

It's a brand new year and with it comes a new production for the drama troupe! Here are some very important things you need to be aware of:

- Our play this year is Tams-Witmark's Young Performers **"The Wizard of Oz."**
- **Show Dates: Friday, June 2, 2016, and Saturday, June 3, 2016**
- **Auditions** will be held on **Monday, September 19 and Thursday, September 22.** Sign-up sheets were available at the parent-info night, as well as posted on the drama troupe bulletin board. Students are asked to read lines from the script and sing a prepared song of their choice (acapella). They do not have to sing the entire song; a verse and refrain is fine. Please keep in mind that if you sign up for an audition, you must be willing to accept any role you are cast in. **All roles are vital to the success of the production!**
- Casting is done by Mrs. McCarl, Mrs. Rickard, and Mr. Donovan. We will hold a meeting at first recess on **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** to announce the cast. Remember that every part is important and is needed to put the play on successfully. We understand that we cannot please everyone and there will be some disappointment when students do not get the roles that they were hoping for, but that's part of being in theater. Grade levels are not a consideration when we are casting. We try to cast the best person for each role. Parents, please, reassure your student that they will be an integral part of the play no matter what part they receive.
- Rehearsals will be held on **Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30pm -5:00pm.** A monthly schedule will be posted on the Drama bulletin board and on the school website. A copy will also be sent home. Parents, please take note of this. Keep in mind that not all actors are going to be asked to be at each and every rehearsal. It will depend on what scene(s) we are working on, or what musical numbers we are practicing, so check your schedules!! Please do not call the school office to find out when rehearsals are because they do not know who's rehearsing on what days. We do expect all actors who are scheduled for rehearsal to be there. It is extremely difficult and frustrating to block a scene or choreograph a number if actors are missing. If for some reason, you have to miss a rehearsal please let us know before-hand. That way, we are not left waiting for you or wondering where you are.
- If students are not picked up after rehearsals by 5:05, they will be taken to after school care.
- **Mandatory Dress Rehearsals:** Tues. May 30<sup>th</sup> and Wed. May 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm-9:30pm. These are evening dress rehearsals and may run long. This is our first time rehearsing with stage, lights and costumes so there are many things that need to be worked out. There are **NO** excused absences from these rehearsals! All students must be present! There is one final dress rehearsal on Thursday June, 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:15pm. This is a performance for the school.
- Respectful and cooperative behavior is expected at all times. Time is very precious when you are working on a big project like this. Please do not waste time by not following directions, or "goofing off."
- If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. McCarl at school. If you have decided that you would like to be a part of our Drama Troupe this year, fill out the form at the end of the note and have your parent sign. Looking forward to working with you and enjoying a wonderful year of theater!

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**I have read the information provided and understand the commitment involved in our drama production of "The Wizard of Oz" There is a \$40.00 participation fee for the year.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_