



October 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each year the PT SO’s Cultural & Performing Arts Committee (CPAC) brings performances and presentations to the school community and pays for the art supplies used by classrooms in the Art Integration program (paint, paper, brushes and oil pastels). The philosophy of McCarthy-Towne centers on the integration of art and creativity into everyday learning. Our children experience different aspects of the world through some amazing learning opportunities that CPAC provides. Performances that classes have enjoyed in the past include:

- **Dancing Wheels**--a physically integrated dance company, where both wheelchair, or sit-down, dancers and stand-up dancers work together (www.dancingwheels.org)
- **Historical Perspectives for Children**---introduces programs about the lives of historical figures including Harriet Tubman (www.historicalperspectives.net).
- **Tony Vacca**--an innovative American percussionist with Jazz and World Music roots. (www.tonyvacca.com)

CPAC has also helped to fund grade-level presentations, including:

- “Michelle’s Menagerie” (1st Grade)
- “Owl Presentation” (3rd Grade)
- “Galileo” (4th Grade)
- “Thoreau” (6th Grade)

We ask each family to give \$8 per child to fund these wonderful programs. Your kind donation will increase the cultural enrichment of our children’s educations, giving them lasting memories and exposure to inspiring musical and artistic performances.

We rely solely on parents’ donations to fund these programs. Costs for performances as well as art supplies continue to increase each year, so please give what you can. Of course, all students will have access to all performances and supplies regardless of their family’s ability to contribute.

Thank you in advance for whatever amount you can give. **Please return this form and your check by October 28th.**

Thank you again,
Michele Caterina and Kate Murray, co-chairs of the McCarthy-Towne PT SO

Family Name _____

Donation per child x # of children =	\$ _____
Additional donation	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Checks should be made payable to the “**McCarthy-Towne PT SO.**”
Please return form with donation to your child’s classroom teacher in an envelope marked, “PT SO CPAC Donation.”