

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	REPORT
<p>African American Achievement</p>	<p>Valarie Davis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fundraising and Community Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ December 5 - 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: “Winter Shopping Bazaar” at Eastern Middle School to raise money to fund AAA programs. Requesting full PTA and school support for publicity and participation. ➤ Pump It Up Event in October was a huge success, hosting over 55 children and earning over \$200. Sincere thanks to former Team Lead, Divina Peters-Natter. ❖ Black History Month Celebration & Homecoming (Co-Leads Aukeidra Haynes/Malikidogo-Fludd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ February: Working with Ms. Booker and Ms. Clark-Harrison to incorporate black history and culture lessons into learning plans, bulletin board displays, and daily student announcements featuring “Black History Makers and Milestones” ➤ First annual program planned for February 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.: Students will showcase their talents and knowledge of Black History at the “Black History Program & Homecoming”. Alumni invited to participate. NAACP, MCPS, county, and local officials to be invited. ❖ Year-End Achievement Awards (Lead Natesia Johnson-Samuel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ First annual program planned for June 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.: Every African American student to receive recognition for academic performance. Teachers and administrators to receive awards based on nominations by African American students and their parents/guardians. ❖ Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presented “MCPS & Testing 101” overview at PTA Board of Directors meeting and shared presentation with PTA. ➤ Recorded MK and PC mock parent-teacher conference videos for distribution via PTA listserv and web site. ➤ Delivered letters of invitation to participate to all African American families. Amharic version made available. ➤ Provided parent/guardian survey feedback to PTA and school leadership. ➤ Participated in PC School Improvement Plan meeting and Cultural Proficiency group planning discussion.

<p>African American Achievement (continued)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need MK administration to identify an NAACP-PC Representative for MK. ➤ Want to coordinate with PTA Enrichment Committee to launch after-school homework help and tutoring in math in January 2016 with special focus on under-achieving students. ➤ Working with PC School Counselor on plan for “Pine Crest Student Voices.” ➤ Scheduled Niki T. Hazel, MCPS Director of Elementary Integrated Curriculum and Districtwide Programs to address <i>“Improving Elementary Grading and Reporting”</i> at November NAACP Parents’ Council meeting. ❖ Membership and Community Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 35 members and counting! Provided a children’s space at October full committee meeting. Planning free homework and child care for future meetings. ➤ Planning a fun voluntary “Family Tree” holiday activity to be sent home with all students, teachers and administrators for winter break. ➤ Planning three alternative all-school service project options for MLK Day of Service. ➤ Connected Linkages with neighboring Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church for community support and engagement. ➤ Working with MCPS Office of Communications on possible combined ConnectEd list for both schools to ease communication.
<p>Book Swap - MKES</p>	<p>Lisa Pfeifer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Resumed on Thursday, Oct. 22. All children in grades K - 2 chose a book to get started. ❖ Scheduling is more of a challenge this year since K eat lunch at 10:30 AM. ❖ Currently the swap carts are being taken into each classroom (rather than staying in the hallway) due to teacher requests on a June 2015 Book Swap survey. I told teachers we will try this for a few weeks then re-assess. ❖ The Book Swap was briefly presented at the Linkages to Learning Coffee on Oct. 21. I have asked Eduardo Leiva (of Linkages) if he thinks a Book Swap training session in English/Spanish would be a good idea. ❖ Volunteers who can help with one or more grade levels are needed if the Book Swap is to continue on a weekly basis. Ideally there would be a group of 8 - 12 people who can dedicate at least 1 hour per month to the Book Swap. Recruitment efforts are ongoing.

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Communications	Rebecca Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The communications team has been keeping up with PTA news and posting it on our website, thanks to Stephanie Fears, and to our Facebook group and Yahoo listserv
Fundraiser - DineOuts	NEEDS CHAIR!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Thank you to everyone who came out to Pete's Pizza on November 2! ❖ Tentative Future Dine-Out Dates are scheduled for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ El Golfo (Flower Ave) - January 2016 ➢ Chipotle Four Corners - Friday, March 11, 2016 ➢ Panera Wheaton - March 2016 ❖ Any suggestions of future locations are welcome
Fundraiser - FunRuns	Madeleine Santiago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Fun Run a success this year! ❖ We have achieved our goal of \$12,000
Fundraiser - Plant Sale	Rachel Burroughs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Selection of the actual Plant Sale date is in process. ❖ Planning to coordinate date of Plant Sale Pick-Up with PCES Spring Clean-Up Day.
Geography (Geo) Bowl	Debra Farkas & Moira McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ First meeting will be scheduled sometime in the next few weeks. ❖ Anyone who would like to help coordinate but hasn't been contacted should get in touch with either Moira or Debra.
Green Kids Grant (MKES)	Anjna Kurichh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Committee has met three times this year-Sept 30, Oct 29 and Nov 4th, 2015 ❖ Leah Griffin, Staff Development teacher is the Greenkids lead teacher for MK this year. Sooki Brady and Rachael Weinstein were the lead teachers last year. ❖ The committee discussed important Green School application dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Intent to Apply due Dec.18, 2015. Pay online by Nov. ➢ Green School Application due March 17th, 2015 (aim for March 10th). ➢ Greenkids Youth Summit at Sandy Point State Park scheduled for May 13. ❖ Leah has set up a shared google drive for all committee members to add photo evidence to power point for application. ❖ Lauren Simpson, Audubon Naturalist Society, Greenkids Environmental Education Specialist will make a brief presentation about the GreenKidsSchool application at the Dec 2nd MKPC PTA meeting.

