

Hello everyone -

Our kids may be looking ahead to the end of school, but really education advocates in Montgomery County never stop!

Over the summer MCCPTA will continue the tradition of having our six **Summer Area Meetings**. The summer meetings are SO important -- that's our focused chance for each Area's Cluster PTA's to talk about their **priorities for the coming year**, and for MCCPTA to gather information from PTAers all across the county to help craft MCCPTA's Advocacy Priorities for the coming year. Here's the *Summer Area Meeting schedule.*

July 9	BCC-WJ-Whitman
July 16	DCC (Blair, Einstein, Kennedy, Northwood, Wheaton)
July 23	Blake, Paint Branch, Springbrook, Sherwood
July 25	Clarksburg, Northwest, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley
Aug 6	Churchill, RM, Poolesville, Rockville, Wootton
Aug 8	Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Watkins Mill

If you're a Cluster Coordinator or AVP -- the planning and organizing of your meeting is one of the first big things for the 2018-19 school year -- and MCCPTA's officers are ready to work with you. Other PTA leaders -- find your meeting date, reach out to your CCs and AVP, and make sure to **invite your whole school community, your school admin. team** etc. -- these meetings are a great chance to meet and get to know each other, and also have substantive conversations about the things you care about. The new Office of School Support and Improvement (**OSSI**) **directors will be joining you** at your Area meetings to meet and get to know the parent communities in their schools.

2018-19 MCCPTA Committee Leadership

Now's the time MCCPTA recruits committee chairs, and committee chairs start recruiting committee members.

Here's a link to the leadership page of the MCCPTA.org website -- it provides the names and contact info for MCCPTA's 2018-19 elected leaders (officers, AVPs, Cluster Coordinators) AND scroll to the bottom for the list of current MCCPTA committees and Committee chairs. Our Committee chairs generally run on the fiscal year --- so terms ending on June 30: <http://www.mccpta.org/mccpta-leaders.html>

Take a look -- **see if there's a committee of interest to you**. If you would like to step up to serve as a committee chair, or continue in that role *--- let me and VP Administration Tracie Potts know. If you're not sure you're ready to lead a committee, being part of a committee is equally important -- because that's where so much of the important work of MCCPTA happens! Let us know if you see a committee of interest to

you.

And - when you look at the committee list, **if you don't see something you think you should --- let us know**. If there's a specific issue that needs attention - we can create an ad hoc committee to work on that specific thing. Or if you see a larger issue area not represented -- speak up!! We can create new committees when we need to. AND - committees can create, and dissolve, subcommittees to address concerns -- and be responsive to the energy and interests of committee members.

MCCPTA is a big tent, and there's room for EVERYBODY! We can help you find your niche!!

Thanks everyone!

Lynne Harris - MCCPTA president