Missoula Children's Theater - February 12th-16th

Thank you so much for registering your child for this exciting opportunity! We're looking forward to a great week. Please read all of the included information and contact me if you have questions.

Monday	3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Snack in the gym
	3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	AUDITION – All Students in the gym
	5:00 pm	All parents must arrive for casting decision and pick up for most student
	5:15 pm	 5 – 7 year-olds must be picked up in the gym All families will receive the rehearsal schedule for the week after cast is determined
	5:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Dinner for some 8 – 11 year-olds in the gym (Students TBD @ 5:00 pm)
	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Rehearsals for some 8 – 11 year-olds (Students TBD @ 5:00 pm)

Audition tips:

Remember to have fun and relax. The directors are looking for kids who are listening, participating, and taking risks. This is a group audition. There is nothing they need to prepare in advance. Remind them to be brave and enjoy the process. We have 72 students registered and there will be 64 cast members.

Monday's Schedule:

Please be flexible with your schedule on Monday. You will find out if your child was cast around 5:00 pm. We encourage you to come to the school around 5:00 pm. At that time, you can watch the end of rehearsals and be present as the directors announce casting decisions. If your child is selected, you will receive their rehearsal schedule for the rest of the week at that time.

If you have a child ages 8-11 they might stay for their first rehearsal until 7:30 pm. This decision won't be communicated until 5:15 pm on Monday.

If they were not cast and/or they are between the ages of 5-7, you will need to take them with you at $5:15~\rm pm$.

<u>Dealing with Disappointment:</u>

There are many talented children with interest in the performing arts in our community; there may not be a role for everyone who auditions. With many students auditioning for a limited number of roles the decisions of the MCT Tour Actor/Directors are always very difficult. Should your child not receive a role this time, consider giving them some time to process and listen to how they are feeling. Complement them for their efforts and for taking a risk by auditioning for the show!

Food:

We will provide a small snack after school at 3:00 pm. Please send additional food if your child will need it. If your student is staying through the second rehearsal, pack a dinner. We will not be providing dinner for students. Students will eat dinner between rehearsals from 5:15-5:30 pm.

Performances:

Both of the performances are on Friday, February 16th in the Wilson gym. Friday will begin with a dress rehearsal at 8:30 am, followed by a 1:00 pm performance for the school.

The final show is at 6:30pm, all performers need to be at the school at 5:00pm for the final show.

We Need Your Help - Ways to Get Involved

Bring dinner during the week for our two directors

Sign-Up Genius Link

Volunteer as a parent chaperone during rehearsals Sign-up Genius Link

Donate to our volunteer piano accompanist, Kelli Wright Paypal Link

Donate money to be used to purchase gift-cards to local <u>Paypal Link</u> businesses for our directors

Remember:

- Your child <u>must</u> be present for all of the rehearsals and performances.
- We will provide a small snack but please pack extra food, these will be long days!
- When you arrive to pick up your child please come to the gym where you will sign them out.
- Please arrive promptly, it will have been a long day for your child.
- I'll be sending out group texts and emails, with important information, as the week progresses. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

We are thrilled to embark on this theatrical adventure with your child and look forward to a successful and fun audition process. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's artistic growth.

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