

OCTOBER 2019 - CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE REPORT

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The annual MCPS Cultural Arts Showcases have taken place on October 2nd, 3rd, and the final performances are tonight, Oct. 7th, 6-9 p.m. at the Carver Educational Services auditorium. Seda Gelenian is the Producer & Coordinator of the Cultural Art Showcases and I have been assisting her with them. We will have presented a total of 34 performers (each one does a 15 minute portion of their typical school performance.) Schedules for each day of the Showcases have been posted on the PTArts e-list.

There are a total of 140 performers who have been approved by the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in MCPS, and who are listed in the MCPS Performing Arts Catalogue. Some of the performances have been videotaped, both at this year's Showcases and in the past, and these videos can be viewed online by going to: www.biglearning.org Click on "Cultural Arts Showcases" and the password for viewing the video clips is "**culturalarts**".

The new copy of the Performing Arts Catalogue has been distributed (one per school) to those who have attended the Showcases; schools that did not send anyone will have a catalogue sent to them. The catalogue is also posted online and can be viewed by going to the same website listed above.

On September 14th, I gave a workshop as part of the MCCPTA Fall Training on how to go about hiring professional performing artists for school assemblies, workshops, and artist-in-residence programming; grants; free programs, etc.

I strongly urge all schools to have at least one person on the PTArts e-list, to receive important information on cultural arts programming opportunities. It is also an easy way for reps to network with each other. To join, please send your NAME, SCHOOL, EMAIL ADDRESS, and POSITION (cultural arts rep, staff member, etc.) to:
PTArts-subscribe@yaoogroups.com