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Dear Friends of the Math, Science and Arts Academy:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to invite you to our Dinner Theatre production of “Who’s Talking Chinese?” “Who’s Talking Chinese?” will be presented on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 7: 00 pm. and Friday, February 27, 2009, at 7:00 pm. Tickets are only \$10.00 each. This price includes both the show and meal. The delicious meal will consist of fried fish, white beans, rice, salad and cake. “Who’s Talking Chinese?” is an original play set in modern day rural Louisiana. It is a comedy that explores the emotional and psychological impacts of culture shock associated with an economic revolution. The play is both fun and timely. It utilizes all aspects of the arts in producing its message – we better take care of our own!

The production, which will be held at the Math, Science and Arts Academy (West Campus), will highlight the artistic and creative talents of our MSA students. At the MSA, our students are encouraged to pursue artistic endeavors. I firmly believe that there is a direct relationship between the arts and student achievement. Dr. James Catterall of UCLA has analyzed the school records of 25,000 students as they moved from grade 8 to grade 10. He found that students who actively participated in the arts, especially theater, had higher grades, scored better on standardized tests, had better attendance records, and were more active in community affairs than other students. He also found that students from poorer families who studied the arts improved their overall school performance more rapidly than all other students.

We certainly hope that you will be able to join us. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the MSA office. Seating is limited. **NO** tickets will be sold at the door.

Thanks again for your continued support. If you have any questions, please call 687-6845.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elvis J. Cavalier".

Elvis J. Cavalier, Executive Director
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