

## Editorial, Graphics & Publishing Services

### A Tribute to National Punctuation Day

*We would like to pay tribute to National Punctuation Day (September 25) with a little contest to practice our punctuation skills. The first person to punctuate the short paragraph below correctly will win a prize—a nice MCPS portfolio. Remember, there is not just one way to punctuate this correctly; it all depends on your interpretation. Have fun with it!*

Living inside the language requires a love of words the sound of words in the air the sight of words on a page or screen the feelings and images created by words in our hearts and heads words can even stimulate our senses I can almost smell pungent taste honeycomb touch sandpaper words can be long or short English or foreign amazing products of a history of usage that goes back thousands of years

From *The Glamour of Grammar: A Guide to the Magic and Mystery of Practical English*. By Roy Peter Clark. Copyright 2010.

Instructions:

- Copy or type the text in the paragraph into Microsoft Word and insert the correct punctuation.
- Remember to proofread. Put it away until the next day, and then read it again, like you are reading it for the first time. Then, get a friend to check your work. When you are done and satisfied, e-mail your final masterpiece to [Donna M Marks@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Donna.M.Marks@mcpsmd.org).
- I will deliver the prize to the winner on Thursday, October 18 (hope you will be there, if not we can make other arrangements).