

Annual Newsletter 2006-2007

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- Establish scholarships for MCPS students
- Provide academic-enriching opportunities for students and staff
- Provide grants to schools for after school interactive extended technology programs

The mission of the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc., is to provide academic-enriching opportunities and programs for MCPS students and staff.

The MCPS Educational Foundation has a new Web site address: mcpsfoundation.org

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FY 2006–2007 Scholarship Recipients

Academy of Finance Scholarship

The Academy of Finance (AOF) introduces students to the broad career opportunities in the financial services industry and, in the process, equips them to make sound choices for the future. AOF seniors are eligible to receive scholarships to continue their postsecondary education in a finance-related field.

Hazel M. Bratt Language Scholarship

This award is for a graduating senior from Montgomery Blair High School that is interested in pursuing a four or two year degree in language.

Cafritz Family Foundation Scholarship

This award is given to a previous Paul L. Vance or Progress Club Scholar who has shown exemplary academic progress in order to continue for two more years of school.

Rufus Choate Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Thomas Choate made this gift to the Foundation to establish a scholarship fund named after his father, Rufus Choate. The scholarship provides two \$1,000 scholarship grants each year to students who attended Thomas Edison High School of Technology.

Joy Odom Mathematics Scholarship

This scholarship was established this in memory of Joy Odom, who was a longstanding employee of Montgomery County Public Schools. The scholarship is for a female graduating senior who is attending John F. Kennedy High School.

Dr. Thomas Peters Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is to provide support for Montgomery County Public Schools employees to continue their education.

The Progress Club Foundation Scholarship

The Progress Club Scholarship is offered through the MCPS Educational Foundation and made possible by a grant from The Progress Club. This scholarship provides an opportunity for graduating seniors who need financial assistance to attend Montgomery College. The Progress Club supports worthy charities through their fund-raising efforts and silent art auctions.

Barbara Rossi Service Recognition Award

This award was established in memory of Barbara Rossi, a former parent volunteer from the Rockville Cluster, who died of cancer in 1996. The scholarship award is given every year to a graduating senior at Rockville High School who has devoted a significant amount of time in service to the community and/or to the school.

Schiffman Technology Opportunity Scholarship

The Schiffman's vision and generosity seeded the fund through the MCPS Educational Foundation, which matches the contribution. The Technology Education Scholarship is offered annually, jointly funded by Douglas and Suzanne Schiffman and the MCPS Educational Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to an MCPS senior who needs financial assistance to prepare for a



technology-related career at a college or university.

Jana Landon, a recent graduate from Springbrook High School, was the recipient of this years 2007 Schiffman Technology Career

Scholarship. Landon has excelled in the area of academia, as well as participating in numerous after-school activities, one being a member of the girls basketball program. Some of Landon's greatest academic achievements include: 1st prize in the DC City-Wide Science, Mathematics, and Technology Fair in 2001 and 2002 in microbiology; recipient of the African American Festival for Academic Excellence Academic Achievement Award in 2006; and also a member of Springbrook High School's National Honor Society serving as the scholarship co-chair.

Landon has set her sights on becoming a sports medicine physician, where she hopes she can help improve prosthetic and robotic limbs that can help injured athletes. Landon attends a university where strong undergraduate scientific research is plentiful.

The Don and Mitzie Solberg Scholarship Fund

In 2005, Don and Mitzie Solberg established a scholarship program for graduating students from Richard Montgomery High School to attend a college or university of the student's choice.

Estate of Louis S. Ulmer

This scholarship was established to help Gaithersburg High School students attend college. Wilma Watkins was a dedicated assistant principal at Gaithersburg High School and retired from her position of principal in 1966.

Dr. Paul L. Vance Scholarship

The Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation established the Paul L. Vance scholarship Fund in honor of the former superintendent. The scholarships are granted to MCPS graduating seniors who plan to attend Montgomery College full-time, demonstrate financial need, and show academic potential with an earned GPA of at least 2.50.



Steve Wolford Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for a graduating senior from Rockville High School who will pursue a career in construction or, more specifically, carpentry. The student must have financial need and plan to attend Montgomery College as a "Building Trades Technology" major or a carpentry trade school.

