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## CHEVY CHASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

**FUNDING REQUEST:** Pursuant to the Town's contribution policy, the Chevy Chase Elementary School PTA is seeking \$9,000 to purchase six iMac computers for the 6th Grade Arts Programs at Chevy Chase Elementary School. Over 100 sixth-grade students in elective arts programs will use the new computers. The elective arts classes include photography, filmmaking and garage band (music arts class). The computers will also be used for Chevy Chase News Network (CCNN), produced by teams of fifth graders. The six new iMac computers will benefit over 547 Chevy Chase Elementary School children, many residing in the Town of Chevy Chase.

The school will use the computers for at least 4 years. Montgomery County Public Schools does not budget for iMac computers in elective arts programs. Chevy Chase Elementary School would like to provide the best learning experience for all CCES students.

**EXISTING FUNDS:** None. Montgomery County Public Schools has not budgeted replacement of the Apple computers for 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Chevy Chase Elementary School. The older Mac computers currently in the school are not compatible with the most current video and photography-editing software.

*\$9,000 contributions from the town will purchase the six iMac Apple Computers.*

**Types of projects for which the iMacs will be used:**

- Editing photographs
- Creating original music in garage band
- Editing student-directed movies for film-making class
- Developing news clips to be used in CCNN

**Developmental BENEFITS OF 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Creative Music and Arts Program:**

- Enhances knowledge of video and photography editing software
- Supports Curriculum 2.0 Inquiry projects in grades 3-6
- Enhances the Media Literacy Standards especially in media production and technology supported projects
- Develops student creativity, innovation and collaboration.
- Supports the award-winning CCNN (Chevy Chase News Network) program produced, written and directed daily by 3 teams of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

- Improves spatial-temporal skills
- Improves decision making and analytical skills
- Improves academic performance and assessment scores
- Increases appreciation and awareness of cultural diversity
- Provides differentiation of learning styles
- Engages students in critical thinking while work on real-life tasks.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Computers will be purchased in November 2014 and will be used for a minimum of 4 years.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class arts programs has over 100 students per year. The grant from the TOCC will directly impact over 547 CCES students.
- PTA list of current board members (please see attached)
- The PTA is a 501 (c) (3)



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