

## **MCCPTA – Educational Programs, Inc. (E.P.I.)**

MCCPTA-Educational Programs, Inc. ("MCCPTA-EPI") is a nonprofit corporation, which was established in 1975 by the MCCPTA to provide 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 provides French, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese classes for children in Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The one-hour classes meet weekly, before or after school from October through May according to the MCPS calendar. FLES classes encourage children to expand their horizons through an oral and written foreign language experience with a sequential curriculum enhanced by songs, role-play, games, and cultural notes.

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### **Cultural 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.

#### **Director: Seda Gelenian.**

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

HOS sparks children's interest in science with hands-on, inquiry-based science enrichment 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 for further investigation. Children explore different science topics each fall, winter and spring. Classes at the K-1, 2-3 and 4-6 grade levels are limited to 11 children.

#### **Director: Barbara Griner**

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