

PAINT BRANCH/NEC CLUSTER REPORT

September 2017

Cluster Coordinators Tracie Potts and Brian Anleu attended back to school events at 7 of our 8 schools in September, and communicated with all. Following is a synopsis of activities in the Paint Branch cluster:

- Elementary PTAs (including a few in the NEC outside our cluster) are exploring a **possible community blood drive** to support hurricane victims.
- NEC-Sherwood will host an **information table at the Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department Open House** on Sunday, Oct. 15, 12-4pm.
- Paint Branch HS PTSA is currently seeking all **new officers**. Several interested candidates have been identified. At their first meeting on Sept. 19, an MCPS representative **reviewed plans for a possible addition**. (A feasibility study has been funded in the CIP.)
- Banneker MS PTSA hosted a successful **“Dads Take Your Kids to School Day”** event on Sept. 29. Officers are interested in and closely following curriculum issues involving the **elimination of grade-level courses**.
- Cloverly PTA held a successful meeting on the first day of school, Sept. 5. Cluster Coordinator Tracie Potts attended. President Brad Behr briefed parents on their **connection to MCCPTA**. Principal Dr. Melissa Brunson briefed parents on **HVAC and other renovations/upgrades** for which we will continue to advocate.
- Cluster Coordinator Tracie Potts met with new Fairland ES Assistant Principal Rachel Sifri. She’s **eager to connect families with cluster** community activities.
- Cluster Coordinator Brian Anleu attended **Back to School Night/PTA events at Burtonsville and Greencastle ES**.
- Following elections on Sept. 12, PTA leaders learned that their non-profit status has been revoked. Cluster Coordinator Tracie Potts has been working with eager parent leaders, MCCPTA and Maryland PTA to **re-establish the PTA**. With the approval of Maryland PTA, memberships will be offered at an **informational meeting on Oct. 9**. An organizational meeting will follow at a date TBA.