An Evening to Celebrate the Honorable Esther P. Gelman, a fund-raising reception



Mrs. Abramson welcomes guests at the reception.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 17, 2007, a reception their appreciation. was co-chaired by Mrs. Pennie Abramson and Ms. Sandra Shmookler to honor Esther P. Beverly Farms Elementary Gelman and raise funds for a scholarship fund. Jon Enten, Mel Leshinsky, and Barry era. In addition, the evening's Scher were also part of the entertainment included a string planning committee.

The reception was held at the Woodmont Country

Club in Rockville, Maryland. Foundation members joined together to hold the fund-raiser to celebrate the Honorable Esther P. Gelman. Mrs. Gelman was an elected official in Montgomery County Maryland for 12 years, serving on the Montgomery County Council for eight years and for four

years prior to that as a member of the Maryland National Capitol Park & Planning Commission Montgomery and the County Planning Commission.

Gelman Mrs. was responsible, at the request of Dr. Paul L. Vance, when he was



superintendent of schools in Montgomery County, to help establish the MCPS Educational Foundation. Since that time, she has demonstrated dedicated commitment to furthering the education of the graduating MCPS students who have financial needs.

Mr. Barry Scher was the Master of Ceremony for the event and provided a wonderful introduction with a video about Mrs. Gelman. The video was produced by MCPS. Mrs. Gelman was awarded several citations, from Congress-

man Chris Van Hollen; County Executive Isiah Leggett; and Congressman Albert R. Wynn, for her dedicated efforts to higher education and the MCPS Educational Foundation. Dr. Jerry Weast, superintendent of schools, congratulated Mrs. Gelman for her perseverance, dedication, generosity, and caring, having helped so many children achieve higher levels of education.



Congressman Van Hollen

Many businesses, such as AIG Valic, the Abramson Family, James Cafritz Inc., CISCO Systems, Enten & Associ-

ates, Fitzgerald Auto Malls, Giant, Mobile Medical Care, The Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Foundation, PEPCO, ProFunds, and countless friends rallied to express

Vassila, Valia teacher, and students from entertained the guests with a brief presentation of their opquartet from Walter Johnson High School (WJHS).



Dr. Jerry D. Weast recognizing Mrs. Gelman.

The event was a tremendous success, enjoyed by all who attended. Everyone was delighted to know that so many students will benefit from the scholarships and programs that will be awarded due to this event.







Students performing the opera

Educational Foundation Funds 71 Innovative Projects

This is the tenth year for the Educational Foundation Small Grants program. This year more than \$51,000 was awarded to schools to fund 71 innovative educational projects in classrooms. Below is a list of the grants awarded and a brief description of the projects.

door Adventures for Recovery (SOAR) Program.

Kerry Nudelman, fifth grade teacher: \$1,000.00 for a program lead teacher; Meaghan Trout and Karen Mondor, second grade titled "Creating an Original Opera."

teacher: \$\$347.60 for a program titled "Expanding the World \$1,000.00 for "Bringing Math and Science Alive." of Music in Room 5."

"basic facts" knowledge of grade 4 and 5 students staff: \$1,000.00 for "Positive Behavior Incentive Program." (approximately 130 students).

\$450.00 to support "Chess for Success, It's Your Move Chess Math) ELM Program," to purchase Scholastic Building Lan-Club." This club will foster positive interactions amongst parents and students.

Brown Station ES-Marie Rossiter, Elizabeth Royen Harri- Gaithersburg MS-Chris Cuff, art teacher: \$361.29 for "The son, first grade teachers; and Joanne Kasda, Rita McKenna, first grade teachers plus SDT and reading specialists: \$884.95 for "Code Breakers" to enhance children's abilities to read, spell, and comprehend text.

Burnt Mills ES—Glenis Quimby, reading specialist: tures, and for the improvement of oral expression. \$1,000.00 for "Reading Encourages Active Communication & Thought (REACT)," to develop foundational literacy skills for at-risk students.

Carderock ES-Erinn Zeitlin and Brigitte Tucker, kindergarten teachers: \$418.95 for "Parent Volunteer Involvement in Goshen ES-Carrie L. Baker, special education inclusion awareness, and alphabet recognition.

Carl Sandburg Learning Center—Patricia Deckert, art spe- guage fluency skills. cialist; and Lois Segal, curriculum / alt -MSA coordinator: \$988.94 for a project titled "Art Enrichment/Art Club."

