

Casting Call

Attention Students and Parents

The Fairview Elementary PTO is thrilled to continue its Theater tradition for the 10th year. This year, the children will be performing Disney's The Lion King Jr. Mrs. Melissa Moore Reimertz along with Dr. Jane Sennett will be directing the play. Mrs. Reimertz has been involved with our productions for all 10 years. This is her sixth production as our director. Dr. Jane Sennett has been involved with our productions for eight years and this is her third year directing along with Mrs. Reimertz.

Cast:

- 3rd, 4th & 5th graders interested in joining the cast should return a "Casting Call" form no later than **Friday, September 25th**
- 4th & 5th graders will be guaranteed a part in the play
- If the number of interested students exceeds the number of parts available, it may be necessary to limit the cast to 4th and 5th graders, only
- The decision as to whether or not 3rd graders can participate will be made by **Monday, September 28th**.

Auditions:

- Auditions will take place on **Wednesday, October 7th**, from 4:00-7:00pm
- This is the only date auditions will be taking place. Any student not in school will not be able to audition, but will still receive a part in the play
- Students will be asked to sing a simple song of his or her choice (Happy Birthday, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star or any other song he/she is comfortable singing)
- Students will also be asked to read a scene chosen by the director from a script which will be posted on the Fairview website in advance
- Students may also be asked to perform certain movements on stage by the director to see how well he/she is able to follow directions
- Parents will be required to attend a mandatory parents' meeting during auditions.

Callbacks:

- Callbacks will be held on **Thursday, October 8th** at 4:00pm
- Not everyone will be asked to return for callbacks
- Callbacks will give the director another opportunity to have the students read scenes from the play with other students and help the director determine which role is right for each student

Backstage Crew:

- Stage crew will be chosen from 4th and 5th graders who have auditioned for the play and expressed interest in being on stage crew, with 5th graders being given preference
- Stage crew positions are limited and will be "cast" by the director based upon student auditions

Casting:

- All casting decisions will be made by the director and are final
- Roles are assigned based on the talent of each child and how their talents and abilities fit with the different characters in the play - 5th graders are not guaranteed lead roles
- Roles will be assigned on **Tuesday, October 13th**. Students will be given scripts and will “read thru” the play with the director
- Please stress to your child that each and every role is an important one – not everyone can be Simba

Rehearsals:

- See the attached schedule for rehearsal dates
- All cast member must be available for all audition and rehearsal dates
- Rehearsal dates will alternate between Act 1 and Act 2 so that everyone will not have to attend every rehearsal, with the exception of those cast as characters who appear in both acts
- All auditions, rehearsals and performances will take place in the Owl’s Nest
- All rehearsals are closed sessions – parents must drop their child off in the lobby and wait in lobby at pick up unless they are volunteering
- Students will sign in upon arrival
- A parent must sign the student out at pick-up
- Students are excused from rehearsals for illnesses
- Students will not be permitted to attend a rehearsal or performance on a day they miss school
- If your child will be missing a rehearsal due to illness, please contact one of the co-chairs (see below contact information)

Inclement weather:

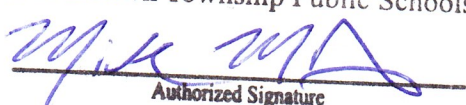
- In the event of inclement weather, rehearsals will be cancelled and rescheduled
- Performances will be postponed in the event of inclement weather

Tickets:

- Tickets to the performances will be available in early **November**
- There will be a limit on the number of tickets that can be purchased during the sale
- If additional tickets are needed, you will be placed on a waiting list and after the tickets have been on sale for a week, additional tickets can be purchased

Previous performances were a huge hit and we know the students will find this experience to be fun and memorable. We are looking forward to seeing you and your child soon. If you have any questions please contact:

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The auditions for our school production will be held on Wednesday, October 7th from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. In preparation for auditions, all participants must complete and return this form no later than Friday, September 25th

*****NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE*****

Call backs will be on Thursday, October 8th from 4-7 p.m.

Read-through will be on Tuesday, October 13th from 4-6 p.m.

Rehearsals:

October 21st & 22nd – 4-6p.m.

October 26th thru October 29th – 4-6p.m.

November 9th thru November 12th – 4-6p.m.

November 16th thru November 18th 4-6:30p.m. (*dress rehearsals*)

Show: November 19th and 20th – 6:30 p.m.

Please keep in mind that the number of rehearsals are directly tied to the part you are cast in. Number of rehearsals are also determined by which acts the part preforms in. Leads will be expected to attend ALL rehearsals. Supporting roles will attend act specific rehearsals. All cast and crew are expected to attend read thru, dress rehearsals and shows. Other crew rehearsals will be determined by the stage crew manager.

Student Name – Print

Grade/Teacher - Print

What type of part are you interested in? (Circle ALL that apply)

Speaking Singing Dancing Stage Crew

Please circle any talents you have: Acting Singing Dancing Gymnastics

If you circled “dancing”, please specify the type of dance you do such as ballet, jazz, hip-hop, etc. _____

List any other plays you have performed in: _____

Please note any other special talents you would like us to know about: _____
