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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As retirees we sometimes think of the fall as a just a break from summer, and a chance to “get away” without the crush of vacationing families filling the restaurants. How quickly we forget that the kids are back in school and that family schedules have returned to “school year status”. Therefore, belatedly, let me welcome you back to an exciting new school year.

This year holds many new opportunities for the students and staff of MCPS and for us, the members of MCPSRA, as well. For the students and staff, 2015 – 2016 starts with new Bell Times and new school system leadership. I have had the opportunity to meet with Interim Superintendent Larry Bowers, and to share his obvious excitement about the year to come. He plans to share his perspective on the coming year with each of us during our October 24 luncheon, so don't miss it.

Speaking of Luncheons, as you will read elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter, we will be meeting this year at Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854. A committee visited the Farm and unanimously agreed that the food and atmosphere are perfect for our luncheon meetings. We will have a greater choice of menu options, a larger and brighter venue, and of course the famous Normandie Farm popovers, at prices less than we were quoted elsewhere. Add to that a great series of programs, starting with the visit by Mr. Bowers, and we are off to an exciting new year.

Also as described elsewhere in this issue, this year our “Tool Kits Project” will enter its 13th consecutive year of helping our most needy kindergarten and first grade students. MCPSRA is committed to helping MCPS students and staff succeed, and that's where each of us come in.

In my discussion with Mr. Bowers, on how we retirees can best help the school system, we agreed that volunteering to work with the students is probably the best thing we can do. Many parents are so busy working, they just can't put in the time we did helping our kids. Many others would like to help but just don't have the skills needed. Teachers and school staff don't always have the luxury to spend the time with individual students that is needed. We retirees have both the time and the talent to make a big difference in the

lives and achievement of students. Whether it is helping kids with basic arithmetic, reading together, or editing college essays, we can help to make them successful.

Working cooperatively with MCPS, our ability to volunteer in a school, for however much time as we each have, will be put to good use. We can and we will make a difference in kids' lives and academic achievement. Just visit your local school and say you're there to help. I assure you your time will be put to good use.

See you at Normandie Farm.

Steve Raucher

New Year—New Venue—New Lunches

Normandie Farm will be the new site for our luncheons this year! Many of you have probably had the pleasure of dining there; they've been business over 80 years.

At each luncheon there will be a choice of pasta, chicken, fish or beef. However, at each of the luncheons, there may be a different preparation for each category. Also, we will be able to alternate between a soup or salad as a first course and an interesting selection of desserts! And yes, there will be the famous Normandie Farm popovers! Yum!

The chicken, fish or beef three-course dinner will be \$23.50 per person and the vegetarian three-course dinner is \$20.00. Coffee, tea or soda are included. There is a slight increase in price but it is less than if we had stayed at The Golden Bull, plus we have more variety of food preparation.

Normandie Farm is located at 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854, between I-270 and Potomac Village. For your personalized directions check www.mapquest.com. Luncheon dates are: October 29, 2015; February 18, 2016; April 21, 2016; and June 16, 2016.

Interim Superintendent Larry Bowers will be joining for lunch. Shirl Spicer and Lisa Macleman of the National Park Service will present information on the Josiah Henson Park in North Bethesda that commemorates the life of Reverend Josiah Henson (1789-1883) whose memoirs of his journey from slavery to freedom inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, **Uncle Tom's Cabin**. They also will share educational programs offered to students 4th grade and up, highlighting the newest archaeological program, “Searching for Josiah Henson,” which explores the work of archaeologists through hands-on activities.

We look forward to seeing you to enjoying great food, wonderful conversation and interesting and informative programs.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS: The Board of Directors meets monthly at 9:30 am except July. All MCPSRA members are welcome to the meetings held in Room 120 in CESC on these dates:

- October 1, 2015
- November 5, 2015
- December 3, 2015
- January 7, 2016
- February 4, 2016
- March 3, 2016
- April 7, 2016
- May 5, 2016
- June 2, 2016

LUNCHEON DATE: Business meetings and luncheons are held four times a year at Normandie Farms, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854. Please join your fellow MCPS Retirees for an afternoon of food, conversation and learning new things. The dates are as follows:

- Thursday, October 29, 2015
- Thursday, February 18, 2016
- Thursday, April 21, 2016
- Thursday, June 16, 2016

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Correction: BEVERLY BELIN (NOT BERLIN)



WHAT IS OUR TOOLKITS PROJECT?

