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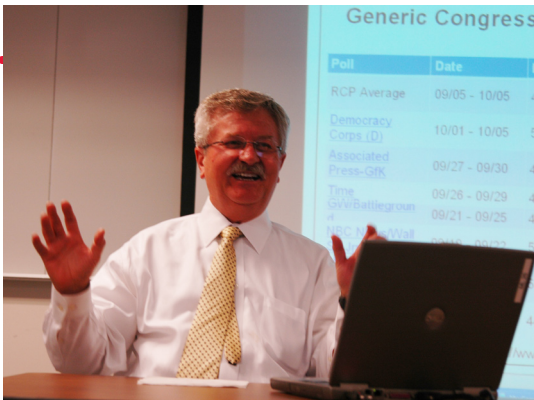
## SAP Trainings Help Remove Student Learning Barriers



Helping Student Assistance Program (SAP) teams identify and remove barriers to student learning in middle and high schools is the expertise of six trainers with the MCIU's

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School Services Division (NPSS). As a Commonwealth Approved Trainer for the region, NPSS just completed one of its four-day trainings for staff from agencies, nonpublic schools and nine Montgomery County school districts. Jean Miksch and Mary Sheets, Lead Trainers, and 4 NPSS counselors, helped staff develop expertise in recognizing issues such as mental health problems and drug/alcohol abuse that may be interfering with a student's ability to learn. SAP teams, which are required in all public schools statewide, typically include teachers, nurses, administrators, coaches and counselors. The team collects data from teachers, parents, and the students themselves; then provides referrals for the student and their family to local school and community based services.



The MCIU hosted Bruce Hunter, Associate Executive Director, Advocacy & Policy, AASA, as featured speaker for the Joint Suburban Schools Study Council meeting on October 10th. Hunter spoke about the issues and politics of the coming reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and how the congressional election in November could change the process.



Buy your Tickets!  
MCIU Education Foundation  
1st Annual Harvest Social and  
Fundraiser

Thursday, November 13, 2008  
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Lower Providence Fire Company Hall

Join your colleagues and friends for refreshments, music, merriment, and prizes! The event will include raffle prize baskets and a silent auction – a great way to help a good cause and get a head start on holiday gifts!

Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes a light dinner, wine/beer/soda, and three raffle tickets for door prizes!

10+ gift baskets will be raffled off with themes including:

The Eagles

Wine and Spirits

Budget Saving Basket (gift cards, etc.)

More than 50 items will be available for Silent Auction including:

Overnight stays at Springhill Suites, the Residence Inn & the Crowne Plaza, Philadelphia

Two tickets to the Rainbow Dinner Theater

\$50 gift certificate for the Water Works Restaurant  
Spa packages from Pierre Carlo's Salon (Wyncote) and Saks Fifth Ave. (Bala Cynwyd)

Four rounds of golf with cart at Westover Golf Club

Two tickets for 42nd Street at Fulton Theater, Lancaster  
Kayak Rental

To purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Waters at [cwaters@mciu.org](mailto:cwaters@mciu.org).

Proceeds benefit the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation, which is an organization that specifically supports and enhances educational opportunities for students in Montgomery County. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, various academic competitions, including the Reading Olympics program, camps for children with special needs, and cultural diversity initiatives.



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**MCIU Snapshots**



Through the IU's partnership with Camcor Inc., Technology Information Services (TIS) installed a

new control unit in Rooms B3/B4 to integrate the projector and multiple input devices. A DVD, VCR, and document camera are now available as presentation devices. Additional equipment will be added throughout the building in the upcoming months. Two new flat panel TVs have been installed in the first and second floor lobbies. A new presentation was created to showcase upcoming events and room schedules. Check it out!

**Why Get Immunized?**

The flu season will soon be upon us and many will not bother to be vaccinated. Why should you be sure that you and your loved ones are protected? Symptoms and severity of the flu are often underestimated. Flu isn't to blame for every cough or snuffle, but it can be far more serious than the common cold. Every year is different. Strains change from year to year, and a particular one may persist through several seasons. The CDC, the WHO and the FDA, together, study flu cases around the world—especially in the southern hemisphere, whose flu season occurs during our summer. The most prevalent strains there will usually show up in the US the following winter. That helps decide which three strains will be included in the vaccine. Everyone should be vaccinated—especially people over 50, pregnant women and small children. However, everyone of any age should at least consider it. You cannot get the flu from the vaccine. Please consider getting a flu shot from your doctor, an outside clinic or here at the IU Flu Clinic held Wednesday, November 5 from 2:00 to 4:30pm, in Room C5. The cost is \$20.00--cash or check payable to Montgomery Hospital.

Carol Robinson, RN, CSN



**REGISTER NOW**

Differentiated Instruction Symposium

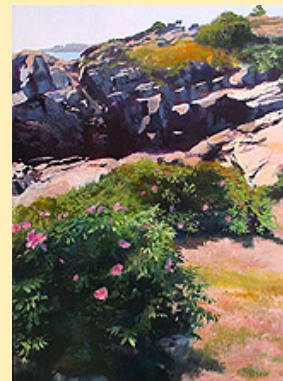
**“The Brain-Technology Connection”**

Dr. Christopher Dede--nationally known authority on the “why and how students learn with technology”  
November 12, 2008

Take away practical applications that will jump start your district's curriculum reform and increase student achievement!

To register, go to [mciu.org/workshops](http://mciu.org/workshops)

**MCIU Staff Spotlight  
Talented Artist  
Exhibiting in Philadelphia**



For more than 20 years, Dale Roberts, MCIU Warehouse Facilitator, has been honing his skills in encaustic painting, a hot wax medium dating back to Roman times. Beeswax,

resin and dry pigment are combined, heated and applied warm to rigid panels. The final step is a "burning-in" which fuses the painting layers, resulting in a luminous, textured, cloisonne-like surface. It is a rich and sumptuous finish. Dale finds inspiration in the everyday objects and terrain of life and elevates them through his consummate skill with wax, pigment, color, line and composition to a level for further consideration by the viewer.

“The work I am currently engaged in is a continued refinement of a visual dialogue with life. Changing relationships of light, air and color, specific season and time of day, are the foundational structures underpinning my work,” said Roberts, whose artwork is currently on exhibit at the Rosenfield Gallery and Kerygma Gallery in Philadelphia. “A yearning to see and interpret more clearly and truthfully defining qualities intrinsic to each subject has become my obsession.”

Roberts received his AAS from Rochester Institute and graduated Cum Laude with a BFA in Painting and Drawing from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University in Philadelphia.

To view more of Roberts work, log on to the websites for Rosenfield Gallery and Kerygma Gallery.