

**Cultural Arts Committee Report
January 2010**

Chair: Priscilla Peterson

At the annual Cultural Arts Showcases held this fall, and also on the PTArts listserv, I requested information from the cultural arts reps at the county schools to put together a new Cultural Arts Budget Survey. It is my hope that having this information will enable PTA's to see how much money is being allotted toward cultural arts expenses at other schools around the county, and perhaps make it easier for cultural arts chairpersons to request more money if they feel it is needed. I first put out the results of the survey on 11/29/09 and promptly received several more updates. Now I have updated it (1/3/09) and put the survey out on both the PTArts listserv and on the MCCPTA website.

A total of 49 schools have provided current information for 2009-10 about their cultural arts budgets. Of those 49, there were 14 schools whose budgets increased, 17 whose budgets went down, and 14 that remained the same as for 2008-09. There were also four schools that gave information for the first time. The budget survey includes information from numerous other schools that have provided numbers in the past but those are the last figures that we have from them. When known, I have included the year that the information was received.