

# OCDSB Advisory Committee on the Arts

The ACA promotes the arts as a **vital** component of learning for **all** OCDSB students.

## Seventeen things parents can do to help support good arts programs

### Champion the arts

1. learn more about arts programs in your school
2. be an advocate for good arts programs
3. elect an arts representative to school council
4. ask your principal if the arts can be in the School Improvement Plan
5. encourage your child to take arts throughout high school

### Enrich arts programs

6. ask teachers how you can help
7. form an art committee with parents and teachers
8. fundraise for materials, field trips, artist-in-residence
9. explore joint funding opportunities, grants, partnerships
10. donate a gently used instrument, costume, or unused art materials
11. take your child to a performance, exhibition or studio tour

### Celebrate the arts

12. attend school performances and art exhibitions
13. help organize a student art exhibition or performance
14. invite a politician or friend to a student show
15. nominate a teacher or student for an arts award
16. write an article that celebrates student artists
17. use your school website to celebrate student artists

## Arts materials parents can support financially

1. Drama and dance:
  - CDs
2. Music:
  - Piano or electric keyboard
  - class set of recorders with *Best in Class* books
  - hand-drum
  - ukuleles (see [www.ukulelejames.com](http://www.ukulelejames.com))
3. Visual arts:
  - Drying rack on wheels
  - paint cart (see teachers' art binders)
  - Leader picture frames (see teachers' art binders)
  - framed prints of art masterpieces (see *Principal* magazine)
4. Media equipment:
  - portable sound system
  - digital or video camera
  - software
  - lighting