

## MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Carlthorp School's Multipurpose Room (MPR), as the name implies, is a room used for various functions that benefits all of our stakeholders -- students, faculty/staff, and parents. From September through June (the academic school year), it is a busy hub that is used on a daily basis by our K-6 students for the following non-classroom purposes:

- Orchestra practices
- Theatrical practice and performances
- Musicals
- Student art exhibits
- Indoor play area on rainy days
- Indoor climbing wall for PE
- Student dismissal staging area on "rainy days"
- Faculty and staff meetings
- Kindergarten graduation
- Talent show
- Special guest speakers for school-wide assemblies
- Parent meetings
- CPR training for employees
- Professional development for faculty
- Meeting space for small groups
- After-school clubs
- Assembling area for community service events

The availability of better space in the MPR has become a critical issue as more extra-curricular programs and educational events have been developed over time for our school community. Currently, the smaller MPR space only accommodates a limited number of students at any one time. The MPR's functions will not change, although its utility will improve with better, more functional space for our School. With enhancement of the overall physical space in the MPR, we would continue to host the same events, without increasing either our student and/or faculty/staff size, while gaining flexibility in our extra-curricular scheduling across all grade-levels.

The MPR's expansion would also allow us to have a more functional performing art layout. Currently our single-level room is not optimal for viewing plays, theatrical performances and other similar events. With children as young as six years old on stage, it is difficult for parents in the back of the room to see all of the children. Having more of a performance-like area in this room would allow our school community to enjoy an enhanced viewing experience for all performances and create an optimal learning environment for our students.