

MCCPTA Committee Work Plan 2011/12

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

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VISION:

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

GOALS:

Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, this committee will address the following goals this year:

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

ACTION STEPS:

Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, this committee will use the following steps to achieve the outlined goals:

Workshops – The Committee will participate in the MCCPTA fall training workshop to be held on Saturday, September 24th, 2011, and participate in the MCCPTA spring training for 2012 if requested. The committee will provide information on procedural guidelines for choosing and scheduling performances; contracting with performing artists; grant opportunities for performances, workshops and residencies; information about the PTArts listserv; and the Cultural Arts Showcases sponsored by the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS. Depending on time and interest, we can also include advocating for sufficient budget; including faculty, staff and sometimes students in making artistic choices; and teaching students and staff how to be good audience members. A representative from Class Acts will be invited to be a presenter.

A winter and/or spring workshop will be scheduled as well, depending on need and interest.

Showcases – The Chair will assist the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS by staffing the registration desk at the Cultural Arts Showcases on September 14th, October 3rd, 4th, and 12th.

Listserv -- The Committee will continue to promote the PTArts e-list (PTArts@yahoogroups.com), introduced in 2001 as a means by which Montgomery County PTA Cultural Arts chairpersons can share information about their programs with each other online. The PTArts e-list will continue to disseminate information regarding the Showcases, cultural arts workshops, grant deadlines, and other artistic information. An effort will be made to increase the membership by having sign-up sheets available at the MCCPTA fall training and at all Showcases.

Mailings – Mailing to schools about training opportunities will continue via the "Pony" and all copying of materials will be done through the MCCPTA office.

Expenses:

No expenses are anticipated at this time.