We once again finished assembling and delivering toolkits of school supplies to needy incoming kindergartners who attended the Title I Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures In Learning (ELO SAIL) Program held in July at approximately 24 elementary schools throughout the county. This year we made 1,432 kits. Because many of our members do not know exactly what it takes to complete this project each year, here is a brief description of what has to be done to assure its success each summer. We need to raise more than \$30,000 each year to be able to do this crucial and most worthwhile project. Then we must collect over 60,000 plastic bottle caps, sort them by color, package 3,000 baggies of them, 20 caps per bag, for the kits. 1,500 bags contain clear or single color caps and 1,500 contain caps of various colors and sizes. The clear caps are used for number line, hundreds chart, and other math activities. Activities for the assorted color set include sorting, comparing, counting, and creative thinking. This part of the project takes many hours to complete throughout the year to be ready for inclusion in next summer's toolkits.

The next task is to collate the seven pages of lesson plans and calendars, printed in both English and Spanish, that go in each kit. These have ideas for parents to do with their children at home. We then must count out and fold five sheets of story paper for each toolkit (that's 7,500 sheets of paper!). Just before the kits are assembled, a label is typed and affixed to each box identifying the donor and our association. Finally, an assembly line is set up to fill the boxes with 17 items which include: number line, magnetic letters, box of 48 crayons, Play-Doh, set of number cards, set of alphabet cards, pad of 4"x 6" paper, glue stick, large eraser, pencil sharpener, scissors, two pencils, bag of colored caps, bag of clear caps, ruler, story paper, and lesson plans. Once the toolkits are ready, they are delivered to the schools by Orlando Taylor and his crew at the MCPS Department of Materials Management warehouse where they were assembled.

In the past most of these tasks have been done by just the two of us with a bit of help bagging the bottle caps and restocking the assembly line. For this coming year we would like to enlist the help of more members. We plan to sort, count, and bag the bottle caps once a month at the MCPS Stonestreet Avenue warehouse in Rockville starting in January. We usually work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteering with this task for a few hours a month would be a tremendous help. In addition, if any member has experience in writing grants and would be willing to assist in this way to raise additional funds for this project, we would greatly appreciate your help. In June and early July when the toolkits are actually assembled, volunteers are needed to fold story paper, collate lesson plans, and especially to restock the items in the assembly line. If you are willing to volunteer with any of these tasks, please fill out the form below and return it to either of us as soon as possible. We thank you in advance for volunteering to help us with this much needed project.

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VOLUNTEER FORM

Please return this form to: Ms. Trish Bendler, 13341 White Church Circle, Germantown, MD 20874

or: Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

I am willing to assist with the following activities: (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sort/bag bottle caps | <input type="checkbox"/> write grant applications | <input type="checkbox"/> fold story paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> collate lesson plans | <input type="checkbox"/> label boxes | <input type="checkbox"/> restock assembly line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assemble toolkits | | |



THE BEST ATTITUDE IS GRATITUDE

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. Often times, though, the excitement of the moment and our emotions take over and we forget to say those two little words, "Thank you!" But the kindergartners who received our toolkits at Jackson Road ES and Weller Road ES this summer didn't forget. During the excitement of discovering all the items in their kits, they took time out to write to our association members who donated to our Toolkits Project to express their gratitude. These notes and illustrations from the kindergartners are a cherished present to all of us who have championed and worked so hard to keep this project alive for the past 12 years, particularly this year when fundraising became a real challenge.

First of all, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the 316 individuals, organizations, and businesses who sponsored toolkits with monetary donations totally just over \$26,000. The Matching Grant Challenge offered by a very generous member and his wife was the single most contributing factor to raising the necessary funds to assure the success of our project this year and we cannot thank them enough. We are also very grateful for the \$1,000 donation and the rulers and pencils that were donated by the Educational Systems Federal Credit Union, something they have done annually for many years. Special thanks also go to Ben Martin at the Germantown Target Store for acquiring for us at a substantial savings the 1500 shoe boxes for the toolkits. Thanks to everyone who collected and provided us with over 60,000 plastic bottle caps used for math counters and activities in the toolkits, especially the Eagle Ambassadors at Seneca Valley HS, Ramarion King and the residents at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, and seniors at the MSSC Seniors Center in Silver Spring, including the Chic Red Hatters of Merryland, as well as all the many other school and church youth groups throughout the county. The help of Carol Dahlberg to bag the bottle caps as well as of Betsy Doyle to stock the assembly line was very much appreciated, too. Most importantly, though, and the true key to our project's success each summer has been Orlando (Lanny) Taylor (pictured above) and his crew at the MCPS Department of Materials Management in Rockville. Each year Lanny provides warehouse space to assemble the kits, orders the items for the toolkits, and sees to it that the kits are delivered to the summer school sites on time. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to all the Title I specialists and to Camiele Jones-Akinkuowo who coordinated this summer's project and the parent training sessions on how to use the items and lesson plans in the kits at each of the ELO SAIL Program school sites. It has been a true privilege and pleasure working with Lyn Wainwright who served in this capacity for over ten years. We wish her much happiness in her retirement years and wish to thank her whole-heartedly for her love and service to the school children of Montgomery County and for her commitment to our toolkit project. Thanks to everyone who made this twelfth year of our project such a successful one.