Rachel Carson ES—Lawrence Chep, principal and Sabita Raman: \$990.00 for the program titled "Write Time for Kids (level 2): Exploring Nonfiction (level 3)."

Chevy Chase ES—Gina Rosena, staff development teacher; Gaby Yonker and Heidi Alpert, METS teachers; and Kristin Nori and Susan DeWitt, fourth grade teachers: \$768.08 for "We Both Read," to establish a reading buddy program.

Captain James E. Daly ES-Sharie Clem, staff development teacher; Jan Daisey, Lisa Bonanno, fifth grade teachers; and Priscilla Borchardt, counselor: \$220.00 for "Postcards of Pride," to recognize students for something specific and per- Kensington Parkwood ES-Mary F. Whalen, arts integration sonal for the calendar year 2006-2007.

Captain James E. Daly ES—Laurann Wynn/Cory Coakley, Kingsley Wilderness Project/Department of Aternative K-1 LAD teacher/first grade team leader; l. Hughes, J. Moyers, Programs—Jimmy Colihan, teacher: \$879.00 for "Kingsley

Alternative Programs—Mary P. Jenkins and Jane Durand, M. Siguenza, and K. Johnson, first grade teachers; and Sharie site coordinators, Phoenix Program: \$960.00 for "Student Out- Clem, staff development teacher: \$385.00 for "Parent Workshop, Reading."

Beverly Farms ES—Valia Vassila, general music teacher and Dr. Charles R. Drew ES—Shelley S. Johnson, arts integration teachers: \$1,000.00 for "Creating Original Opera."

Montgomery Blair HS—Sara M. Josey, general music East Silver Spring ES—Stacy Cardillo, media specialist:

Emory Grove Center (Alternative Programs): Brookhaven ES-Carolyn Baker and Chris Ewing, fifth grade Grove and Phoenix Program-Andrea Carter, site coordinaclassroom teachers: \$439.60 for "24 Challenge" to improve the tor; David Gysberts, school counselor; and all Emory Grove

Farmland ES—Anne M. Moore, kindergarten teacher /team Broad Acres ES—Fernando Moreno, school counselor: leader: \$816.41 for "Kindergarten (Extensions in Language and guage for Literacy, Phase 2 kit, to provide the foundation for the curriculum.

Student Book Initiative."

Glenallan ES—Barbara H. Johnson, second grade teacher: \$907.35 for "Autobiographies (All About Me)," a reinforcement activity for the writing process, for identifying text fea-

Georgian Forest ES—Mary Ann Carter, media specialist: \$990 to be used for a project entitled, "Welcoming New ESOL Families Through Literature," for bilingual books in a variety of languages.

Kindergarten Literacy Skills," to enhance literacy skills of teacher and Gayle Luckenbaugh, first grade classroom teacher: sound sorting, articulation, sound recognition, phonemic \$809.85 for "The Goshen Grizzly Reader Club," a program to enhance reading, phonemic awareness, spelling and oral lan-

> Greenwood ES—Sue Newman, art teacher: \$489.99 for "Colonial Clay Pottery."

> Highland— ES—Alice Tyler, parent community coordinator and Britt Waterfield, Reading Coach: \$954.20 for a program entitled, "Reading with Children-Mini Lessons for Parents," to help parents learn strategies to help their children read.

> InterACT—Catherine Hunter, special education teacher: \$757.14 for "ESY Augmentative Communication Language Kit," to reinforce language concepts.

> John F. Kennedy HS—Catherine Urbanek, special education teacher: \$123.65 for "Tulip Garden Study."

> lead teacher: \$1,000.00 for "Creating an Original Opera."

Wilderness Project/Life Times Sports." The purpose of this early intervention, coordinating health care, educational, and project is to provide a meaningful work-study program for seri- social services. ously disruptive and/or chronically truant high school students. Montgomery Knolls ES—Barbara Pequet and Melissa Kauff-The goal has been to focus on the students' self-esteem through a multi-faceted program.

Kingsview MS-Rosemary deRosa, teacher of Family and New Hampshire Estates ES-Susan Huffman, W. Waters, G. homeless, blankets for AIDS babies, puppets for cancer pa- ing books to read in class in Spanish. tients at NIH.

