

## **December 2008**

### **MCCPTA Cultural Arts Committee Report**

**Chair: Priscilla Peterson**

There continues to be a healthy interaction of information exchanged on our PTArts listserv, with many MCPS Cultural Arts chairpersons writing in about performances they are having in their schools, giving or asking for recommendations of performers. If the Cultural Arts Chair from your school is not a member of the PTArts listserv, please encourage them to join - it is an excellent communications tool. They can join by sending their name, school and committee position to: [PTArts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:PTArts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). They can also feel free to contact me at the email address below with any questions.

I am continuing to receive information from Cultural Arts chairpersons about their school budgets, and hope to post a list of all MCPS Cultural Arts Budgets soon on the PTArts listserv. In the past, this has been a big help to Cultural Arts reps who are trying to increase their budgets for performances, and can then show their school's PTA what other schools in the county are spending on Cultural Arts.

After the MCPS Showcases ended in October, there was some discussion of changes that may be made to the schedule for these next year. Several Cultural Arts chairpersons suggested that the Showcases begin at 9:30 a.m. rather than 9:00, in order to better accommodate the many elementary school reps who attend. Also, many people requested that Seda Gelenian, who runs the Showcases, allow for a half hour lunch break, particularly since there is a cafeteria right here at Carver where the Showcases are held. She will no doubt be making an announcement about these changes early next fall.