Will 13 be a lucky number for us? We certainly hope so! As we begin to plan for our 13th summer's project and embark on a new fundraising campaign, please think about how excited and grateful those kindergartners were when they received their toolkits this summer. One parent even sent a letter from her little daughter to pass on to the donor whose name appeared on the toolkit she received. How precious was that note! PLEASE fill out the form below and send in a tax-deductible contribution for this wonderful project. And also continue to wash (please) and save for us colored as well as clear or white water bottle caps and bring them to MCPSRA luncheons. Make an impact in the lives of the neediest of our county's children by making as generous of a contribution as you can.

With much gratitude, Joan Donovan & Trish Bandler, MCPSRA Special Projects Co-chairpersons

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MCPSRA TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation**, with "Toolkits Project" on the memo line) to Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I would like to sponsor # _____ toolkits at \$10 per kit. Donation enclosed: \$ _____

Optional: In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Send acknowledgement to _____

_____ Please do **NOT** include my name on the toolkit's label

YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. SHARE IT, ALONG WITH SPECIFIC TRIP INFORMATION, WITH YOUR GUESTS.

1. We all travel at our own risk.
2. There is always some walking involved as we travel. Read each itinerary carefully, keeping in mind your own capabilities.
3. Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometimes necessary and unavoidable.
4. Trips are open to members, their families and friends (adults).
5. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the coach.
6. About three to five days before a day trip, participants are called to remind them of the day and departure time of the trip. For overnight coach trips, about two weeks prior to the date of departure, participants will get a letter with up-to-date information, including parking details. One baggage tag per person will be mailed to each participant.
7. Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include name and date of trip on check.
8. Send check with completed reservation form.
9. Your reservation is definite upon receipt of deposit/full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the published deadline, your check will be returned to you. Feel free to call to find out if your reservation and payment were received.
10. Refunds are made only when your space can be filled.
11. Gratuities for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
12. **We do not provide transportation to and from the airport for trips that require flying.**

Those interested in insurance for overnight trips should call Ellen at Eyre Tour and Travel at 301-854-6600, ext. 3252 or 410-442-1330, ext. 3252 or 1-800-321-3973, ext. 3252.

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NOTICE – PARKING FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS.

As of 2015, pick up for overnight trips will be at the Georgia Avenue Park and Ride (same lot that we pick up for day trips). People coming from out of the area and in the vicinity of the Eyre Bus terminal can arrange to park and board the coach at Eyre location in Glenelg, Md. - Rt. 70 to Rt. 32 S. 5 miles to terminal. 13600 Triadelphia Rd.

For arrangements, timing and information call Ellen at Eyre. 1-800-321-3973 x 3252.

MCPSRA TRIPS in 2015-2016

All trips are listed and described on the website:

www.mcpsretirees.org

October 13 Skyline Drive and Marker-Miller Orchard
December 2-5 Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC
Abingdon, Va. Barter Theatre:
Miracle on 34th Street

Details And Dates for additional trips will be in the December Newsletter.

PLEASE MAKE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR TRIPS and PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT. We have to make commitments by dates indicated so this is very important in making a trip go or having to cancel which we do not like to do.

2016 CRUISES

March 30-April 9 Royal Caribbean Cruise Line
"Grandeur of the Seas" EASTERN CARIBBEAN: Ports of Call: Baltimore; Labadee, Haiti; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Carlote Amalie, St/ Thomas; Phillipsburg, St. Maarten. For brochure, pricing, cabin selections and other information, contact **GRAND AMERICAN TOURS 1-800-423-0247**. Identify yourself with MCPSRA.

April 22-30 American Eagle MISSISSIPPI CRUISE

April 22 Pre-night in Memphis: city tour and Graceland
23 Depart Memphis
24 Day of Cruising
25 Vicksburg, MS
26 Natchez, MS
27 St. Francisville, LA
28 Baton Rouge, LA
29 Oak Alley, LA
30 New Orleans: city tour and fly home

As the paddlewheel laps against the water, a trumpet sounds and you find yourself on a cruise into the heart of Dixie visiting historic cities and Civil War battlefields along the way.