Longview School—Paul Potter, physical therapist: \$614.69 for "Chime In." prove balance skills and symmetry in strength between the left using text features and a variety of maps. and right sides of their bodies.

Longview School-Milena Bartosiewicz, physical therapist: for "At-Risk Students-ESOL Rising Readers." \$639.00 for "Longview School" to purchase equipment to assist student to stand in an upright position with least restrictions during classroom instruction.

Luxmanor ES—Jane Harkaway, physical education teacher and Michael Bayewitz, principal: \$400.00 for "Adapted Physical Education Motor Program," a program for SCB classes to provide opportunity for student that need to develop gross motor development.

Maryvale ES—Dara Brooks, math content coach; Rosemary Ruffieux-Harger, head start teacher: \$1,000 for "No Child Left Inside," a program to close the achievement gap. Students will participate in an integrated environmental curriculum

Spark Matsunaga ES—Yvonne Thomas, Karen Jarczynski, and Phil D'Agnese, second grade teachers: \$375.00 for "Second Grade Butterfly Club," an extracurricular activity open to second graders and their parents.

Ronald McNair ES—Ava Archer, music/chorus teacher and Eileen Macfarlane, principal: \$600.00 to fund "Fifth Grade Musical Play."

Eileen Macfarlane, principal: \$240.35 to fund "General Music for "School Sculptures with Kevin Reece/Artist-in-Residence." Kindergarten through Fifth Grade."

Monocacy ES—Rachel Nieberding, science literacy; Kim Sedars and Joellyn Walsh, fourth grade teachers: \$300.00 for heck, ESOL teachers: \$600.00 for "Programs Jag Tech." "Grade 4 Science (Ecosystems)," a hands-on inquiry session, directly related to the fourth grade science curriculum.

Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program, East County Center-Michelle Goldstein, program support specialist: \$1,000.00 for "Culturally Meaningful Emergent Literacy in Early Intervention," to develop a book lending library.

Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers, East County **Site** —Cynthia Weitz, program coordinator; Judy Schiffer, Edith Lucas, Lisa Krell, and Alicia Burgos, speech and language pathologists: \$1,000 for "Feeding Development Kit" to support the developmental needs of children from birth to age three.

MCPS Infants & Toddlers Program-Upcounty-Marianne MCPS Vision Program-Joanne Reisfield, vision teacher; Infant and Toddler Program." The program is a system of instructional specialist: \$700.00 for "Drum Circle and Recrea-

man, reading recovery teachers: \$985.00 for "Books at Breakfast—The Breakfast of Champions" for Title 1 students.

Consumer Sciences (FACS): \$500.00 for "Community Ser- Lombardi, M. Memenza, S. Grossman, H. Dark, J. Delorge, vice for FACS," to purchase fabric and thread for hats for the ESOL teachers: \$987.25 for "ESOI Department," for purchas-

Oakview ES-Sandy Eichler, music educator: \$200.00 for

"Physical Disabilities Program," for Rehab Pedalo, a therap- **Pine Crest ES**—Melinda LeBlanc, gifted and talented teacher; teutic exercise vehicle to train and improve equilibrium re- Donna Gregory, media specialist; and Judith Archer, Media sponses and joint proprioception, strengthen muscles and im- Assistant: \$565.66 for a program titled, "Geography Club," to proves overall body condition. This will help the children iminterest students in geography, learn new strategies, practice

Piney Branch ES—Rachna Rikhye, ESOL teacher: \$500.00

John Poole MS—Theresa Bliss, science teacher: \$213.65 for "Teaching Science through Song," to help create and activate "prior knowledge" through music.

Preschool Education Program (PEP)—Jennifer Kalisz and Jan Fitch, PEP parent educators: \$1,000.00 for "PEP Plays to Learn."

Quince Orchard HS—James Textoris, EOL teacher: \$867.61 for "HSA/Classroom Support for ESOL Students."

Regional **Institute** for Children and Adolescents (RICCA)—Michelle Schultze, AP and Cynthia McGlone, resource teacher: \$647.35 for "Social Skills Training for At-Risk Youth."

Dr. Sally Ride ES—Katherine LoCurto, teacher, LAD 3/4/5: \$530.00 for "Green School Committee," to enhance the ecosystem of the area surrounding the school.

