

MCCPTA-Educational Programs, Inc. ("MCCPTA-EPI") is a nonprofit corporation established in 1975 by the MCCPTA to operate as a nonprofit school providing after-school programs and services to the PTAs in Montgomery County. Any PTA with a volunteer/chairman for each program can participate. If your PTA is interested in sponsoring one of the MCCPTA-EPI Programs in your school, or if you have any questions concerning our programs, please contact the individual program offices listed below.

Our goal is to deliver quality programs with proven methods, materials, and trained teachers at modest cost so that as many children as possible can participate. The programs offered under the auspices of MCCPTA-EPI to children in Montgomery County are:

### **Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES):**

FLES is a unique and exciting program offering children the opportunity to expand their cultural horizons by learning a foreign language. Our one-hour classes in French, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese meet weekly, before or after school from October through May according to the MCPS calendar. Native speakers from around the globe teach fun, lively classes where children talk, play-act, imitate, play games and sing – all in the foreign language! Students may begin FLES classes in Kindergarten and follow the sequential curriculum through 6th grade.

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### **Hands On Science (HOS):**

HOS sparks children's interest in science with hands-on, inquiry based science programs for elementary age children. Classes meet for one hour a week for eight weeks before or after school. All children participate in every activity and take home their materials. Children explore different science topics each fall, winter and spring. Classes at the K-1, 2-3 or 4-6 grade level are limited to 11 children.

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### **Cultural Arts Showcase:**

This program sponsors a four-day event that occurs in late September and early October. This event showcases the talents of a variety of performers who are interested in performing for the children of MCPS in assemblies at the local schools. The PTA Cultural Arts Chairpersons are invited to this showcase so they will be able to make informed decisions about the assemblies in which their students will participate. All performers have been given prior approval by the Department of Academic Programs for MCPS.

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