Approximate Cost: \$5135.00 Cat A - no balcony
\$6445.00 Cat AAL - with balcony

Includes: Round trip airfare (Southwest Airlines), transfers, 1 night pre-cruise, 7-night cruise, tour of New Orleans, city tour and Graceland in Memphis

Insurance suggested and highly recommended.

Cabins are on a first-come basis. We cannot reserve cabins. For additional information and reservations, contact Eyre: 1-800-321-3973 X 3252 or Ellen: 301-854-6600 X 3252

September 15-24 Royal Caribbean Cruise Line "Grandeur of the Seas" CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND: Ports of Call: Baltimore; Boston; Portland, Maine; St. John, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia. For brochure, pricing, cabin selections and other information, contact **GRAND AMERICAN TOURS 1-800-423-0247**. Identify yourself with MCPSRA.



2015 MCPSRA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

It was with much pleasure that our association was able to award 15 very deserving MCPS employees a \$1,000 scholarship, most of whom were in attendance at the June 18 business meeting and luncheon to receive their certificates and checks. Scholarship Committee chairpersons, Joy Schwab and Ann Eberly, along with their committee members read carefully each of the 43 applications received. They selected and interviewed 20 semi-finalists. Of those, 15 were chosen to receive scholarships in four categories: Louise Smith Walker Scholarships (4), MCPSRA Scholarships (7), Memorial Scholarships (3), plus a Special Donor Scholarship.

The scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:

Louise Smith Walker Scholarships

- Alicia Bitler
- Jackie DeLucia
- Leslie Hannah
- Amber Perkins

MCPS Scholarships

- Daphney Ado Ado
- Sherri Bailey
- Misbath Dasti
- John Fitz
- Rachael Hast
- Melissa Mann
- Leighann Conner

Memorial Scholarships

- Dr. Thomas Peters Memorial Scholarship: Michelle Lambert-Williamson
- Albert Gibson Memorial Scholarship: Anthony George
- Angelina Groffredo Memorial Scholarship: Bonnie Hines

Special Donor Scholarship

- Jade Pridgeon



Fidelity Investments to Manage MCPS Tax Deferred Retirement Accounts

Last Spring, the Board of Education approved a transition of all carriers that provided MCPS Employees with Tax Deferred Savings Plans (403b, 457b) to a single carrier – Fidelity Investments. That change is estimated to save participants significant amounts of “administrative fees” while maintaining investment choices and plan flexibility. While the majority of those affected by this change are active employees, some retirees may still have tax deferred accounts managed by the previous carriers. How will this change affect you? Do you still have money in MCPS 403(b)/457(b) plans?

As of January 1, 2016, Fidelity Investments will be the sole provider for the 403(b)/457(b) plans administered by MCPS. The plans will benefit retirees and employees in many ways:

- **Lower Fees and Increased Transparency**—The plans will have reduced administrative and investment expenses and will allow you to more clearly identify the fees you are paying to participate in the plan.
- **Streamlined Investment Lineup**—The Board created a Defined Contribution Investment Committee to create and monitor an investment menu for the plans. The plans will offer “best-in-class” investment options, reduce confusion, and improve fund choices.
- **Enhanced Participant Experience**—The plans will include state-of-the art technology and communications to make transactions easier.

If you still have money in the plans, you will receive a *transition guide* from Fidelity Investments in mid- to late-October. The guide will have details about actions you may need to take and dates and locations of information and enrollment assistance sessions. In the meantime, there is more information online at the 403(b)/457(b) website at <http://mcps.yourplan.info/> and clicking on “Plan Changes are Coming” in the red banner or by contacting ERSC—the MCPS Employee and Retiree Services Center at 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 1200, Rockville, MD 20850; telephone 301-279-3614.



Normandie Farm Restaurant

MCPSRA Luncheon,
Thursday, October 29, 2015

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- Invite a new member to lunch
- Volunteer for Tool Kits project
- Assist with the newsletter
- Assist with planning and organizing trips
- Identify programs for our luncheon
- Volunteer in a school

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November 6 for the December issue
January 8 for the February issue
March 4 for the April issue
May 6 for the June issue

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**MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2015**

**Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854
301-983-8838
www.popovers.com**

Gathering 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Noon Program

Menu Choices:

Chicken Piccata, Citrus Drizzle	\$23.50	All entrees include soup, popovers, vegetable of the day, dessert, tea, coffee, soda. Cash bar available
Braised Short Rib of Beef	\$23.50	
Filet of Mahi Mahi w/capers, Citrus Drizzle	\$23.50	
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**Thursday, October 29, 2015
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Normandie Farm Restaurant



MCPSRA Luncheon/Business Meeting

NORMANDIE FARMS

Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon: 12:00 noon

Next Luncheon Date

October 29, 2015

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