



# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CLUB**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Welcome to the 2007-2008 Elementary Performing Arts Club! We are pleased your child will be joining us this year for an exciting season of music, drama and dance. In this letter you will find important information about rehearsals, attendance and dress requirements. Attached is a tentative rehearsal calendar for the Performing Arts Club. With few exceptions, rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45pm. Extra rehearsals may be added on other days for small group practices on an as needed basis. Any such rehearsal will be scheduled with advanced notice.

### **REHEARSAL INFORMATION:**

Rehearsals are held at the Elementary School and end at 4:45. On rehearsal days, please plan to sign your child out on the lists provided in the front lobby of the school. We appreciate your promptness in picking your child up at 4:45 on rehearsal days. If late pick-up occurs often, we will have to make a decision about your child's participation in the Performing Arts Club.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Students are allowed two (2) unexcused absences from Performing Arts Club rehearsals in order to be eligible to perform on March 7<sup>th</sup>. If your child is absent from school, this is considered an excused absence and will not count against them. If there is a rehearsal listed in the tentative calendar which you know your child will be unable to attend, please notify us in advance for planning purposes. We have limited our instruction time to 19 rehearsals, so it is very important that your child is present at rehearsals to learn the material for our performance. The final three rehearsals are listed as MANDATORY. If your child cannot attend all of these rehearsals, they will not be permitted to perform on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please check these important dates against your family calendar to make sure your child is available for the entire time scheduled. No child will be permitted to leave early from the mandatory rehearsals. The March performance will include singing, acting, dancing and instrument playing and should be a very exciting experience for everyone involved!

### **BEHAVIOR POLICY:**

Everyone involved in this production is a member of a very special team. All students are expected to remain on their best behavior during rehearsal and performance. With such a large cast, paying attention when the the directors or any other adults in charge are speaking is critical. Consistent behavior issues may lead to students being dismissed from Performing Arts Club.

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS:**

We will be sending home a letter shortly requesting some parent help and involvement in the Performing Arts Club. We will be in need of parents to help sell tickets and pass out programs on the night of the performance, parents to help find or make some simple props for the performance and also some parents who can sew to help us make some simple costume pieces. Please consider helping in one of these areas. More information will be coming home in the parent volunteer letter.

**DRESS REQUIREMENTS:**

All students will need to provide tan/khaki pants or capris for the performance. No shorts please. Comfortable shoes will be needed (tennis shoes are great!). No sandals or clogs please. We want the kids to be comfortable on the risers and during the movement portions of the performance. In addition, students will be asked to purchase a "Performing Arts Club" t-shirt to wear with their khakis. We will send an order form home for the t-shirts as soon as the price is confirmed. Our cost estimation is around \$5.00.

**PRACTICE CD:**

We will be providing practice CDs for the students to use at home. We are asking each child to bring in \$1.00 to offset the cost of the CDs and covers. Please find the attached CD Order form. All payments must be returned in a sealed envelope labeled "Performing Arts CD Payment". Please have your payment in by the next rehearsal on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. We will send the CDs home as soon as they are ready!

**PERFORMING ARTS INTERESTS:**

Students will be featured in many different ways for our performance on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We would like to know what your child is most interested in! All students will sing some choral pieces as a whole group and perform some movements as well. We will also need students who are interested in being featured in the following areas:

- a small group of actors for our folktale *Papagayo*
- a small group of narrators for our folktale *Papagayo* and for our Sound Story
- a small group of featured dancers
- Orff and rhythm instrument players for our folktale *Papagayo* and for our Sound Story
- Narrators for the performance in general (to introduce songs, etc.)

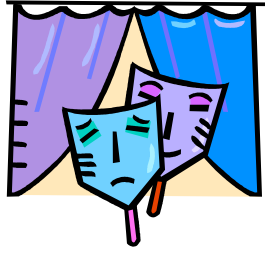
Although we are not holding formal auditions for this year's club, students who are interested in being featured in one of these ways may be pulled aside for an informal "audition" during Performing Arts Club on a Wednesday, or, depending on the amount of students interested, on a different day of the week after school. We will notify you if we need to schedule a separate date for an informal "audition." If your child is not interested in being considered for a featured role in and of these areas, you can indicate this on the interest form.

Please find the attached interest form and return it by the Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> rehearsal so we can plan accordingly. Be sure to check off all areas of interest. Please note that checking off a specific area does not guarantee your child will be chosen for that specific feature. Students who check off a specific area will be considered, and we will do our best to select the students who are best suited to each feature.

Thank you once again your interest in this year's Performing Arts Club. We are looking forward to an fun and exciting season of music, dance and drama! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Iannuzzi or Mrs. Rudolph (preferably via email).

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## **Rehearsal Calendar**

### **OCTOBER**

Wed. 10/10 3:30-4:45 - First Rehearsal  
Wed. 10/17 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 10/24 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 10/31 – NO REHEARSAL (Halloween)

### **NOVEMBER**

Wed. 11/7 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 11/14 3:30-4:45  
\*Mon. 11/19 3:30-4:45 (Rehearsal will be on Monday due to the half day of school on Wed.)  
Wed. 11/28 3:30-4:45

### **DECEMBER**

Wed. 12/5 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 12/12 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 12/19 3:30-4:45

### **JANUARY**

Wed. 1/2 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 1/9 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 1/16 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 1/23 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 1/30 3:30-4:45

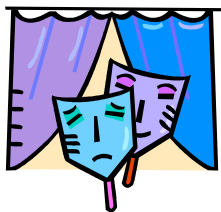
### **FEBRUARY**

Wed. 2/6 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 2/13 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 2/20 3:30-4:45  
Wed. 2/27 3:30-4:45

### **MARCH**

Monday 3/3 – Technical Rehearsal, HS Theater, 3:30-5:30pm  
Wednesday 3/5 – Dress Rehearsal #1, HS Theater, 3:30-6:00pm  
Thursday 3/6 – Dress Rehearsal #2, HS Theater, 3:30-6:00pm  
Friday 3/7 – Performance “Elementary Evening of the Arts”,

HS Theater 7:00pm (student call time TBD)



## **PERFORMING ARTS CLUB INTERESTS**

*Please return to Mrs. Iannuzzi or Mrs. Rudolph by Oct. 17th*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in being featured in the Performing Arts Club performance in the following areas: (please check all that apply)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Actor for the folktale *Papagayo*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Narrator for the folktale *Papagayo*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Narrator for the Sound Story
- \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Dancer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Orff or rhythm instrument player
- \_\_\_\_\_ Narrator for the performance in general (introducing songs, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to be featured in any of the above areas



### **Elementary Performing Arts Club - Practice CD Order Form**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 enclosed

Please return this form with your dollar in a sealed envelope labeled Performing Arts Club CD to Mrs. Rudolph by Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!