



Longview Early Childhood Center

MIDLAND DAILY NEWS:

Midland County Educational Services Agency has been awarded a grant of \$12,000 from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process, and was one of 559 applications to compete for MCACA fiscal year 2016 funding.

Organizations receiving MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local support of the project includes in-kind donation from Longview Early Childhood Center teachers, paraprofessionals, itinerants and staff.

Longview Early Childhood Center preschools students will benefit from dance, movement and art classes from the Artists-in-Residence program throughout the school year. Nine preschool classrooms (Early Childhood Special Education, NEMCSA Head Start, and Great Start Readiness Programs) will benefit throughout the 2015-16 school year from this program. According to Michelle Bahr, Director of Special Education, over 200 children will benefit from this grant.

The MCACA peer review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in-state and out-of-state arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts and culture experiences.

A complete list of grant awards about the state is available by contacting MCACA at (517) 241-4011, or by visiting the MCACA website.