



MCP Principal Links

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Monthly Professional Development Dates

We are very pleased about the number of administrators who have attended professional development sessions with their coaches. All administrators of coached districts are welcome to attend. Please review the dates below and choose at least two different, non-consecutive sessions that work for you. Then, you can submit the registration materials you receive in the invitation email. **Please note: the May dates are work sessions for coaches and facilitators only (there will be no regular sessions).** If you need another copy of the registration forms at any time throughout the year, please contact us at mcp_coaching@osu.edu. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

MCP 2012-2013 SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

September	27, 28
October	11, 12
November	8, 9
December	6, 7
January	17, 18
February	7, 8
March	4, 5
April	11, 12
May	20, 21, 22

"A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, though, awakens your own expectations."

-PATRICIA NEAL

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What's Up with Fifth Grade?

Fifth grade is an anomaly. In Ohio, the fifth grade OAA scores have been lower than most other grade levels. This fact has puzzled math educators state wide. What has been noted about the fifth grade curriculum is that fifth grade is the first year that requires the use of mathematics in application. This is a different type of thinking for the students and, thus, in the MCP we stress two major ideas to address this anomaly: 1) students must use their own thinking when doing mathematics and 2) students must be given every opportunity to communicate their mathematical thinking in a variety of ways. These two principles of learning will help to ameliorate this dilemma.

Mathematics is MORE than a Textbook!

Many mathematics teachers are still using textbooks as the curriculum, teaching from the book page-by-page. This poses a problem for students and teachers in the teaching and learning of mathematics. With the new Common Core State Standards (Ohio's New Learning Standards), topics will need to be selected from the textbooks. Most topics in textbooks should not be covered. They should be used as resources for developmentally appropriate mathematics, but should not dictate what needs to be taught or learned.

Recruitment Session

Each February, the MCP holds a special session to recruit new schools into the program. The date for the 2013 recruitment session is **Thursday, February 7, 2013** from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The session will be at our Worthington Professional Development Location. If you know of any schools interested in participating in the MCP, please direct them to contact mcp_coaching@osu.edu

Administrator SharePoint Website

MCP utilizes Microsoft SharePoint as a management tool for communication and data collection. There is a site specifically designed for administrators which can be accessed at <http://collaborate.csnp.ohio-state.edu/sites/mcpadmins>. If you are new to MCP and have not used our SharePoint site before, you will need a username and password to log in. Please contact mcp_coaching@osu.edu for technical support.

The site includes a section for announcements from MCP staff, a FAQ area for your use, documents relevant to the program, and MCP contact information. We will soon add a folder containing the readings given to the coaches.

