

**Special Education Committee Report  
November 2009**

**Chair: Jeanne Taylor**

On October 10, 2009, I attended the 5th Annual Buddy Walk sponsored by the Down Syndrome Network of Montgomery County. Despite the wind and the rain it was a fun event and a good number of people turned out. What an inspiring event!

During the last Board of Directors meeting I presented Kay Romero with the All Kids Count plaque honoring the late Blair Ewing. AKC would like for MCCPTA to continue to honor Blair's legacy of advocating for children, particularly children with special needs.

On Monday, October 5 we had our annual kick off meeting. Gwen Mason and Judy Pattik, Directors of Special Education in MCPS, introduced themselves to the group. Several representatives from other advocacy groups presented information about their organizations. The sharing of information was very useful for many of the attendees.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 7, 2009 when we will hear from Dr. Susan Hammond of Stixrud and Associates. She will be presenting information on learning disabilities.