NMS Drama Club

November 26th, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that your child is interested in joining the NMS Drama Club. As we did last year, our script will be an original composition by our grade 5 students, which we plan to present at the Regional Elementary Drama Festival (typically held in April).

This year there have been some changes to the conduct of practices that we wish to inform you of in advance. Due to the large number of participants we will be limiting our Wednesday practices to only one act per practice. This is to allow for maximum participation but also meet the appropriate adult supervision policies. Our practices will take place **Wednesday after school for one and a half hours**. The students will be eating their lunch from 12 – 12:30pm, and the practice would take place from 12:30 – 2:00pm. **You would need to arrange pick up for your child from practice no later than 2:00pm.** We will hold full rehearsals once a month with parent volunteers who have offered their time to assist with the run through of our production. **Monthly, Saturday practices will be from 1-3pm. A full schedule is provided on the back.** These practices will be mandatory as we are limited in our time and will not have the ability to schedule additional times.

**Our first two practices will be taking place on December 4th (Gr. 5) and 11th (Gr. 4)**. These will be auditions for our speaking roles: ***They will not need to come if they do not wish to audition for a speaking role.*** Each student who is looking to audition should prepare the attached monologue which can also be found on the Drama Club’s page on the school website. Roles are limited, please be aware that some children will have supporting or silent parts in the ensemble.

**In order to schedule auditions,** **permission slips must be returned by Monday December 2nd.**

Please talk to your child about what it means to make a commitment. If your child chooses to join the drama club, he/she is **required** to attend all practices, unless your child was absent due to extenuating circumstances. They are expected to practice lines at home so that they can be ready to perform.

If you would like to take a more active role in this activity, we are always happy to have help with set design, costumes and even some volunteers to attend the festival to help with supervision. Please contact one of the persons below if you would be able to offer some help!

If you have any additional questions about the Drama Club, please feel free to contact me by email or telephone. All information will be posted on the Drama Club’s page on the school website, so check there frequently for updates and information. If you require paper copies, please let me know.

Thank you for your interest!

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Drama Club Permission Slip

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

 (Your Name) (Your Child’s Name & Grade)

to attend drama club on Wednesday afternoons. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be picking

him/her up after practices. Check here if he/she has permission to walk home.

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering! Yes No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest: Set/Prop Creation Costuming Festival Supervision

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| Drama Club Schedule  |
| December 4th | Auditions (Grade 5) |
| December 14th | Auditions (Grade 4) |
| December 18th | No Practice (Christmas Concert Week) |
| January 8th  | Practice Act 1 |
| January 15th | Practice Act 2 |
| January 22th | Practice Act 3 |
| (Sat) January 25th  | Full Rehearsal 1-3pm |
| January 29th  | No Practice (Athletics Event) |
| February 5th | Practice Act 1 |
| February 12th  | Practice Act 2 |
| February 19th  | Practice Act 3 |
| (Sat) February 22nd  | Full Rehearsal (1-3pm) |
| February 26th  | No Practice |
| March 4th  | March Break |
| March 11th  | Practice Act 1 |
| March 18th  | Practice Act 2 |
| March 25th  | Practice Act 3 |
| (Sat) March 28th  | Full Rehearsal (1-3pm) |
| April 1st | Practice Act 1 |
| (Sat) April 4th | Dress Rehearsal (1-3pm) |
| April 8th  | Practice Act 2 |
| April 15th  | Practice Act 3 |

 ***\*In case of snow days, the schedule remains the same!***

***The Dog Ate My Homework***

I’m sorry.

I don’t have my math homework, Mrs. Williams.

I have a good reason. You might think I’m lying, but I’m not.

 Everybody thinks that when you dog eats your homework you are for sure lying, and you just didn’t get it done, but what if your dog eats your homework?

Then what do you do?

That’s what happened to my homework. Our tiny evil poodle ate it.

We must be careful in our house because that poof-ball, who only likes my mother, eats everything, including gross stuff out of the cat box.

So, I got home, and I set my homework on the table and I went to get some graham crackers and milk.

After that, my brother wanted to play hoops in the driveway and he never wants me to play with him, so I did.

When I got back inside, my homework was chewed up on the floor and the Devil Dog was hiding under the sofa.

So, that’s it.

My real story about how my dog actually did eat my homework.