

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE REPORT
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The MCPS Cultural Arts Showcases were held on October 2, 4, 11 & 12. Twenty-eight schools sent representatives, and some of those sent several people. In addition, we had representatives from public libraries each day, since they frequently hire performers from our Showcases for their programming. Attendance ranged from about ten to twenty at each of the showcases. Holding two of the four Showcases in the evening rather than the daytime continues to be popular since parents can come after work, buy pizza at the door, and bring their children with them.

We now have 155 performers listed in the MCPS Performing Arts Catalogue. At the Showcases, we have a different mix of these performers each year and most have now been videotaped. Several of our new performers, who auditioned for the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS in September, performed and were videotaped at the Showcases in October; these videos will be added to the already existing ones sometime in the next few weeks. **To see the videos online, as well as the 2016-17 MCPS Performing Arts Catalogue, go to:**

<http://www.biglearning.org>

Click on "Cultural Arts Showcases" and you will see the shows listed alphabetically ("Showcases A-D, E-H, I-L", etc.)

The PASSWORD to view the videos is: culturalarts

I distributed copies of this year's MCPS Performing Arts Catalogue, as well as other important information for cultural arts reps, at the sign-in table at the Showcases. Schools that did not send a rep to the Showcases have now had a copy of the catalogue sent to them.

I continue to serve as Moderator for the PTArts e-list, which serves cultural arts reps from the schools. It is very important that each school have one or more people on this e-list to receive news about occasional free performances that are available, grant opportunities, updates on the Showcases and cultural arts workshops, etc. It also provides a place for school reps to exchange information with each other about their cultural arts programming (recommendations, questions, etc.)

To join the PTArts e-list, please send your Name, Email Address, School, and Position to: PTArts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com