS  
Donna Russo  
Wayside ES  
Edward Atanasoff  
Fields Road ES  
Jennifer Miehle  
Shady Grove MS  
Laurie Safran  
Walt Whitman HS  
Lesli Gillman  
Walt Whitman HS  
Randolph Mussotte  
Randolph Transportation  
Lee MS  
Stacey Roy

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