March 22nd, 2013

Dear Drama Club Parents,

This is an important note full of information concerning Drama Fest and Music\Drama\Speech Night. **Please read the information carefully and mark it on your calendar.** **There is a form that must be sent back to me by Tuesday.** Thank you for your commitment to your child and their extra-curricular activities!

I can’t believe it’s almost time for Drama Fest! We’ve been working hard on the play since October and hopefully we will be ready. Mr. Wright is back from his world travels for a bit and is going to come in Monday and Tuesday next week to give us some feedback and pointers. Excellent!

We only have ten practices left! They will be at noon hour. Please remind your children that it’s really important for them to do their homework and classwork and be on their best behavior in class because it’s hard to practice for a play when some of the stars are in the opportunity room at noon. Also, please remind them to run through their lines at home each night, if possible.

Here is a **tentative** schedule of the practices we have left:

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| Monday, March 25th | Tuesday, March 26th |
| Tuesday, April 2nd | Monday, April 8th |
| Tuesday, April 9th | Monday, April 15th |
| Tuesday, April 16th | Monday, April 22nd |
| Tuesday, April 23rd | Wednesday, April 24th |
| Thursday, April 25th- dress rehearsal for school (1:15-2:15) \*tentative | **\*Drama Fest, Friday, April 26th 9:30-5:00 at Hartland Community School (**217 Rockland Road) |

Here is the schedule that has been provided by the Drama Fest Committee:

**Friday, April 26**

**9:30-10:00 Registration**

**10:00-10:30 Opening Ceremonies**

**10:30-11:30 Debec Elementary**

**11:30-12:30 Lunch Break**

**12:30-1:30 Bristol Elementary**

**1:30-2:30 Woodstock Centennial**

**2:30-3:30 Bath Elementary**

**3:30-4:30 Workshops**

**4:30-5:00 Closing Ceremonies /Award Presentations**

If you have a chance to come and see the play in Hartland on the Festival day, that would be wonderful. Here is some more information you will need about that: (pasted from the information sent to me by the drama fest committee.)

**Public Access and Fees:** Guest arriving at our school to view performances may park in the front parking lot and enter through the front doors or in the side parking lot by the gym entrance and enter through that door. Entrance will be by donation. The main registration desk will collect donations (to be used for festival expenses) and distribute programs.

**Entrance and Exit:** The entrance to the performance area will be closely monitored. Absolutely no entrance or exit to the performance area will be permitted during the play. Once seated, students and parents must remain until the performance is complete, including the adjudication.

**General School Rules/Beliefs: Please go over these with your children.** Proceed quietly in the hallways. No gum chewing. We are a scent free environment. No hats are to be worn indoors (unless part of a costume). No littering. Be respectful of all students and staff. Even though we are not nut free please be respectful of those students attending who may have allergies.

**Lunch at Drama Fest:** All participants will be eating in the small gym behind the stage. There will be tables and chairs set up to accommodate all participants. Your child may bring their own bag lunch that day. Or they may pre-order and pre-pay for a hotdog\chips and drink. (See form at end of this letter.) If your child is ordering a lunch, please fill out the form and return it to me, with the correct change, by **Tuesday, March 26th** as I will be sending in the order.

**On the day of the festival, please remind your child to:**

* Pack plenty of healhty snacks as it will be a long day.
* Pack a lunch if they have not pre-ordered hotdogs. (Microwaves may not be available.)
* **Please DON’T send money with your child for the vending machines. This was a problem last year! (Although you may pack $1 that day incase they have popsicles or ice cream bars for sale at lunch. Just remind your child that it is not for the vending machines.)**
* Pack a book or something small to keep them busy during “down time”. They will be responsible for looking after those materials.
* We may be going outside for breaks so dress appropriately. That is a windy playground on the hill. (outside and inside shoes may be necessary.)
* Wear their drama t-shirt (over their regular shirt as we will take these off when we perform the play or change at noon). Miss Pogswell and Mrs. Stylie need to dress like a teacher and Principal under their t shirt or change at noon. Everyone else should be dressed like a regular student.
* **Please be at Bristol Elementary by 5:20 on Friday, April 26th to pick up your child. Hopefully things will be running on time and you won’t have to wait.**

**Music\Drama\Speech Night-**

**\*Things will be happening differently this year, so please read carefully!**

We will be performing the play for the public on **Friday, May 10th at Carleton North at 6:30.** (Mrs. Wiley will be sending home more information about this soon.) In the past, students stayed afterschool and travelled to Carleton North with Mr. Wright where they ran through the play twice on the stage and then had supper. We will **not** be doing that this year. Your child will go home on the bus as usual on May 10th. I will set up the stage afterschool and we will not need to practice on the stage as there is little movement in the play. This will give everyone a chance to go home and have some “down time” and a proper supper. Please bring your child to the performance by 6:15 that night, dressed as they need to be for the play, and ready to perform.

I know this is a lot of information at once and I’m sure that I’m forgetting something- so more notes may follow.

Thanks for taking the time to read this note and for your support!

Sarah Cogswell

Please fill out the form below and return it to me by Tuesday, March 26th. (Check off boxes)

**HCS will be offering a hot dog deal for drama students for $3.00. Students will receive a hot dog, drink and chips for this price. Extra hot dogs can be purchased for $1.00 each. All funds will go towards Relay for Life.**

 I have read the information in this newsletter and have gone over it with my child.

 My child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (first and last name) would like to order a hot dog deal. I have enclosed the $3.00.

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