<p>Green Kids Grant (MKES) (continued)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ MK will use their infrastructure money (\$500) towards application fees (\$75) and courtyard plants and enhancements. We would like to include the PTA Beautification committee in plans for the outdoor classroom. ❖ MK would like to use their field trip money (\$500) towards a bus for the youth summit. They don't think they can take the whole grade, so may take a group of Greenkids club students. May share bus with PC. ❖ Leah will start an after school Greenkids club that will do green activities to help with the application. Anjna Kurichh and Lauren will assist with the club. The club will meet on Wednesdays, starting at the beginning of December. It will start with Second grade students, may add other grades for future sessions. ❖ MK would like to collaborate with Blair's green club on some activities. Lauren will contact Blair. ❖ The Greenkids lessons decided for this year are as follows: K will do the green cleaners lessons, 1st grade salad science, and 2nd grade skulls and scat. Leah will talk to team leaders to firm up dates and times.
<p>Health and Safety</p>	<p>Abreham Geleta & Jane Dimyan-Ehrenfeld</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We had our first call for the Health and Safety Committee and are focusing on nutrition for the first part of the year. ❖ Tuesday, November 10th, meeting at MKES with Mr. G and the cafeteria manager to learn more about how the cafeteria works and about the food policies and practices at MKES. ❖ Still looking for someone to act as liaison to Real Food for Kids Montgomery!
<p>Literacy Support</p>	<p>Lisa Pfeifer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The first Used Book Sale happened on Oct. 5, before and after the general meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Two Spanish-speaking parent volunteers helped with sales and translations and all signage was in English/Spanish. ➢ Books were priced at 25 or 50 cents and \$37.50 was raised. ➢ The sale was popular with both children and adults, so we plan to do the sale again at future PTA general meetings. ➢ The books for sale came from either Book Swap items that are too worn to continue to be used by multiple kids, extra copies of books already in the

		Swap collection, books that have not been selected in the Swap for a long time, or donations from the "A to Zina" Program.)
Membership	Cari Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Meeting with the PTA President, VP, and Communications Chair was held to discuss membership numbers as of the end of October 2015. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Our numbers are above where they were this time last year ➤ Still a large opportunity to increase membership. ➤ Bullet points of value (tangible) benefits were created to highlight the benefits that ALL MKPS students receive annually from the PTA. ➤ A flyer of these bullet points will be distributed in English and Spanish to the MKPC Community in paper and electronic format after it is approved by Administration
Website and IT Operations	Stephanie Fears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The PayPal account ownership has been transferred to the PTA Treasurer. ❖ Previously reported leads to replace the position for next year did not pan out. Since advertising the position, one qualified person has expressed interest "If nobody else volunteers". ❖ A reminder to all committee leads: please send events to the webmaster's email so we can post on the website prior to the Thursday folders. Just event name, time, date is all that is needed to add to the calendar
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Did not receive Committee Reports from Committees listed in purple:

Accelerated Learning and Achievement

African American Achievement

After-School Clubs (MKES/PCES)

Basketball Game with Mr. P/Teacher/Student

Beautification - MKES

Beautification - PCES

Blair Cluster Representative

BooHoo/Yahoo

BookSwap - MKES

BookSwap - PCES

Communications

End of Year Kickball Game

Financial Audit Committee

Fundraisers - DineOuts

Fundraisers - FunRuns

Fundraisers - PapaJohn's Cards

Fundraisers - Pizza Bingo

Fundraisers - Plant Sale

Fundraisers - Silent Auction

Fundraisers - Spirit Wear

GeoBowl

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Green Kids Grant (MKES/PCES)

Health and Safety

Hispanic Outreach

Insurance

Kindergarten Playdates

Literacy Support Committee

MayFair

Membership

Membership/School Directory

M.O.R.E. Men

Montgomery County Delegate

Movie Night

Multicultural Family Involvement

Officer Nominating Committee

Scholastic Book Fair (MKES/PCES)

Science Fair

Scheduling and Room Reservations

Shopping for School

Staff Appreciation (MKES/PCES)

Third Grade Playdates

Third Grade Popsicles at the Playground

Volunteer Coordination

Website and IT Operations

Yahoo Group and Listserv