Rolling Terrace ES—Jennifer Ostrowski, principal: \$885.00 for "Talking Book Mobile for Primary ESOL Students."

Rosemary Hills Primary School—Carolyn Hammonds, PTA Ronald McNair ES—Ava Archer, music/chorus teacher and Cultural Arts Co-Chair and Ralph Viggiano, principal: \$600.00

> Silver Spring International Middle School—Lisa McGarrie, parent/community coordinator; Carole Muller and Heather

> Stephen Knolls School—Louis Berlin, program coordinators: \$2,000.00 for use of many important programs for this special needs school.

> Takoma Park MS—Ann Spera, art teacher, 6,7, 8: \$597.00 for "Mosaic Mural," for students to be involved in the creation of a permanent mosaic mural.

> Viers Mill ES-Barbara Hlavka, media specialist; Laura Jaynes and Katherine Groft, fourth and fifth grade teachers: \$1,000.00 for "Updating classroom maps and globes," for students to use these new maps and globes to supporting in social studies and aid in understanding the text they are reading in the curriculum.

Howard, upcounty coordinator: \$987.60 for "The Upcounty Susan Russell, supervisor vision program; and Margie Cernitz,

tional Program for the Blind and Visually Challenged" a program designed to encourage socialization and improve listening skills.

Washington Grove ES—Rena Reese, gifted and talented Title 1 teacher: \$1,000.00 for "Pay It Forward Society."

Watkins Mill ES—Naomi Zatt, Marie Paules, Susan Myers, Frances Fey, Kathleen Gibbs, Jennifer Rodgers, kindergarten teachers; and Leone Cooney, Hetal Patel, and Katrina Van-Cleave, fourth grade: \$875.00 for "Buddies Program."

Westover ES—Anitra Butler, reading initiative teacher: \$1,000.00 for "SOAR Success ELL Reading Initiative."

Westover ES—Carole Raymond, ESOL teacher: \$889.13 for "I Can Read with my Parent" for at risk learners.

Wheaton HS—Kerry Mullins-Levine, school community based teacher: \$908.25 for "SCB and LFI Vocational Program," to teach functional life skills.

Whetstone ES—Natalie Bacchus, ESOL teacher: \$500 for "ESOL Science Inquiry Club," for an after school program.

Walt Whitman HS—Matthew F. Curran and Joe Mornini, emotional disability cluster teachers: \$1,000.00 for "Team Adventure," to "raise the bar" and "close the gap" through team building exercises at the Smith Center.

Woodlin ES—Mary Bliss, assistant principal; Jennifer Smakula, first grade teacher; and Rachel Pedri, second grade teacher: \$1,000.00 for "Woodlin Outdoors," learning gardening skills to help develop academic success.

Thomas Wootton HS– Michelle Hanson, Program Coordinator; Amani Elkassabany, and Madeleine Osgood: \$984.24 for "Poetry Workshop," to study the Humanities and Arts through English

Creating an Original Opera

A small grant was awarded to the Beverly Farms Elementary School for 2006-2007 for the "Creating Original Opera" program. Throughout the program, thirty-two fifth grade students of various racial and ethnic backgrounds as well as varied abilities and skill levels were responsible for developing a theme, thesis, and characters for their own original opera. For three hours each week, students participated in writing, composing music, constructing sets, building lights, designing costumes, acting, applying makeup, blocking and movement, and managing the student company. In May, the opera was performed twice for the student body and twice for the community. Through the "Creating Original Opera" process, the students learned several different life skills such as taking responsibility, solving problems, organizational techniques, and ways to communicate effectively.



Updating Maps and Globes

At Viers Mill Elementary School, Barbara Hlavka, media specialist, was awarded a Small Grant in 2006 to refurbish the school's seriously outdated map and globe collection. Many of the maps were at least seventeen-years-old and the globes were outdated by twelve years. The purpose of this project was to update these materials beginning with one fourth grade and one fifth grade classroom. The classrooms that received these materials were based on the number of special needs and ESOL students in the homerooms. Other students also benefited when regrouping occurred in reading/language arts classes. Both of these classes are targeted for special education support through our new home school model.



Teachers noted that the globes attracted students during classroom transitions, indoor recess, and before school. Students would independently use the globe to locate various countries around the world.

