

Parent Leadership Committee Report
March 2006

At the Jan. and Feb. meetings of the Parent Leadership Committee, members continued work on plans for contacting PTAs about “Best practices” used by schools in reaching out to parents and families, particularly those not traditionally involved in school-based activities. To accomplish this task, the committee is requesting assistance from PTA presidents – (please see yellow handout, Calling all PTA Presidents in this packet) to provide brief answers to 8 questions about parent involvement programs/events/projects at their schools. The committee will meet in mid-March, with date and time tba in the MCCPTA Bulletin. In the meantime, please contact Vicky Strella, with any questions or suggestions. The March DA program will be on Parent and Family Involvement in Our Schools, and will include speakers on parent involvement from MCPS schools, MD State Dept. of Education, and MCPS Division of Family and Community Partnerships. See program flyer for more information. MCPS has been conducting countywide parent education workshops to help strengthen family-school partnerships and to share information about how parents can help their children succeed in school. Workshops on reading/writing/language arts and parent involvement will be presented on March 23rd at the following locations: Albert Einstein HS, Seneca Valley HS, Springbrook HS and Watkins Mill HS. Each workshop will be held from 7-9 p.m. and will be presented in both English and Spanish. For more information, call Amy Alonso at 301-279-3100 or visit their Web site at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/familycommunity/>