



Dear P.S.198 Families,

Students in grades 2–5 have an opportunity to participate in an after-school musical production! This year, there will be two separate musical productions, each putting on their own show.

Grades 2-3

Rehearsals on Thursdays
2:30-3:30pm in the Music Room (M1)
Starts Thursday, October 4th

Grades 4-5

Rehearsals on Fridays
2:30-3:30pm in the Music Room (M1)
Starts Friday, October 5th

There are several ways students can participate:

Lead Roles: may include acting, singing, and dancing; must memorize lines

- Requires an audition, which will take place during our rehearsal time.
- All audition results are final.
- Auditions will be scored on preparation, delivery, stage presence, creativity, enthusiasm, and singing ability by a 3-person panel.
- Students should prepare up to 45 seconds of unaccompanied singing (no backing track). It can be a pop song (preferred) or a song from music class.
- Students will also be asked to recite lines with another actor. Lines are available from Ms. Festo and classroom teachers, and must be memorized.

Technical Roles: stage management, sound/lighting, and ushers-- *must* also participate in the chorus

- Students must complete an application and return it to Ms. Festo by Friday, September 28th. Applications are available from Ms. Festo and classroom teachers.

Chorus Roles: may include singing and dancing; not a speaking role

- No audition or application necessary.

Additional Information:

- **If a student misses more than one rehearsal, they will not be able to participate in the musical.**
- Participation includes a \$50 fee to help offset the costs of putting on the performance. If you need assistance with this cost, please contact Ms. Festo or the Parent Coordinator, Danielle Santana. It is our goal that all interested students will be able to participate. No family should be deterred due to financial hardship. Fees are due at the first rehearsal in October.

This production will truly be a community effort! If you are able to help in any way, please contact me so we can utilize whatever you have to offer. There are many ways for you to get involved!

ALL APPLICANTS must complete and return the attached permission slip. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Festo. I look forward to working with your children.

Thank you,
Janelle Festo
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Student Name _____ Class _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

I am interested in: Lead* Chorus Technical*
(Select all that apply. If you are not selected for Lead or Tech, you can be in the Chorus.)

*Lead Role: Audition required.

*Technical Role: Application required.

After rehearsals, my child will dismiss to:

Beacon

picked up by: _____ Phone _____

walk home alone (option for 5th grade only; must have a signed letter on file in the office)

Family Involvement

Please check any items with which you are able to help:

after-school rehearsal support

set and scenery creation and/or costumes

backstage A/V supervision for rehearsals and shows

sponsor another student (enclose additional \$50)

other: _____

I understand and agree to the audition process, procedures, and requirements for participation in the after-school musical as outlined by Ms. Festo. I understand that my child's role in the musical will be determined by a selection panel; decisions will be final and will not be questioned.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date