These maps/globes are recent enough that they even show Eritrea (just above Ethiopia) the home country of several of the school's students. To see the name of their families' country and its outline delighted students. Many students and their immediate families came from various countries in Central America. They took special pride in locating their countries of origin.

These materials made it easier to make concepts more tangible for students. On raised relief globes, students can actually feel and see the mountain ranges projecting from the earth's surface. On the physical globe the depths of the ocean floor are also vivid so students can see that islands are actually mountain tops reaching above the level of the ocean rather than floating land masses.

From the youngest to the oldest students, these vivid globes were a constant source of attraction and

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discussion. The educators at Viers Mill Elementary will continue to find ways to bring these same benefits to other class-rooms that are still lacking current materials.

Extended Hours Technology Grants

The MCPS Educational Foundation, Inc., awarded Extended Technology Hours Grants totaling \$19,113 to eight schools in November 2006. These grants provide funds for the schools to open computer labs and/or research and learning hubs to students and their parents or guardians one or more evenings a week. The purpose of the grants are to allow students an opportunity to build on technology skills, research strategies, and curricular content they are learning in school, while encouraging parent involvement.

To receive funds, interested schools submitted a written application to the Foundation detailing how they would organize an evening computer program. In selecting the recipients, the Foundation considered how the applicants would organize and deliver the program and the extent to which the schools would be able to establish community partnerships that would provide funding in the future.

"Providing after hours family access to computer-based information and communication will leverage existing equipment, software and Internet resources for both students and their families," stated Chief Operating Officer Larry Bowers.

The 2006-2007 grant recipients, project titles, and contact person or persons at each school are:

Montgomery Blair HS—Blair After Hours, \$2,987, E. Susan Payne-Madden

Gaithersburg HS—GHS Parent Student Computer Connections \$3,000, Catharine M. Chenoweth

Gaithersburg Middle School—Parent Edline Access Program, \$540, Lola Rogers

A. Mario Loiderman MS—The Digital Den, \$2,700, Brian Betts

Northwood HS— Technology, \$3,000, Loretta Kavanaugh

Shady Grove MS—Timberwolf Technology Den, \$2,290, Christine Oxenford and Kim Skufca

Springbrook HS—Community Technology Support, \$2,997, Cynthia Strong

Weller Road ES—Parent Technology Outreach Program, \$1,599, Tessa Weiss

Parent Technology Outreach Program Grant

The program was designed to give parents of Weller Road students a chance to learn basic computer skills that would be needed for everyday use and for the workforce. Many of the parents who have come to the class had very little computer experience or none at all. Each of the "students" had a chance to work at their ability level to learn programs such as Word, Excel, Power Point, and Publisher. The students also learned to use the Internet and within the Internet they learned to use a search engine (Google) and places they can go to help their children (such as homework help, online encyclopedias, and wonderful online games and activities to help their children).

There were two sessions to this course. In the first session while students were taught to use the Internet they also were given a chance to set up an email account and were taught how to send, receive, and forward emails, as well as how to add an attachment.

Child care and a translator (Spanish) was available to the parents. This made the class much more available to the parents at each session. The class sizes have ranged from 8-15 parents per class.

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Our number to participate in these campaigns:

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Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation: A Few Cents Today Makes A Lot of Sense Tomorrow

Few places in the nation value education more than Montgomery County. Residents demand quality public schools and leadership that provides excellence. Citizens are willing to pay for top-notch instruction. Many students continue their formal studies at some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation. Almost all seek additional education and training to enter the work world.

Despite a committed Board of Education, County Council, county executive, and superintendent, there is only so much money available from local, state, and federal sources. While these tax dollars provide a solid and contemporary curriculum and instructional program, there isn't enough to underwrite the "extras" that so many children need. These extras often mean the difference between an average student or

an excellent one.

That's why the MCPS Educational Foundation seeks funds to provide academic-enriching opportunities. With these funds, talented students are able to participate in advanced programs, many of which are available only in the Washington, D.C. area; struggling students are able to secure help from mentors and special programs; and instructors can become master teachers through specialized internships.

The Foundation is able to make a big difference as a result of the money it receives from philanthropic organizations, government agencies, corporations, local businesses, and committed individuals. All know the value of a good education and the benefit of having knowledgeable people on the job. It is a dynamic combination for everyone.