



FILLMORE ARTS CENTER

Fillmore Arts Center Donation Appeal
May 2013

While there has still been no movement on the devastating cuts for the Fillmore Arts Center budget for 2013/2014, we do know that Fillmore will be here next year and we need to raise money for supplies and materials: paint, glue, yarn, glaze, paper, musical instruments, clay, and more- items that are NOT covered by the DCPS budget allocation to Fillmore each year.

So, YOUR DONATIONS ARE CRITICAL!

Friends of Fillmore historically has raised money to pay for these supplies from donations and thanks to a dollar-for-dollar match from the Cafritz Foundation, your donation amount doubles.

NOTE: On average each Fillmore participating family donates approximately \$40 -70 depending on the number of children they have attending the school.

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO GIVE:

1. Fill out the form below and return it to the Fillmore office. (by the end of the school year)
2. Visit us online at www.friendsofillmore.org/donate/
3. We will be glad to receive any donations you want to give tonight.

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All gifts are administered by FRIENDS OF FILLMORE, a non-profit charity under Section 501c-3 of the IRS code.

ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR BY THE CAFRITZ FOUNDATION!

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Yes! The arts do make us smarter! I am supporting Fillmore with my contribution of:

_____ \$30 _____ \$60 _____ \$120 _____ \$ other by _____ CHECK (made to Friends of Fillmore) or _____ CREDIT CARD (complete below)

NAME _____

BILLING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD _____ VISA _____ MC _____ DISCOVER _____ AMEX

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD _____ SIGNATURE _____

Fact Sheet on Fillmore Arts Center Budget Cuts, 2013-14

- Fillmore's per-pupil funding has dropped almost 40% in four years.
- **The bulk of the reduction in Fillmore's 2013-2014 funding is the result of a DCPS decision to reduce Fillmore feeder schools' staffing allotment for arts and music in order to provide money for world language instruction.**
- This language requirement has no curriculum assigned and no funding allotted for materials. It would give students "exposure" to a foreign language for all of 45 minutes a week.
- For 2013-14, DCPS projects Fillmore to serve 2,844 students, nearly the same number as FY12, but with \$300,000 less for staffing and supplies.
- Principal Latterner, who already relies heavily on WAE employees (WAE= Wages as Earned, part time employees with no benefits), will have to eliminate four of her five remaining FTE positions to absorb the cut. Fillmore almost surely will lose some of its most accomplished teachers.
- DCPS should revive its central office contribution to Fillmore's budget: Fillmore is taking a disproportionate hit from the cut in arts funding (each school loses half a position, but Fillmore suffers the cumulative effect, losing 2.5 positions). To offset this loss, DCPS should contribute \$200K-\$300K to keep the program viable at the current high level of instruction.

What we need from you:

Email and twitter to Chancellor Henderson and your DC Councilmembers to let them know how important Fillmore is to us. Tell them that we do not want world language at the expense of having Fillmore defunded.

Send emails as parents, have your children send emails. Tell other parents at your school and talk to anyone you know in the media.

email:
Kaya.Henderson@dc.gov

tweet to:
@HendersonKaya

suggested email subject:
Fully Fund Fillmore

suggested hashtags: #DCPS, #SaveFillmoreArts

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