

## MCCPTA Committee Work Plan 2008-09

### **Committee: Cultural Arts**

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### **Vision**

*How does the work of your committee support the objects and mission of PTA and the focus of MCCPTA?*

The Cultural Arts Committee supports and promotes PTA/PTSA efforts to present high-quality performances, workshops, residencies, and in-school field trips to children in MCPS to enrich the educational program and the students' artistic experiences.

### **Goals**

*Give a summary statement of your committee's goals for this year. Consider how you will identify attainment.*

The Committee will offer one training session in the fall and one or two more in winter and/or spring (as needed) for representatives of local Cultural Arts committees; share information regarding grant opportunities; and facilitate communications between schools about successful programs to maximize the cultural arts experiences presented to MCPS students & staff. The committee will work in tandem with the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in the Schools.

### **Action Steps**

*What does your committee plan to do to achieve these goals? Include plans for meetings, mailings, etc., interaction with other MCCPTA committees, MCPS staff you may work with and in what capacity, other county, state or federal agencies, organizations you may contact as part of your action plan.*

Workshops – The Committee will take part in the MCCPTA training workshop to be held Saturday, Sept. 6th and will focus on procedural guidelines for choosing & scheduling performances; contracting with performing artists; grant opportunities for performances, workshops & residencies; info about the PTArts listserv; and the Cultural Arts Showcase sponsored by the Superintendent's Committee on Performance in the Schools. If time permits, we will also include advocating for sufficient budget; including faculty, staff, and sometimes students in making artistic choices; and teaching students & staff how to be good audience members. A representative from Class Acts will be invited as a presenter.

One winter and/or one spring workshop will be scheduled dependent on need and interest (i.e. – how to schedule performances in middle/high schools, etc.)

Listserv - The Committee will continue to promote the PTArts listserv ([PTArts@yahoogroups.com](mailto:PTArts@yahoogroups.com)) introduced in 2001 as a means by which Montgomery County PTA Cultural Arts Chairs can share information about their programs with one another online. PTArts Listserv will continue to disseminate information from the MCCPTA Cultural Arts Chair regarding grant deadlines, showcase, cultural arts workshops, and other artistic information. Efforts will be

made to increase membership by having a sign-up sheet at MCCPTA training and at all Showcases.

Mailings – Mailing to schools about training opportunities will continue through the Pony.

Showcases – The Chair will assist the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in the Schools by staffing the registration desk at the Cultural Arts Showcases on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Expenses**

Anticipated expenses are \$100 to cover meetings, refreshments, showcase supplies, and copying.